

# Wortham

## Church Cleaning

7th Cathy Hume  
14th Sheila & Janet  
21st Elizabeth Clark  
28th Paddy Richards

## Carol Service presents

As is our tradition we are collecting Christmas presents at our Carol Service on 14th December (11.00am Wortham Church). These gifts will then be distributed among the underprivileged in East London.

## Remembrance Sunday

A large congregation was present for the Remembrance service at St Mary's Church Wortham on November 9th. Prayers were said at the War Memorial where three wreaths were laid: for Wortham & Burgate Parish Council by Stephen Rash, for Wortham Primary School by pupils Julian and Heather Parsell and by David Appleton. Everyone then moved into St Mary's for the Remembrance Service which was led by Reader Graham Reardon with organist Myra Pinnell. The Roll of Honour of the men who lost their lives in the parish was read by Janet Bromley and the Silent Tribute was given by Sheila Rush. The two readings were given by Cathy Hume and Sheila Rush and the intercessions were read by Lyn Pelham Burn. The collection was taken by Cathy Hume and John Scott for the work of the Royal British Legion and after the service coffee was served at the back of the church.

## Shoeboxes

This year we collected 68 boxes from around the Benefice which were blessed at our Shoebox service at the end of October. They are expected to go to deprived children in Serbia and the shoebox will be their only Christmas present so they are very special. Many thanks to everyone who filled a box.

## Autumn Fair

St Mary's Church held their annual fair on Saturday 1st November in the Village Hall. There was a wide variety of stalls and competitions and the PCC would like to thank everyone who helped to run the event and those who supported on the day. £790 was made for the church fabric fund.

## Wortham & Redgrave Theatre Workshop (WARTS)

Warts celebrated thirty years as an organisation in Botesdale Hall on October 8th. The present chairman Carys Allen gave a welcoming speech to everyone and spoke about their first chairman, Laurie Dickson, who sadly died in 2011. Frank Sheehan, who had travelled from Oxfordshire for the event, formed the group on October 4th 1984 and he explained how it was a spin off from the Wortham Pantomime Group. In those thirty years they have put on 87 plays. There were many past and present members in attendance including founder members Sue Heaser, Wendy Matthews, Dick Pell, Johann Van den Bergh, Kathy Mills, Hannah Mills and Frank Sheehan. During the evening there were sketches, songs, a quiz and also a slide show about the group and Laurie Dickson. Crystal stars were presented to Frank Sheehan, Dick Pell, Kathy Mills and Helen Dickson, widow of Laurie.

## WARTS CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

**COMFORT AND JOY** A hilarious comedy by Mike Harding.

This is the story of a large family (and unexpected visitors) celebrating Christmas.

Come and enjoy yourselves on 11th, 12th or 13th December at Botesdale Village Hall.

Curtain up at 7.30 pm. Tickets £8 and £7 concessions available from Wortham Post Office

**Twinning** The Twinning Association are planning a Christmas feast on 13th December. Anyone wishing to join them please ring Chris 898338

**Wagobera** Emma Thornton had her last fundraising day for her charity, Wagobera, on Tuesday October 7th with a cake stall at Botesdale Health Centre which raised £200. Her three fundraising events made a grand total of £1,250 and she would like to thank everyone who helped her run them or supported them. The children at Wortham Primary School, where Emma had been a pupil, donated many things including craft materials and stationery items. Emma flew to Uganda on October 19th where she will be arranging to pay the educational costs of the students supported by her charity and Emma's mum Gill will be joining her for the last week of her stay.

**Hazel May Lond** October 13th 1943 - October 23rd 2014

The funeral service for Hazel Lond, who sadly died after a short illness, took place at St Mary's Church, Wortham on 5th November. The service was taken by Rev'd Ginny Manning, with organist Rev'd Nigel Ballard and a large congregation attended. A recording of church bells was played at the beginning of the service and the hymns were chosen by her children Deb, Sue and Richard. Reflections on Hazel's life were given by Maureen Ling and Rev'd Ginny and a poem was read by nephew Jonathan and niece Vivienne Woods. Hazel and Colin's golden wedding anniversary was on October 17th and Hazel died a few days later with Colin and Deb by her bedside. However this was not before she had received the news that granddaughter Hannah was safely on the plane on a school trip to Iceland. Hazel was well known in the village and will be sadly missed by so many people but especially by her beloved family. So goodbye Hazel, rest in peace, until we all meet again in God's care.

