

Wortham

Flowers

17th & 24th Mrs S Rush

Church Cleaning

3rd Cathy Hume
10th Sheila & Janet
17th Elizabeth Clark
24th Paddy Richards

Songs of Praise

A date for your diary - Songs of Praise service to be held on Sunday 19th June at 11.00am to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the formation of the Friends of Wortham Church.

Churchyard tidy-up

Our first tidy of the year will be on Saturday 14th May between 10.00am and 1.00pm. All welcome. Refreshments provided.

Mothering Sunday

A Mothering Sunday service took place at St Mary's Church on 6th March taken by our Rector, Revd Adrian Watkins with Myra Pinnell playing the organ and Lyn Pelham Burn and John Scott reading. Four children from Wortham Primary School took a big part in the service by lighting a special candle for Mothering Sunday at the beginning, reading the story of Hannah and Samuel, leading the prayers, taking the collection and handing out posies to the congregation. They finally helped by offering around plates of biscuits after the service so a big THANK YOU to all of you. You made the service extra special.

Wortham Primary School

Wortham Primary School are having a Jumble Sale in the school on Saturday 16th April at 1.00pm. Items can be left at the school on Friday 15th April from 3.30pm onwards.

Bowls Club

Wortham Bowls Club are opening their green on Sunday 17th April at 2.00pm. New members are welcome to come along.

Happy 90th

We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to a former resident of Wortham, Mrs Betty Garnham, who will be celebrating her 90th birthday on Thursday 21st April along with Her Majesty the Queen. Betty and her husband John kept the Wortham Dolphin from March 1963. They had several happy and successful years there before they had to vacate because of her ill health. Betty now lives in Diss but still has connections with Wortham as she is chairman of the Good Companions Club and has worked tirelessly for the Royal British Legion Women's Section over the years.

Twinning Association

We now have four French language groups on the go; two structured and led by Lyn Clare for beginners and improvers who meet on a weekly basis and two who get together for conversation. Anyone can join the conversation groups - please contact Judith the secretary on 01379 741806.

Wortham Village Hall

Call Me Duff our very successful adaptation of the BBC panel game "Call My Bluff" is on Saturday 2nd April in Wortham Village Hall.

Doors and bar open at 7.00pm with the game starting at 7.30pm. £20 per team of 4 people. To reserve your table please contact Mike Cornish on 01379 309538 or email family.cornish@gmail.com. Raising funds for Wortham Village Hall.

Wortham Open Gardens. 11th and 12th June 2016, 11.00am to 5.00pm

Yes it's back - around 20 Wortham households are once again this year throwing open their gardens or studios to visitors to help raise funds for Wortham Village Hall. It has all the usual elements that make such an event so popular - a chance to glean ideas and see gardens not normally open to view, an opportunity to buy plants generously donated by Howards Nurseries. There will be a selection of garden related unique items made by the members of www.designermakers21.co.uk for sale or to order, as well as delicious ploughman's lunches, teas and cakes. This year there will also be an opportunity to make an early bid in a silent auction of upcycled furniture being organised by the Friends of Wortham Church (final bids can be made at a later event being organised by the Friends). If you are interested in taking part, or are able to help in other ways, please contact Joy at family.cornish@gmail.com.

Hall Booking Secretary Mike Burgess Tel. 898037

Mobile Library Wednesday 6th April Wortham Post Office Stores 2.40pm to 2.55pm

Village Hall Diary for April

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| 'Call me Duff' | 2nd | 7.00 for 7.30 |
| Sewing Class | 4th, 18th | 9.30 - 2.30 |
| Ballroom | 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th | 7.00 - 8.30 |
| Parish Council | 5th | 7.30 |
| Pilates | 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th | 9.30 - 10.30 |
| Tea's Made | 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th | 2.00 - 4.00 |
| Dance School | 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th | 7.15 - 8.15 |
| Pilates | 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th | 6.00 - 7.00 |
| Private function | 9th | 6.00 - 11.59 |
| Yoga | 12th, 19th, 26th | 10.00 - 11.30 |
| Good Companions | 12th, 26th | 2.00 - 4.30 |
| Yoga | 14th, 21st, 28th | 11.45 - 1.15 |

FRIENDS OF WORTHAM CHURCH EVENTS

Future Events

Friday 27th May. Willow Weaving Day in Wortham Village Hall from 10.00am until 4.00pm to make a 'Berry Basket'. Total cost including lunch £45. Please contact Maureen 01379 783236 or Chrissy 01379 890220 if you would like to attend.

Upcycle for FOWC! We are asking you to get creative and breathe new life into a piece of old furniture, basket, photo frame or anything you can think of that someone would want in their home. It might be an old wooden chair you never use anymore or something you find at a car boot sale or local auction. Once you have your chosen item (or items) it's up to you how to decorate it and what technique you wish to use. Some examples are Painting, Stenciling, Distressing, Decoupage. All the upcycled pieces you donate will be put on display at the open gardens on June 11th-12th and then auctioned off at a later date with all proceeds going to Friends of Wortham Church. If you have any questions please contact Maureen 01379 783236 or Chrissy 01379 890220. Please ensure all items are received by Maureen or Chrissy by 08/06/2016.

For details of fundraising events please check the website friendsofworthamchurch.weebly.com

Advance Dates

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| Saturday 23rd April | 10.00am | Plant Sale at Bloyes, Great Green, Burgate |
| Monday 2nd May | 2.00pm | Woodland Walk at Burgate |
| Saturday 9th July | 10.30am | Wortham Bowls Club Coffee Morning |
| Saturday 5th November | 2.00pm | Wortham Church Autumn Fair |
| Saturday 19th November | 2.00pm | Burgate Church Christmas Fair |