



ST MARY'S WITH ST PETER'S BURY ST EDMUNDS

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seeking to **worship** the God and Father of our Lord Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit; to **teach** the Bible in a way relevant to everyday life; to **grow** people in faith, understanding and love; to **equip** people to serve others; to **offer** people opportunities to meet Jesus and discover forgiveness and new life.



3 December 2017 Advent



Welcome to our churches. If you would like to find out more about the life of our churches, please do make yourself known to one of the staff, or complete a welcome form available at the back of church.

St Peter's Church

10.45am Café Church

Leader: Nick Alexander

Preacher: Caroline Vallance

Reading: Heroes of the Bible - Moses

Members of the prayer team will be available after the service

Next Sunday – Advent 2

St Mary's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Morning Prayer

6.00pm Light Up A Life Service

St Peter's

10.45am Holy Communion

4.00pm Sunday@4

St Mary's Church

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Leader/Preacher: David Crofts

9.30am Morning Prayer

Leader: Paul Cook

Preacher: George Howard

Reading: Isaiah 11:1-9 p661

11.00am Holy Communion

Leader: Laurence Smith

Preacher: Lionel Simpkins

Anthem: Sleeper's Wake – J.S. Bach

Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9 p750

Mark 13:24-end p1019

6:30pm Advent Carol Service

Leader: Laurence Smith

Preacher: Nick Alexander



The funeral of Richard Norburn, regarded as the founder of St Nicholas Hospice, will take place at All Saints Church, Park Road at 10:30am on Wednesday 13 December.

Christmas Services Cards. These are now available at both churches. If you usually deliver these, please look on the table at the back of church for the bundle with your name on. We still need more volunteers to deliver. Speak to Robin Goodchild at St Mary's or Phil Hymers at St Peter's.

Art Branches & Suffolk Family Carers Christmas Wreath Making Workshops for adult carers of adults, 10 & 13 Dec, 10:30 – 12:30 at Oakes Barn. For details and to book, contact artbranches@icloud.com

Christmas Day. The Quaker Meeting House in St John's Street will be open from 3 – 6pm on Christmas Day for quiet companionship and light refreshments. Anyone who would like to join us will be very welcome.

Water for Africa. Many thanks to all who contributed items to the gift stall. £360 was raised, and a further £24.70 forthcoming. Barnabas Group.

Team to visit Ethiopia in August 2018 to run a programme at Bingham Academy for children of the newly arrived teaching staff, while the parents are having their orientation. A great opportunity to serve. Team members would have to provide the funds needed for their travel to Ethiopia and for tourism-related travel within the country. Accommodation will be provided. Details from Dorothy (dorothyhaile45@gmail.com or 01284 760958).

this week

Today

Angel Tree Service, for families who have lost children through miscarriage, stillbirth or in their early years, 3pm at All Saints Church. All welcome.

Monday

PCC Section 12 meeting, 7:30pm in St Peter's Church.

Tuesday

Selwyn College Choir Concert, 1:10pm, St Mary's.

Tea & Chat Christmas Celebration, 2-4pm, St Peter's.

Wednesday

Little Fishes Christmas Celebration, 9:30 – 11:30am, St Peter's.

Holy Communion, 10am, St Mary's chancel.

Prayer for the new incumbent, 7pm, Hyndman Centre.

Friday

St Mary's Morning Prayer, 9 – 9:30am, Lady Chapel.

The Den, 6:30 – 8pm in the Hyndman Centre for school years 4 – 7, cost £1.

Saturday

Parish Men's Breakfast, 8am, Pilgrim's Kitchen.

Royal Anglian Regiment Carol Service, 11am, St Mary's.

Small groups meet during the week. If you would like to join a group, please speak to David Crofts (761801) for St Peter's, or at St Mary's – Laurence (625195).

