

Today's Services – Advent 2

- 8:00 Holy Communion (BCP), Bures: *Steve Morley/Murray Emerson*
 10.30 Benefice Communion (CW), Bures: *Steve and Murray*

Next Sunday's Services – Advent 3

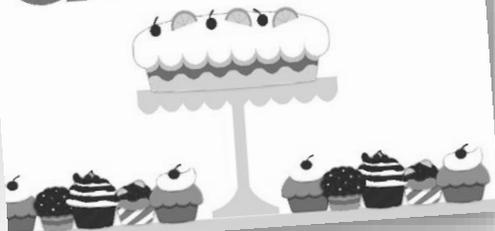
- 8:00 Holy Communion (BCP), Bures: *Steve Morley*
 10.30 Holy Communion (CW), Bures: *Mary Cantacuzene*
 10.30 Christingle, Assington: *Steve Morley*
 10.30 Christingle, Little Cornard: *Tricia Box*
 4.00 Christingle, Bures: *Tricia Box*



What's happening this week (see notices)

Tue	10-4pm	Little Cornard 'Open Church' (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
Fri	9.00	Morning Prayer, Little Cornard

CAKE SALE



The Mothers' Union are holding a **Cake Sale TODAY** for overseas aid and Christmas gift vouchers for teenagers in the Women's Refuge in Ipswich.

Please give generously!

Welcome

We are glad you are here. If this is your first visit to us then please complete a welcome card and say hello. You are welcome to stay for coffee which is served at the back of church after the service. If you need to know anything at all please speak to one of our Welcome Team.

Coming Up This week

LITTLE CORNARD 'OPEN CHURCH' Tuesday - The schoolroom and church will be open from 10:30 to 4:00 pm. Join us for refreshments, lunch and good company. For further information, contact Brenda on 227615 or Virginia 228077.

Coming up this month

STEPPING STONES CHRISTMAS PARTY - Wed 14th – 12.30pm, St Mary's - Midweek Pre-School group for parents/carers and children under five. Fun, stories and song, followed by lunch.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES – We have a wonderful variety of celebrations ahead – including traditional and atmospheric carols by candlelight, our lovely family Crib and Christingle services, Christmas Eve Midnight Communion – and all culminating with a joyful family service on Christmas day. Full details can be found on our website (see below) or in the Parish Magazine.

ST STEPHEN'S CHAPEL - *Carols by Candlelight - Sat 10 at 5.30pm*

Join us for a magical evening of carols and readings followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the barn. Tickets £5 in aid of Marie Curie
Contact Dennis Ambrose 227781

CHARLES DICKENS' A CHRISTMAS CAROL – Fri 16th at 7.30pm, All Saints, Little Cornard. Recited by Anthony Roberts. Mulled wine and mince pies in a candlelit setting. Donations towards the Church Bell Fund.



Notices

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.

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 have a collection point at the back of St Mary's.

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 you will now find at the back of church) and donate the money you would have spent on individual cards to the Embrace Christmas Appeal. See the notice board for further details.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS LUNCH DONATIONS.

Thank you to everybody who has generously donated and contributed towards the food and drink. We now have almost all that we need. Please speak to Carol Barnham if you would like to offer anything further.



WE STILL HAVE PLACES AVAILABLE FOR CHRISTMAS LUNCH! We will be providing a traditional Christmas lunch, singing a few carols and enjoying good company. If you would like to join us on Christmas Day in the Garrad Room in the Community Centre please contact: **Carol on 228417**. There is no charge – your presence is enough.

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

PLEDGE PACKS – if you have not yet picked up a Pledge Pack please ask one of the Welcome Team/Sidespersons and collect one as you leave church. A box is available at the back of church for returned 'Promise' slips. Please return these by **31st December**. Thank you.

Loop System: For people who are hard of hearing the church has a 'loop system'. Please adjust your hearing aid to 'T' and if possible sit at least 2 feet away from church walls.

Toilet Facilities: The toilet is located at the back of the church through the doors to the kitchen.

Children: Activities for young children are not provided during August. We have a selection of toys, books and colouring activities at the back of church. Please ask a member of our Welcome Team for further details.

Alcohol Free Wine for Communion: Please inform the minister at the communion rail if you would prefer alcohol free wine.

Prayer: During communion our Prayer Ministry Team are available in the South Porch to pray for you, or with you on behalf of someone else.

Large Print Versions of the Service Sheets and Hymn Books are available. Please speak to one of the Sidespeople at the door.

Vicar: Rev'd Steve Morley 01787 227407 vicar@parishchurch.co.uk

(Please note Monday is the clergy day off)

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

For more details of what's on and to view the church calendar see:

www.parishchurch.co.uk



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