



St Mary's  
Bures

# Church News

Sunday

1<sup>st</sup> January 2017

## Today's Services – *New Year's Day*

10.30 Benefice Communion (CW), Bures:  
*Mary Cantacuzene and Andrew Clifft*

## Next Sunday's Services – *Baptism of Christ/Epiphany 1*

8:00 Holy Communion (BCP), Bures: *Steve Morley*  
10.30 Breakfast Service, Bures: *Steve Morley*  
10.30 Communion by extension, Assington: *John Symons*  
10.30 Plough Service, Little Cornard: *Tricia Box*

## What's happening this week (see notices)

<b>Tue</b>	10-4pm	Little Cornard 'Open Church' (see notices)
<b>Wed</b>	9.15	Prayers in the South Porch, Bures
	10.00	Informal Service of Morning Prayer, Bures
	10.30	'Open Door' Drop-in café, Bures
<b>Fri</b>	7.30pm	Joint Prayer Meeting with Baptists, St Mary's
	9.00	Morning Prayer, Little Cornard
	12-2pm	First Friday Lunch Club

**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.

**Happy  
New Year  
2017**

## 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.

**JOINT CHURCH PRAYER MEETING** – Wednesday 7.30pm at St Mary's. Come along as we join with the Baptist Church to hold our community up in prayer. Join us for tea and coffee beforehand. Everyone is welcome.

**FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB** – 12-2pm – Garrad Room, Bures Community Centre. We will be serving tea and coffee from 11am followed by hot lunches in a warm, friendly environment. All welcome. If transport is required, please contact Carol 228417 or Carolyn 228296.

## Coming up this month

**ALL AGE BREAKFAST SERVICE** – 8<sup>th</sup> January - St Mary's, Bures. Bacon rolls from 10.00, followed by a short family friendly service with hymns and songs led by our band.

**CTis PRAYER BREAKFAST** – 14<sup>th</sup> January – 8am – St Mary's. Bures. Each Saturday a different church in the Sudbury area hosts a prayer breakfast from 8.00–9.30am – this a light breakfast followed by a time of prayer. All are welcome to come along and join with others from across the area to pray for world.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** – 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> January. St Mary's will be hosting a prayer meeting at 12noon on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January.

**STEPPING STONES** - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January - 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** – 28<sup>th</sup> January – 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 is 'Listening to God'.

## Notices

**IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?** This month, 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 – THANK YOU**

Thank you to those of you who supported our Christmas Card appeal to raise funds to help Syrian refugees. So far, we have received donations in the region of £200. This will enable Embrace to purchase 10 winter survival packs. Money is still coming in, so we will announce the final total next week.

**Keep Giving Used Stamps** – There has been a wonderful response to the stamp appeal. We will continue to collect stamps and send them off to Embrace. Thank you.

**PLEDGE PACKS** – Thank you for returning your Pledge packs and for taking the time to read and pray through the information. Please pray for the team as they process the information and continue to work on the plan for the future.



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**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.

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

**Prayer:** During communion or after the Service, members of 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 Hymn Books are available. Please speak to one of the sidespeople at the do

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*(Please note Monday is the clergy day off)*

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