



St Mary's
Bures

Church News

Sunday

27th November 2016

Today'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*

Next Sunday's Services – Advent 2

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

What's happening this week (see notices)

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| Today | 12.30 | Solos on Sunday |
| 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 |
| | 6pm | 'Team Tree' Christmas tree lights switch on |

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.

A special welcome to baby Hector and family on the occasion of Hector's Baptism.

Coming Up This week

TEAM TREE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON AND STREET FAIR

6pm – Friday 2nd December, St Mary's.

CAKE SALE IN ST MARY'S – NEXT SUNDAY! The Mothers' Union are holding a Cake Stall after the morning service to raise funds for overseas aid and to buy Christmas gift vouchers for teenagers in the Women's Refuge in Ipswich. We are reliably informed that the younger children tend to receive lots of presents but the teenager are often overlooked. So, please come along to church next week ready to buy some delicious homemade produce and help us raise funds and bring real joy to these young lives at Christmas.

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.

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR 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 have 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 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 We aim to offer the lunch free of charge 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 below) 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 providing a traditional Christmas lunch, singing a few carols and enjoying good company. There is no charge – your presence is enough. If interested in coming, please contact: Carol on 228417



HOME GROUPS: Have you ever considered joining a Home Group? We have several groups meeting in people's homes to learn more about our faith, study the Bible and support one another in prayer. Most groups take a break during the summer and are always happy to welcome new members. Why not take a look at our parish magazine for further details and have a think about getting involved, or to find out more, have a chat to a member of our Welcome Team after the service.

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.

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

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:

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