

Wortham

Flowers

1st & 8th Mrs S Leeder

Church Cleaning

1st Cathy Hume
8th Sheila & Janet
15th Elizabeth Clark
22nd Paddy Richards

Songs of Praise

Everyone is invited to a Songs of Praise service to be held on Sunday 19th June at 11.00am to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the formation of the Friends of Wortham Church. Suggestions of favourite hymns and readings would be most welcome; please let Cathy know your choices on 650321.

Churchyard tidy-up

Please join us for our first tidy of the year on Saturday 14th May between 10.00am and 1.00pm. Bring your gardening gloves and any tools you might find useful. All welcome. Refreshments provided.

Easter Sunday

The Easter Sunday service in St Mary's, Wortham was conducted by Rev Ginny Manning and the organist was Peter Creswell. After welcoming everyone and thanking the ladies who had decorated the church, the service commenced, with readings given by Edward Coales and Paddy Richards and prayers being led by Cathy Hume. Before the giving of communion, baptismal vows were renewed and the congregation sprinkled with blessed water. After the service refreshments were served.

Easter Flowers

Thank you to the ladies who decorate the church with beautiful arrangements. After the Lent period with no flowers the church seemed to come alive with all the Easter floral displays. You are a wonderful group of ladies who have been decorating your allocated spaces and windows for many years; once again thank you. Geraldine Rash & Sheila Howard

Howard Nurseries

Wortham plant specialists Howard Nurseries scooped two awards at the Waterwise Water Efficiency Awards at the House of Lords recently, in recognition of their self-sufficient water management system. The Waterwise biannual UK Water Efficiency Awards are the most high profile awards scheme in the UK to recognise the water efficiency achievements of the public, private and third sector organisations who promote water efficiency. The Nurseries won the Environment Agency Chairman's Award and the Farming and Horticulture Award for their reservoir which has 5,000 reeds and 10,000 fish.

Royal British Legion Women's Section

Sadly the RBLWS is to be disbanded later this year. The Women's Section was formed in 1921 and today has about 30,000 members in more than 700 branches. Eye and Botesdale branches have decided to disband and both standards will be laid up. The Women's Section has been the backbone of the Royal British Legion and they are very angry and upset at what is happening. The National Standard will be laid up and the National Chairman will no longer be able to lay a wreath at the Cenotaph. All Legion members will no longer be members if they decide to disband their branches. It is a very sad time.

Wortham Village Hall

Call Me Duff the adaptation of the BBC panel game "Call My Bluff" returned to Wortham Village Hall on Saturday 2nd April. Chairman of the hall, Barry Higgs welcomed everyone and thanked them for supporting the event. Ian Haywood was in the chair presiding over the panel members who comprised Mike Breen, Linda Simpson and Leslie Dumbell. Eleven teams tried to work out who was telling the truth and who wasn't. An enjoyable evening was had by all, and £351 was raised for the maintenance and repair of the village hall.

National Gardens Scheme

The garden at Batteleys Cottage, The Ling, Wortham, Diss, IP22 1ST will be open for the National Gardens Scheme on Sunday 15th May from 1.00pm to 5.30pm. There will be plants for sale and refreshments available. Admission £4 Children free

Hall Booking Secretary Mike Burgess Tel. 898037

Mobile Library Wednesday 4th May Wortham Post Office Stores 2.40pm to 2.55pm

Village Hall Diary for May

Yoga	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th	10.00 - 11.30
Pilates	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th	9.30 - 10.30
Tea's Made	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th	2.00 - 4.00
Dance School	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th	7.15 - 8.15
Election Day	5th	7.00 - 10.00
Sewing Class	9th, 23rd	9.30 - 2.30
Ballroom	9th, 16th, 23rd	6.30 - 9.00
Yoga	12th, 19th, 26th	11.45 - 1.15
Pilates	12th, 19th, 26th	6.00 - 7.00
School Dance	13th	4.00 - 7.00
Polymer Clay Guild	15th	10.00 - 3.00
Parish Council	17th	7.30
Good Companions	24th	2.00 - 4.30
Friends of Wortham Church	27th	10.00 - 4.00

FRIENDS OF WORTHAM CHURCH EVENTS

Future Events

Friday 27th May. Willow Weaving Day in Wortham Village Hall from 10.00am until 4.00pm to make a 'Berry Basket'. Total cost including lunch £45. Please contact Maureen 01379 783236 or Chrissy 01379 890220 if you would like to attend.

Upcycle for FOWC! We are asking you to get creative and breathe new life into a piece of old furniture, basket, photo frame or anything you can think of that someone would want in their home. It might be an old wooden chair you never use anymore or something you find at a car boot sale or local auction. Once you have your chosen item (or items) it's up to you how to decorate it and what technique you wish to use. Some examples are Painting, Stenciling, Distressing, Decoupage. All the upcycled pieces you donate will be put on display at the open gardens on June 11th-12th and then auctioned off at a later date with all proceeds going to Friends of Wortham Church. If you have any questions please contact Maureen 01379 783236 or Chrissy 01379 890220. Please ensure all items are received by Maureen or Chrissy by 08/06/2016.

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