

Wortham

Altar Flowers

6th, 13th Mrs S Rush

Church Cleaning

6th Cathy Hume
13th Janet & Sheila
20th Elizabeth Clark
27th Paddy Richards

Foodbank

The Foodbank in Diss is now established and supporting local people in need. There will be an ongoing collection for the bank and donations can be left at Wortham church or at Wortham Post Office Stores. Here is a list of foods needed at the moment:

Vegetarian meals (tinned)	Tinned meat / fish	Pasta sauces
Instant mash potato	Rice	Tomatoes (tinned)
Tinned fruit	Sponge pudding (tinned)	Rice pudding (tinned)
Milk (UHT or powdered)	Teabags	Instant coffee
Fruit juice (carton)	Cereals	Sugar (500g)
Jam	Biscuits	Snack bars

Many thanks for your help.

Remembrance Service

A large congregation attended the Remembrance service at St Mary's Church on 11th November. Prayers were said at the War Memorial and wreaths laid by Jack Hinton for Wortham Primary School and Stephen Rash, chairman, for Wortham & Burgate Parish Council. Everyone then moved into the church for the service which was taken by Rev Frank Howard; Myra Pinnell played the organ. The Roll of Honour of those who lost their lives in the two World Wars was read by Maureen Cole OBE, Suffolk County President of the Women's section of the Royal British Legion. Mrs Cole and Betty Garnham then read the lessons. During the service special thanks were given for recently completed work to the East window of the South Aisle which depicts St George and St Michael. The window is in memory of brothers Arnold William Rash, who was killed in France in 1917 and Ralph Reginald Rash who died at the Somme in 1916. The present Rash family have generously funded the cleaning of the window and replacement guards on the outside and many were at the service. The National Anthem was sung and the service ended with the blessing.

Good Companions

The Good Companions spent a lovely afternoon at their meeting on 27th November when they were entertained by Wortham Primary School pupils. The children sang songs and carols and played various instruments. They finished their singing with 'We wish you a Merry Christmas' and chairman, Betty Garnham thanked the children for a lovely afternoon.

Carol & Tree Service

The service took place on Sunday 9th December and was well attended. Graham Reardon, Reader, led the service and Myra Pinnell was the organist. The second candle on the Advent wreath was lit and then during the first carol people placed gifts under the Christmas Tree for disadvantaged children and families. Two readings were given by children from Wortham Primary School - Molly Garrard, Kerry Lond, Corbie Donnelly and Sam King all took parts. The other four readings were read by Mike Burgess, Caroline Blacker, Elizabeth Clark and Ruth Coles. The service ended with O Come All ye Faithful and the Christmas Blessing and then mulled wine and mince pies were enjoyed. Twenty seven presents were collected - many thanks to everyone who provided them.

Wortham Village Hall

Already thinking of flaming June! Wortham Open Gardens, June 8th & 9th 2013. If you are interested in opening your garden, please contact Katherine Smith, 01379 890534.

Village Hall Diary for January

Pilates	2nd, 9th, 16 th , 23rd, 30th	7.15 - 8.15
Sewing Class	7th, 14th, 21st, 28th	9.30 - 11.30
Ballroom	7th, 14th, 21st, 28th	7.00 - 8.30
Yoga	8th, 15th 22nd, 29th	10.00 - 11.30
Yoga	10th, 17th, 24th, 31st	1.30 - 3.00
Parish Council	15th	7.30 - 9.30
Hall Committee	17th	7.00 - 9.30

Mobile Library

January 2nd, 16th & 30th
Wortham Ling Post Box 1.30pm to 1.40pm Wortham Post Office 2.55pm to 3.10pm

Hall Booking Secretary Mike Burgess Tel. 898037

Friends of Wortham Church Coming Events

Antiques and Traditional Afternoon Tea

The Friends of Wortham Church are hosting an 'Antiques and Traditional Afternoon Tea' event on **Wednesday 6th February** at 2.00pm in Wortham Village Hall. Bring along an item or two to be valued by Durrants Professional Auctioneers and Valuers. Just £7.50 per person for the valuation and a delicious tea of sandwiches, scones with jam and cream and homemade cake with tea or coffee. Booking essential - please contact Maureen on 783236 or Carole on 898928 as soon as possible.

Photography Workshop- advance notice

Thursday 18th April - a Photography workshop led by a professional photographer from his home in Thelneyham. Age range 12 - 112! Probably 10.00 a.m. - 3.00p.m. to include lunch - £25 per person. Learn how to maximize your photos /composition etc., from your SLR or Digital camera and get out and about taking photographs. Booking essential - as above please.

Recent Events

Topiary Tree workshop

On 28th November the Friends of Wortham Church organised a morning at the Village Hall with a Christmas theme. A group of seventeen thoroughly enjoyed a demonstration by Heather Havers making a 'Topiary Tree' arrangement out of greenery found in gardens and hedgerows. The terracotta pot with wooden stem and oasis were all supplied and with her help the group then made their own arrangement which was enhanced by Heather's own supply of interesting greenery, ribbons and dried seed heads. With an interval for delicious cakes, teas and coffees, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the morning. The event raised £104 for FOWC funds.

Victorian Christmas Market

The Friends of Wortham Church held another very successful Victorian Christmas Market on Friday 7th December. Despite the inclement weather a great crowd of both locals and people from further afield turned out to support this event which was enhanced this year by having the stalls under cover and better lighting.

A wide variety of stalls did a steady trade in crafts, homemade cakes, knitted goods, gifts, French mistletoe and books and there was also tombola. Hot dogs were for sale and Michael Richards was a magnificent Town Crier. Many of the stallholders were in Victorian dress and there was entertainment from Wortham Primary School children who sang carols, accompanied by Sue Coales on the accordion and Mike Breen on the saxophone. Music was also provided by singers from Michael Dann's 'Discord' and the fairground organ of Jonnie Ling. Magic Mark kept the children amused with his balloon creations. Father Christmas and his elves made a spectacular arrival on their brightly lit reindeer and sleigh and the children all enjoyed meeting him and receiving chocolate coins.

The impressive Christmas Hamper was raffled and this was won by Becky Garrod. The Lloyd family sold mulled wine and mince pies and raised £250 for EACH and Prostate Cancer.

The event also raised £650 for FOWC funds. Although the car park was on the rather soggy common everyone managed to get on and off with good humour, ably assisted when required by Richard and Seb! The Friends of Wortham Church would like to extend their very sincere thanks to all involved in the organisation and running of the Market and to everyone who turned out and supported this lovely annual event. Book the date for next year – Friday 6th December 2013!!!