## Village Hall

Wortham Village Hall would welcome some new members to its committee. We generally meet 4/5 times a year plus fund raising events and some fresh ideas and input would be appreciated. Please contact Katherine Smith on 01379 687207 or Lisa Long on 07771 752104 if you would like to know more.

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

**Mobile Library** Wednesday 17th December Wortham Post Office Stores 2.40pm to 2.55pm

**Village Hall Diary for December**

Sewing Class	1st	9.30 - 2.30
Ballroom	1st, 8th, 15th	7.00 - 8.30
Yoga	2nd, 9th	10.00 - 11.30
Parish Council	2nd	7.30 - 9.30
Yoga	4th, 11th	11.45 - 1.15
Christmas Market	5th	
Twinning	13th	

**TEA'S MADE – Every Wednesday afternoon in Wortham Village Hall**

You are invited to a weekly meeting with a difference. There will be no agenda, no objectives, and nothing on sale, just an opportunity to have a chat over tea and cake on Wednesday afternoons with others in this village. There is no sponsor, no ulterior motive and no pressure to do anything other than sit and chat with old friends and perhaps meet new neighbours. The recent Parish Survey revealed that there are more than 50 people living alone in our village and that 'chat with neighbours' was the second most used source of information so here's your chance to catch up on whatever interests you. And the price for this get together? Whatever you like. We will have to pay for the Village Hall and buy supplies for the refreshments but contributions are voluntary. If you'd like to help cover the cost we suggest 50p or £1. Volunteers are needed to man the kitchen and perhaps make the occasional cake, and also volunteer drivers to pick up those without transport. Tea's Made will start in Wortham Village Hall at 2.00pm on Wednesday January 21<sup>st</sup>, Please spread the word to your neighbours, then just show up. For more information, to express interest or volunteer, contact Miriam Quinn on 898864. Our thanks to our neighbours in Burgate for giving us the idea to emulate their weekly 'Kettle's On'

**FRIENDS OF WORTHAM CHURCH EVENTS**

**Bring and Buy Plant Sale** at Batteleys Cottage made a total of £523.11 for the Friends of the Church. The weather was glorious and a great many plants were for sale. Everyone enjoyed refreshments in the lovely Autumnal garden. It was very popular and so this may become an annual event.

**'Rookery Puds'** Five hundred pounds was made for the Friends of Wortham Church at this much enjoyed fund raiser. Many thanks to everyone who made puddings and all who supported the evening.

**Victorian Christmas Market** on Friday 5th December between 4 and 7pm. There will be various crafts and a variety of stalls, including local produce, cakes and tombola; the majority of which will be under cover. The ample parking is well lit with easy access to the market. There will be singing and music, fairground organ and exciting entertainment including the arrival of Father Christmas. A variety of refreshments and drinks will be available, so come along and enjoy the great atmosphere. A luxury Hamper displayed in the Post Office will be raffled during the market. For details of the timing of the entertainment and all other future fundraising events please check the website [friendsofworthamchurch.weebly.com](http://friendsofworthamchurch.weebly.com).

**Stars, Celebrities and Special Occasions** on Saturday 7th February 7.00 for 7.15pm. at Wortham Village Hall. Come along for a great three course dinner, including coffee, mints and pre dinner drinks and enjoy the entertaining speaker Deborah Preston who was head housekeeper at many of the big London Hotels. She has many amazing and hilarious snippets of what went on behind the doors of such luxury establishments. Dinner jackets and tiara's optional! Tickets are £25 and available from the Post Office early in the New Year.