

Today's Services – *Christ the King*

- 8:00 Holy Communion (BCP), Bures: *Steve Morley*
 10.30 Morning Worship: Bures: *Murray Emerson*
 10.30 Family Service: Assington: *Jo Goymour*
 10.30 Holy Communion with Baptism (CW), Little Cornard: *Steve*

Next Sunday's Services – *Advent Sunday*

- 8:00 Holy Communion (BCP), Bures: *Tricia Box*
 10.30 Family Communion with Baptism, Bures: *Mary Cantacuzene*
 10.30 Holy Communion, Assington: *Steve Morley*
 10.30 Holy Communion (CW), Little Cornard: *Tricia Box*

What's happening this week (see notices)

Wed	9.15	Prayers in the South Porch, Bures
	10.00	Informal Service of Morning Prayer, Bures
	10.30	'Open Door' Drop-in café, Bures
	2.30	'Stepping Stones'
Fri	9.00	Morning Prayer, Little Cornard
Sat	4-6pm	Messy Church, Bures

Welcome We are glad you are here. If this is your first visit to us then please complete a welcome card and say hello. If you need to know anything at all please speak to one of the Welcome Team.



Coming Up This week



STEPPING STONES – Wednesday 23rd - 2.15pm, St Mary's - Midweek Pre-School group for parents/carers and children under five. 20 minutes of fun, stories and song, followed by refreshments and play.

MESSY CHURCH – Saturday 26th 4.00 – 6.00pm at St Mary's - All ages welcome to join us for crafts, games, stories and song, followed by a cooked meal together for adults and children in a fun, friendly environment. Our theme this month will be 'Special Message' and we will be thinking about the Christmas story through the eyes of Mary and the angel Gabriel.



Notices



A BIG THANK YOU to all those who contributed to our **Autumn Fair** yesterday, from the organisers, caterers, stallholders, those who provided items to those who came along to support. A fantastic effort from all involved and we look forward to announcing the total raised for our two chosen charities; **Alzheimer's Society** and **The Leprosy Mission**.

IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS? In January we will be starting Alpha, a weekly course introducing the Christian Faith. If you would like to find out more about Christianity, or know of someone who may be interested in coming along, please contact Mary Cantacuzene on 227616 for details.

CAN YOU HELP WITH EDITING THE BURES PARISH MAG?

If you are a budding writer or editor and/or familiar with Microsoft Publisher and Dropbox, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Rachel on 228451 or magazine@parishchurch.co.uk



EMBRACE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Embrace is a charity working with Christians in the Middle East and this year they are raising funds to purchase Winter Survival Kits to help ease the suffering of refugee families, especially children, this coming winter. Just £20 provides a kit for a family. Please join

us in collecting for Embrace in one of the following ways:

Give Stamps - Let us have your used stamps and Embrace can turn them into funds. We will be setting up a collection point at the back of St Mary's. Last year Embrace raised £4,500 through stamp collections and they are aiming to exceed this figure in 2016. Let's help them reach their target.

Donate Christmas Card Money - why not send your Christmas greeting to everyone in church this year by taking part in our 'Church Card Scheme'? All you need to do is to write one Christmas card to everybody, post it up on our special board (which will be up by the beginning of December) and donate the money you would have spent on individual cards to the Embrace Appeal.



CHURCH CHRISTMAS LUNCH (see below) We aim to offer the lunch free of charge and as our Christmas gift to those who come along. A few members of the congregation have kindly asked if they can make a donation/contribution towards the food or drink. Please speak to Carol Barnham (see opposite) if you would like to help out in any way.

WILL YOU BE ALONE AT CHRISTMAS? If you will be alone on Christmas Day, why not join us for Christmas lunch in the Garrad Room in the community Centre. We will be sharing a traditional Christmas lunch, singing a few carols and enjoying good company. If interested in coming, please contact: Carol on 228417



SADBURY LIBRARY are now selling Christmas charity cards. Do drop in and have a browse at the excellent range that are on offer.

CAKE SALE IN ST MARY'S - 4th December The Mothers' Union are holding a Cake Stall after the morning service to raise funds for overseas aid and also to buy Christmas gift vouchers for teenagers who are with their mothers in the Women's Refuge in Ipswich. The small children are given lots of presents, but everyone forgets the teenagers so we are planning to send gift vouchers.

JOIN THE MOTHERS' UNION in 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence - we are shining a light on violence against women and girls, with the clear message that it is unacceptable. We are calling on communities around the world to understand the many different forms of abuse that gender-based violence takes, from controlling behaviour by a partner to rape as a weapon of war. Join us at 12noon on 25th November in a 'Global Moment' to raise awareness of and stand in solidarity against this abuse. At midday, wherever you are in the world, mark the start of these 16 Days with a lighted candle and a time of prayer or reflection. Check out <http://www.mothersunion.org/get-involved/campaign/16-days-activism-against-gender-violence> to find out more.

VISION SUNDAY – At our Benefice Service two weeks ago we gave thanks to God for the many ways he has been at work among and through us. In the light of all that we have received from our generous God, we gave thought to our response, reflected on what God might be inviting us to do next, took the opportunity to consider how our churches are resourced and were encouraged to prayerfully reflect upon our giving. To listen to the sermon, check out our website on <http://parishchurch.co.uk/sermons/>

If you have not already received a Response Pack, providing details about our mission and ministry, our budget for 2017 and the ways in which it is possible to play a part in supporting this work, please let Steve or Charlotte know. The pack also includes a daily reflections booklet called 'Generous God, Generous People' which we hope you will find a useful resource for prayer and reflection over the next five weeks. A box is available at the back of church for returned 'Promise' slips. Please return these by **31st December**. Thank you.

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(Please note Monday is the clergy day off)

Notice Sheet items should be sent to office@parishchurch.co.uk

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