

Wortham

Altar Flowers

Sheila Rush

Church Cleaning

2nd Cathy Hume
9th Sheila Rudland
16th Elizabeth Clark
23rd Paddy Richards

Carol and Tree service

St Mary the Virgin held their Carol & Tree service on Sunday 8th December. Reader, Graham Reardon lead the service and the organ was played by Myra Pinnell. Words of welcome were given followed by the singing of 'Once in Royal David's city' when people placed wrapped gifts under the tree for destitute people in North London. The second Advent candle of the Advent wreath was lit during the service which finished with 'O Come all ye faithful' and the Christmas blessing. Afterwards the congregation enjoyed delicious mulled wine and mince pies.

Christmas Decorating

Once again, many thanks to the ladies who decorated the church for Christmas. It was rather special this year as we had a wedding on December 21st. Helen and Mark would like to say a big thank you for making the church look so special for their wedding day.

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Bus Service

Just a reminder that there is a bus every Thursday that goes from Wortham directly to Norwich so no changing at Diss! It arrives opposite the Dolphin on the A143 at 10.15 am and arrives in Norwich at 11.10 am; It then departs from Norwich at 16.30 pm and arrives back in Wortham at 18.05 pm. It is run by Suffolk Norse. It's a case of use it or lose it!

Hats & Scarves

The final total of scarves I knitted last year was 108; 12 going to the children from Chernobyl when they visited in the summer and the other 96 going to the Samaritan's Purse Christmas shoe box appeal! The odds I gave to my Mother who then knitted over 30 hats for the "Innocent Big Knit Appeal for Age UK". I could not have done this without the generosity of local people donating their unwanted wool. I will be starting knitting them again in the New Year so if when you are spring cleaning you find some unwanted wool it would be really much appreciated, please, and put to good use once more. Many thanks. *Roella Trudgill*

Victorian Christmas Market

The Friends of Wortham Church held their annual Christmas Victorian Market on Friday 6th December outside the Village Stores. It was very well supported including many people in Victorian dress which added to the atmosphere. There were 18 Christmas stalls inside the marquee selling a wide variety of gifts and various food and music stalls outside too. To help with the cold there were hot dogs, mulled wine and mince pies, hot chocolate and crepes. Stalls were also supporting the Friends of Burgate Church and Air Ambulance. Peter and Janice at the Village Stores sold hot mulled wine and mince pies and raised £300 for their charities EACH and Marie Curie. Entertainment was singing provided by the children at the local primary school and DISCORD. Christmas music was from Jonny Ling's Fairground organ. To the delight of the many children present Father Christmas arrived with his elf on his magnificent sleigh and handed out chocolate coins to the children. Over £1100 was raised for the church.

Christine Cole

Twinning

Wortham and Burgate Twinning is having a wine 'Call my Bluff' evening in Wortham Village Hall on the 7th February at 7.30 pm. Come and test your wine skills and your nose for bluffing at an evening presented by Adnams Brewery. You will be presented with several wines and you have to decide which of the Adnams' experts is correctly describing each one as you taste it. This will be a great opportunity to savour some different wines and have fun doing so. The tickets for the 'Call My Bluff' evening will be £10 each and will also include cheese tasting and some sweet / pudding treats. The offer is open to anyone regardless of whether or not they are members of Twinning. So please encourage your friends to come. Tickets from Wortham Post Office & Stores.

Tennis Club

Wortham Tennis Club are having a Race Night on Saturday 8th February in the Village Hall. Doors open at 7.00pm with the first race at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 which includes Bangers & Mash. Licenced Bar. Tickets from Gill 01379 783441 or Netty 01379 890081 or Steph 01379 890073.

Bridge Day in Wortham Village Hall

Tuesday 18th February, 10.00am to ca. 4.30pm In aid of Village Hall Improvement Funds
£26.00 per pair Price includes coffee on arrival, lunch with a glass of wine & tea with cake.
To book your place contact Jacky Bradley 01379 898 395 or prjsbrad@aol.com

Village Hall Diary for February

Ballroom	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th	7.00 - 8.30
Yoga	4th, 11th	10.00 - 11.30
Junior Tennis	4th, 11th	12.15 - 1.15
Good Companions	4th	2.00 - 4.30
Pilates	5th, 12th, 19th, 26th	7.15 - 8.15
Yoga	6th, 13th	1.30 - 3.00
Twinning 'Call my Bluff'	7th	7.30
Tennis Club Race Night	8th	7.00
Sewing Class	10th, 24th	9.30 - 2.30
Bridge Day for Village Hall	18th	10.00

Hall Booking Secretary Mike Burgess Tel. 898037

Mobile Library Wednesday 12th February Wortham Post Office Stores 2.40pm to 2.55pm