

Church Cleaning

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

Carol Service Gifts

Once again we are collecting Christmas gifts at our Carol Service on December 8th at 11.00am to be taken and distributed among the underprivileged in East London. Details of suggested items and how to package your gift are on page 2 of this magazine. Please ring Cathy Hume if you have any queries.

Victorian Christmas Market

The Friends of Wortham Church are holding their annual Victorian Christmas Market outside the Post Office and Tea Shop on Friday 6th December between 4.00 & 7.00pm. This event is growing in popularity every year so as well as a wonderful variety of stalls selling gifts, crafts, cakes and much, much more, we will also have some new games and residents of our twinned town of Hede selling delicious French crepes and mistletoe. The Tea Shop will be open for teas, coffees, mince pies and mulled wine. There will also be a hot dog stall, Tombola and Raffle including a fabulous Christmas hamper. Entertainment will be provided by local singers of Discord, carol singing by the local primary school children and music from Jonny Ling's fairground organ. And of course we shall be visited by Father Christmas who will arrive on his beautifully decorated sleigh. We now have a Facebook page so for all the latest information just search for Friends of Wortham Church.

100 Years 100 Treasures

'100 Years 100 Treasures' is the title of a book published for the centenary of the Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich which falls next year. It is an inspirational celebration of Suffolk churches with beautiful photographs of individual 'treasures' from churches all around our county. The cost is just £5 and the diocese intend to make a significant donation to the Royal British Legion from the proceeds of sale. If you wish to see a copy of the book / order a copy please contact Cathy Hume 650321.

Painting and Drawing Workshop

An art class held on 10th October at The Bradleys' Barn was enjoyed by about a dozen people. Sue Coales proved such an excellent teacher that many have asked for it to take place on a regular basis. A tasty lunch helped to raise £235 for FOWC funds. Many thanks to Sue for her teaching, Mr & Mrs Bradley for the use of the Barn and the ladies who provided lunch.

Shoebboxes

The Shoebox service was held at St Mary's, Wortham on 27th October. Reader, Graham Reardon, led the service and Myra Pinnell played the organ. The brightly coloured boxes were taken to the front of the church at the beginning of the service where they were blessed. After the service people stayed to enjoy a cup of coffee and chat. Seventy three boxes were collected this year from around the Benefice and they have now begun their journey to disadvantaged children abroad.

Autumn Fair

St Mary's Church held their Autumn Fair on 2nd November in the Village Hall. Stalls included Bric a brac, Tombola, Cakes, Bottles, Preserves, Books and Sweets and there were also raffles and games. The child winner of the Fishing Game was Eadie Ray and the adult was Maureen Cole. £704 was raised and the PCC would like to thank everyone who helped to run the event and all who supported on the day.

Christmas at Longs Farm

Jane McClintock is organising a sale of decorations, textiles, paintings, prints and ceramics at Longs Farm, Millway Lane, Wortham, on Saturday 7th, Sunday 8th and Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th December. Opening from 11.00 am – 6.00 pm. All are welcome.

Remembrance Service

Remembrance Day service was held at St Mary's Church on Sunday November 10th. Prayers were said at the War Memorial where wreaths were laid by Stephen Rash, Chairman of Wortham and Burgate Parish Council and Molly Garrard of Wortham Primary School. The congregation then moved into church for the service which was conducted by Reader, Graham Reardon with organist was Myra Pinnell. The roll of those who lost their lives in the two World Wars and the Silent Tribute were read by Sheila Rush and this was followed by the two minute silence. Roella Trudgill gave the reading and Cathy Hume read the prayers. The National Anthem was sung and the service ended with the blessing.

Thank you

Thank you goes to all those kind people who sent me and the family cards over the death of my husband Nicholas. You know who you are and the support has given me much comfort and solace. How lucky I am to live in an English country village. *Caroline Smith*

Wine Club

Wortham Wine and Social Club recently celebrated its 40th anniversary when members past and present attended a celebratory dinner at the Park Hotel. The club was formed on September 5th 1973 by Mary and Percy Coe at their home called "The Winery". In its early years the club had 45 members and joined with Harleston, Palgrave, Old Buckenham and Attleborough clubs in wine-making and many trophies were won by Wortham. The club has raised thousands of pounds for various charities during its existence and members have also had many outings and holidays together. The club now meets on the first Thursday of every month at Roydon Village Hall at 7.30pm. Present chairman Jim Smith welcomes new members.

Good Companions

At a recent club meeting the speaker for the afternoon was Gerry Baxter who gave a talk on the history of the Pearly Kings and Queens. He is the Pearly King of Streattham and was dressed in his wonderful decorated suit and cap. The organisation was started in 1875 by the barrow boys to raise money for charity and this London tradition still carries on today. The men all wear flat caps and can have up to 1,000 buttons on them and it can take nine months to complete a suit. There are several titles of Pearly Princesses and Princes. At the 2012 Olympic Opening Ceremony fifty Pearly Kings and Queens were there and they also celebrated with the Queen Mother on her 100th birthday. Their church services are held at St Martin-in-the-Fields on the north-east corner of Trafalgar Square.

Wortham Village Hall

Kitchen Upgrade: At the time of writing the work is nearly complete and we are looking forward to trying out our new facilities. During the course of this major upgrade it was discovered that the roof had been leaking. When the cause of this has been sorted and the affected plaster renewed we will be able to redecorate. The hall has not been closed during the works and everyone involved i.e. builders and hirers, have been very patient and accommodating - thank you.

Village Hall Diary for December

Sewing Class	2nd, 16th	9.30 - 2.30
Ballroom	2nd, 9th, 16th	7.00 - 8.30
Yoga	3rd, 10th	10.00 - 11.30
Junior Tennis	3rd, 10th, 17th	12.15 - 1.15
Parish Council	3rd	7.30 - 9.30
Pilates	4th, 11th, 18th	7.15 - 8.15
Yoga	5th, 12th	1.30 - 3.00

Hall Booking Secretary Mike Burgess Tel. 898037

Mobile Library Wednesday 18th December Wortham Post Office Stores 2.40pm to 2.55pm