

Church Cleaning

4th Cathy Hume
11th Lyn Pelham Burn
18th Elizabeth Clark
25th Janette Higgs

Harvest

We will celebrate Harvest at Wortham Church on Sunday 2nd October at 11.00am followed by a light lunch. Donations will be sent to a programme in Sri Lanka that provides children on tea plantations with an education, healthy diet and generally a better start in life. If anyone would like to bring any food items for the foodbank these would also be gratefully received, along with any unwanted tools, sewing machines, bicycles etc that will be given to TWAM (Tools with a Mission).

Flower ladies

Any arrangements to decorate the church for Harvest would be greatly appreciated. Sheila Rush

Cleaning Ladies

A Big thank you to Paddy Richards and Janet Burgess who have recently 'retired' after many years of church cleaning and a further thank you to Lyn Pelham Burn and Janette Higgs who have stepped in to replace them on the cleaning rota. Sheila Rush

Primary School

Wortham Primary School had a busy last few weeks of term with their Sports Day and the end of term Summer Barbeque with Bouncy castle, stalls and games. There was also a visit from children from Hédé in Brittany who had come over on a four day visit to Wortham. The leavers assembly was held on July 20th and head teacher Claire Flatman welcomed parents, grandparents and friends. This year sixteen pupils have left the school - eleven boys and five girls. Certificates and dictionaries were presented to the leavers who were praised for their hard work over the last year. School governor Jacky Bradley presented the tennis cup to Archie Fox who was the most improved player this year. The assembly ended with a video entitled Baby Otters showing the leavers when they were babies which caused much laughter.

Good Companions

Wortham Good Companions Club went to the Hillside Shire Horse Sanctuary at West Runton near Cromer on Tuesday 19th July. This is a wonderful sanctuary for lots of animals who have been rescued and now can live there for the rest of their lives in safety. The sanctuary is open daily 10am to 5pm from Easter until the last Thursday in October and is well worth a visit. The group then travelled on to Cromer for shopping and a draw was held on the bus coming home.

Sponsored Cycle Ride

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust sponsored cycle ride is on Saturday 10th September between 9.00am and 5.00pm. I have sponsor forms if anyone would like to ride this year for St Mary's Church, Wortham.

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Shoe boxes

It's time to start thinking about the Christmas Shoeboxes for our service in October. Could you can fill one (it's great fun) or perhaps do one with a friend? Leaflets will be distributed with the September magazine and will also be available from the Post Office and the church. Flatpack boxes, which do not need covering or decorating, will also be on sale for 30p each.

Fundraising Ride

Congratulations to Mike Bowen who joined 30,000 other riders in one of cycling's big events of the year, the Prudential Ride London on Sunday 31st July. Mike was riding to support the family of one year old Ivy Mai Geary who has spent much of her short life in Great Ormond Street Hospital with a rare bone marrow condition. Mike finished the 46 miles on the London Surrey section of the event in 3 hours 46 minutes at the average speed of 12 mph. "It was a wonderful occasion, awesome, the whole weekend was brilliant" said Mike afterwards. You can still support his fundraising at <https://crowdfunding.justgiving.com/valleri-ruthven-1>

Twinning visit July 7th - 11th

Wortham and Burgate Twinning once again were host to 35 of our friends from Hédé in Brittany. As usual the days were packed. School visits, adventure playgrounds and canoeing for the younger members plus visits to Thelnetnam Windmill, Framlingham and the seaside. That was just the first two days! There was also plenty of time to eat, drink and get together at evening events in Redgrave, Mellis and the Village Hall in Wortham. A wonderful weekend of solidarity with our European Neighbours.

Emma's Jumble Sale

Advance warning that Emma is holding her annual jumble sale on Saturday 22nd October in Wortham Village Hall. Congratulations to Emma and Mark on the birth of their baby son Leo Richard on June 24th 2016.

Hall Booking Secretary Mike Burgess Tel. 898037

Mobile Library Wednesday 21st September Wortham Post Office Stores 2.40pm to 2.55pm

Village Hall Diary for September

Yoga	13th, 20th, 27th	10.00 - 11.30
Ballroom	5th, 12th, 19th 26th	6.30 - 9.00
Pilates	7th, 14th, 21st, 28th	9.30 - 10.30
Tea's Made	7th, 14th, 21st, 28th	2.00 - 4.00
Dance School	7th, 14th, 21st, 28th	7.15 - 8.15
Pilates	8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th	6.00 - 7.00
Village Hall Committee	8th	7.15
Private function	10th	6.00 - 11.59
Good Companions	13th	2.00 - 4.30
Yoga	15th, 22nd, 29th	11.45 - 1.15
Anglian Polymer Guild	18th	10.00 - 3.00
Twinning Social	30th	5.30 - 10.00

FRIENDS OF WORTHAM CHURCH EVENTS

Music, Wine & Roses The Kingfisher Ensemble, under the leadership of Beth Spendlove, gave an hour-long concert in St Mary's church, Wortham on Sunday 7th August. After a glass of wine for the audience, the programme began with Haydn's String Quartet 'The Bird', which was played with delightful delicacy. This was followed by Puccini's sorrowful elegy 'Crisantemi' and finally a masterly performance of Beethoven's well-known String Quartet in F opus 18 No 1. The audience of over eighty included thirty Life Members of Clare Hall College, Cambridge, who had been on a tour of some local Suffolk churches led by Edward Coales. It was lovely to see such a full church and the evening raised over £500 for church funds.

Future Events

Thursday 8th September A Pottery Workshop at John and Penny's Studio in Brockdish. They are both enthusiastic potters and with their help and guidance those attending the last time we ran this workshop made some really good pots. The cost is £40 for the day to include lunch. Pots that are glazed will be an additional £4 each.

SPUD AND SPOUT - Misbehaviour at Sea! - Tales of a Cruise ship Craft Teacher

Please join us on 28th October at 7.30pm in Wortham Village Hall to enjoy a light supper of a baked potato with choice of filling followed by a talk by Sue Coales about her adventures as a cruise ship teacher, which should make for an entertaining and interesting evening. Cost £10 and Bring your own drink.

Valentine Dinner and Speaker

February 11th. Tickets £25.

Hot Air Balloon ride for raffle - A Hot Air Balloon company has offered two tickets for a raffle worth £300. Tickets will be on sale in the autumn and will be drawn at Christmas when the usual Christmas foods hamper raffle is drawn.

For details of fundraising events please check the website friendsofworthamchurch.weebly.com