

**Flowers for Easter**

Everyone

**Church Cleaning**

5th Cathy Hume  
 12th Sheila & Janet  
 19th Elizabeth Clark  
 26th Paddy Richards

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

St Mary the Virgin, Wortham will be holding their Annual Parochial Church Meeting in church on Sunday 12th April at 12.35pm. A light lunch will be served from 12 noon and business will start with the Vestry meeting to elect churchwardens at 12.30pm.

**Ash Wednesday**

The Ash Wednesday service with Imposition of Ashes was held at St Mary's Church on February 18th. The service was taken by Revd Ginny Manning and reader Graham Reardon and the organist was Revd Nigel Ballard. The readings were by Lyn Pelham Burn and Cathy Hume and the Gospel was followed by a short sermon; the congregation was then invited to receive the sign of the cross in ashes. After Communion the Dismissal Gospel was read and the congregation made its way to the font where prayers were said and the blessing given.

**FRIENDS OF WORTHAM CHURCH EVENTS**

**Wire Workshop with Jenny Goater** on Tuesday 12th May at The Barn, Ivy House Farm Long Green. 10am-4pm including coffee on arrival, a light lunch and materials. £40/person for the day.  
 Booking essential as limited places. Tel Maureen 01379 783236.

**Willow Workshop** Friday 3rd July - more details next month.

**CATHEDRAL - Saturday 30th May at 7.30pm at Wortham Church**

**A dramatic musical story for Narrator and Piano by Sue Heaser and Peter Creswell**

Joshua, a master stonemason, sculpts a beautiful angel for a tomb in the great cathedral. But it is 1643 and the Civil War is raging in England. An ordinance is then passed by Parliament that all images in churches have to be destroyed. As the soldiers approach the city, armed for destruction, the dramatic events unfold and both Joshua's angel and his young granddaughter are threatened with tragedy. Inspired by the true events that occurred in Norwich Cathedral in 1643, Sue Heaser's moving and memorable tale combines with glorious music by Peter Creswell to create a thrilling performance for piano and narrator.

Tickets £10 from Wortham Post Office or telephone 01379 898479 or 783236  
 For details of fundraising events please check the website [friendsofworthamchurch.weebly.com](http://friendsofworthamchurch.weebly.com).

**W.A.R.T.S. Advance Notice**

WARTS Spring production is 'Quartet'. You have (probably) seen the film; now see the play that inspired the film. Performances will be on 21st, 22nd and 23rd May at Botesdale Village Hall. See the May edition of this magazine for further details.

**New Affordable Homes Proposed**

Orwell Housing Association has been working with Mid Suffolk District Council and Wortham & Burgate Parish Council to bring forward some further affordable housing on the land at Howards Close in Wortham. This follows the Housing Needs Survey that was undertaken last September. Plans have been drawn up to provide 8 further homes; a mixture of houses, flats and bungalows, to be made available to local residents. Orwell held a consultation event on 19th February at The Dolphin to allow local residents to view the plans and discuss further with representatives from Orwell and the architects ahead of the planning application submission.

**Tea's Made**

Each week at Tea's Made (which is between 2.00pm and 4.00pm on Wednesday afternoons in the Village Hall) Geoffrey Sturgeon is showing a different selection of pictures of the village.

**WORTHAM VILLAGE HALL NEWS**

**Bridge Day**

On February 17th forty two people enjoyed a day of friendly progressive Chicago Bridge organised by Jacky Bradley. A delicious lunch, along with cakes at coffee and teatime, had been prepared by Jacky and friends. Val and Eric Clarke won the competition and were presented with two rose bushes. The total profit raised for much needed Village Hall funds was £420. Thanks to everyone who took part on the day and particularly to Jacky for all her hard work.

**Hall Booking Secretary** Mike Burgess Tel. 898037

**Mobile Library** Wednesday 8th April Wortham Post Office Stores 2.40pm to 2.55pm

**Village Hall Diary for April**

Tea's Made	1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd	2.00 - 4.00
Parish Council	7th	7.30 - 9.30
Sewing Class	13th, 27th	9.30 - 2.30
Ballroom	13th, 20th, 27th	7.00 - 8.30
Yoga	14th, 21st, 28th	10.00 - 11.30
Good Companions	14th, 28th	2.00 - 4.30
Yoga	16th, 23rd	11.45 - 1.15