Sporting 87 is our mission focus for December. If you would like to make a donation, please use a white giving envelope at the back of church, marking the name of the charity on the envelope.

parish notice board

Kirbye Christmas Concert, Thurs 21 Dec, 7:30pm in St Mary's. Entry free, but donations to be split between St Mary's Choir and Kirbye.

Christmas Services in the Parish

Sunday 10 December

6.00pm Light Up A Life Service for St Nicholas Hospice at St Mary's

Sunday 17 December

6.30pm Traditional Carol Service at St Mary's

Christmas Eve

3.00pm Crib Service at St Peter's; 4.00pm Crib Service at St Mary's

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight at St Peter's

11.00pm Midnight communion at St Mary's

Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Mary's

10.00am Christmas Morning Worship at St Peter's with Holy Communion

10.30am Christmas Morning worship at St Mary's

Dates for 2018

LIFE Exhibition, 9 – 16 March, St Peter's.

Parish Weekend Away, 13 – 15 July at Belsey Bridge Conference Centre, with speaker Bishop Bill Musk. Brochures and booking forms are now in pigeon holes and at the back of both churches. **Special Early Bird offer**: book by Easter and receive a discount.

St Mary's

Stewards needed. We are in need of more volunteers to fulfil the role of steward at St Mary's. If you would be interested, or would like to know more, please contact the Parish Office in the first instance.

Thank you. Ann and Catherine would like to thank everyone who gave items for their Stall at the Christmas Fayre. £290 was raised for St Mary's Flower Fund.

St Peter's

St Peter's Carol Service, 6:30pm on Christmas Eve. If you would like to join the choir for this, please speak to John Dixon or Jackie (in the Parish Office). Rehearsals will take place on Sunday 3 Dec at 2:30pm and Fridays 8, 15 and 22 Dec at 7:30pm in St Peter's.

Help needed with decorating church and putting the Christmas tree up after morning service next Sun 10 Dec. A light lunch will be provided.

Westgate School Christmas Fair, Friday 8 December, 3-5:30pm. A team from St Peter's are helping at the fair and plan to run a gift-wrapping stall so that the children can choose a gift for Mum / Dad / Grandparent and have it wrapped. We are asking for donations of small gifts worth 50p - £1, which can be left in the labelled box at the back of church. If you would like to be part of the team, please speak to Caroline or Julia.

daily bible readings

Sunday

Psalm 44
Isaiah 2:1-5
Luke 12:35-48

Monday

Psalm 50
Isaiah 25:1-9
Matthew 12:1-21

Tuesday

Psalm 80
Isaiah 26:1-13
Matthew 12:22-37

Wednesday

Psalm 7
Isaiah 28:1-13
Matthew 12:38-end

Thursday

Psalm 42
Isaiah 28:14-end
Matthew 13:1-23

Friday

Psalm 25
Isaiah 29:1-14
Matthew 13:24-43

Saturday

Psalm 9
Isaiah 29:15-end
Matthew 13:44-end

Sunday

Psalm 80
Zephaniah 3:14-end
Luke 1:5-20



collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

we pray for

- Those in need: Matt Allum, Hilary & Len Bassendine, Colin Fayers, Ken Howes, David Hussell, Clive Paine, Sandy Tillett, Bev Tuffs, Sarah & Josiah.
- The family and friends of Jack Pettit and Richard Norburn as they grieve their death. Also Jean Mason and family following the death of her daughter, Jane Driver.
- Our parish representatives and supporters, Dorothy Haile, John Dixon, Nigel Beeton and Ian Nurcombe, as they prepare the way for the appointment of a new incumbent.
- Preparations for the LIFE Exhibition, taking place next March. Pray that schools will respond positively to invitations to the LIFE Exhibition.
- The Fifield family in Addis Ababa.
- The schools which will be using our churches during the Advent period. Pray that the message of Advent will reach children in our town.
- All who work or are engaged in the performing arts at our local theatre, that they may always have high ideals and aspirations, and hold out a vision for making the world a better place. Pray also for David Crofts, who is chaplain to the theatre.