

Benefice News

30th April 2017



Today's Services – *Easter 3*

8.00 Holy Communion (BCP), Bures: *Steve Morley & Andrew Clifft*

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

Today	12.30	Solos on Sunday
Tue	10-4pm	'Open Church' Little Cornard
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
	7.00pm	Joint Prayer meeting with Baptist Church
Thur	7.30pm	Bures PCC Meeting
Fri	9.00	Morning Prayer, Little Cornard
	12-2pm	First Friday Lunch Club

Welcome It is good to have you with us today, sharing in our Worship. If you are a visitor, new to the area, or just beginning to attend this Church, we hope you will feel at home, and that you will come again. Tea or coffee is served at the back of church after the service.

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

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Coming up this week

SOLOS ON SUNDAY – today at St Mary's - 12.30pm. All who would otherwise be 'home alone' are welcome to come along to our bring and share lunch. Please see the sign-up sheet just inside the church door.

LITTLE CORNARD 'OPEN CHURCH' – Tuesday - The schoolroom and church will be open from 10:00 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 – with Bures Baptist Church
Wednesday - 7.30pm

This month we are going to split up into groups and pray for the village as we walk our streets. One group will stay in **St Mary's Church** to pray.

This is part of our response to our Archbishops' call to pray
Thy Kingdom Come 2017

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.

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ALL AGE BREAKFAST SERVICE – 14th May, St Mary's, Bures. Bacon rolls from 10.00, followed at 10.30 by a short family friendly service with hymns and songs led by our band.

LETTON HALL

The much-anticipated Benefice weekend away is due to take place next month at Letton Hall in Norfolk from the 19th to the 21st May.

It promises to be another exciting and enjoyable weekend with lots of fun, good company and delicious food. Our



speaker is Matt Thompson and he will be leading us in a series of interesting sessions entitled: **It's OK to pray - adventures in who I am...**

It's not too late to book - if you are still thinking about it please get in touch with Sue Ryman on 227715. We can assure you of a warm welcome and a thoroughly relaxing few days away.

Notices

Josephine Robinson Thanksgiving Service

At 2pm on the 13th July in St Mary's there will be a Thanksgiving Service for the life of Josephine. All who knew Josephine are warmly invited to join her family in this celebration of her life. Afterwards, refreshments will be served in the Community Centre.



A private family funeral service was held on Wednesday at Colchester Crematorium.

Please Pray for Eila, William, their family and friends as they give thanks for Josephine's life and mourn her loss.

Easter Chicks and Bunnies

We were delighted that the knitted chicks and bunnies made by members of St Mary's congregation and filled with chocolate eggs were sold for £206. This sum was divided between the Anandaban Leprosy Mission Hospital in Nepal and the Kagera Link Lent Appeal.



Thank you for the ladies that knitted, the ladies that bought the eggs and a very big "Thank You" to the people who bought the little critters!

East Africa Crisis Appeal A huge thank you to everyone who donated to our East Africa Crisis appeal at the last Benefice service. We raised an incredible £571.

There are currently 16 million people in need of urgent food and assistance and our contributions will go directly to help families who are most in need

We pray for

If you know of someone who might like prayer, needs a home visit or is unable to get to church and would like communion in their home, please speak to a member of the clergy or one of the Welcome Team or contact us via the details on this bulletin.



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