

Altar Flowers

2nd & 9th Mrs S Rush

16th & 23rd & 30th Mrs G Rash

Church Cleaning

2nd Cathy Hume

9th Sheila & Janet

16th Elizabeth Clark

23rd Paddy Richards

30th All

Harvest Collection for Tools With A Mission (TWAM)

This harvest time we are collecting tools and donations for TWAM who are based in Ipswich and clean and refurbish tools etc to send abroad as kits to where there is a need. In many countries of the world people have few skills, little education and no means of earning a living. A switch from aid dependency to self sufficiency is impossible without help. Tools With A Mission exists to provide that help. In the case of tradesman's toolkits they will be received by a training organisation who runs courses to train local people in a trade. These trades include carpentry, metalwork, vehicle mechanics, building, plumbing, leatherwork and more. Courses are also run on sewing and dressmaking, office work, typing, word-processing etc. On successful completion of the course the student will be given a toolkit of his, or her, own.

TWAM also send out fabric, haberdashery, tapestry and embroidery items, knitting wool / cones of yarn and knitting patterns.

The following lists tools that are needed:

All types of Hand Tools:**CARPENTRY****MOTOR MECHANICS including trolley jacks and ramps****BUILDERS, ELECTRICIANS AND PLUMBING ENGINEERING****ELECTRIC POWER TOOLS: DRILLS, SANDERS, PLANERS.****LATHES****BENCH AND BAND SAWS****SEWING MACHINES manual and electric, overlockers etc and accessories****KNITTING MACHINES please make sure they are complete****LAPTOPS****FLAT SCREEN COMPUTERS****SEWING AND CRAFT ITEMS****GARDEN FORKS, SPADES, HOES, RAKES****SLEDGE HAMMERS, PICK AXES.****EDUCATIONAL TEXT BOOKS****ADULT MOUNTAIN BIKES, MEN'S BIKES (not racing bikes)****MANUAL TYPEWRITERS****MOTOR LAWNMOWERS, STRIMMERS, CHAINSAW.**

We cannot accept, glass jars, gas bottles, electric hedgecutters and lawnmowers

Further information can be found at www.twam.co.uk or contact Cathy Hume on 650321 if you wish to check whether an item is needed. If you are handy with a needle then there are instructions for making a sewing kit bag, tool roll, needle book and scissors case which help with the presentation of the tools.

Churchyard clean-up

We will be holding our second clean-up of the year on the morning of Saturday 8th August between 10am and 1pm. Any help you can give with weeding and grass cutting would be very much appreciated. Please bring gloves and any tools you might find useful.

Refreshments provided!

Shoebboxes

Just a reminder that you might like to start thinking about collecting items for the Christmas Shoe box appeal for deprived children.

Leaflets about the scheme will be distributed in September and the boxes will be blessed before their long journey abroad, at a service at Wortham

Alan Sidney Matthews

Saturday 20th June saw a packed St Mary the Virgin Church at Wortham with people who had come to celebrate the life of Alan Sidney Matthews who passed away peacefully after a very brave fight, on Sunday 17th May, aged 77 years. A much loved husband and best friend of Melva, a most wonderful dad to Stephen and Joanne, a loved granddad to Poppy, Alfie and Seamus and also a great father-in-law to Emma and Declan.

He was a keen watcher of birds, butterflies and bees and planted his garden in blue and purple to encourage these. Alan loved modern jazz, classical music and opera and he played all of these on his piano. Among his many interests were golf, football and cricket. He was editor of the Diss Rotary Club Bulletin for ten years and received the Paul Harris award for this. The Forty-one Club and the Dolphin Investment Club were two more of his interests. Alan had also attended his RAF reunion for fifty years.

The service was full of music of his choice and friends and family gave tributes to him, read poems and the reading from Corinthians 13. The whole congregation joined in singing 'Climb every mountain' from the Sound of Music. Thank you to Richard Hewitt and Graham Reardon who took the service, the ladies who decorated the church so beautifully and to Cathy Hume who made sure everything ran smoothly. Donations in memory of Alan were given to Cancer Research UK.

Memorial Vase

The Memorial Vase in Wortham Church is for parishioners and relatives to place flowers on the anniversary of significant dates, in memory of loved ones. It sits on a little shelf on the wall of the South Aisle (immediately to your right after entering through the main doors) near the Betts stained glass window. The Memorial Vase was presented by the PCC on December 14th 1990 to Mrs Nora Hughes in recognition of 60 years dedicated service to Wortham Church.

Wortham Bowls Club

Wortham Bowls Club held a lovely sociable coffee morning in their club house on Saturday 4th July. There was a variety of stalls including plants donated by Howard Nurseries and £202 was made for club funds.

National Gardens Scheme

A very successful open garden day, despite the rain, was held at Batteleys Cottage, The Ling, Wortham, the home of Linda and Andy Simpson, on Sunday 12th July. 130 people went through the gates and homemade cakes, teas and plants were available. £832 was made for the National Gardens Scheme who have given more than 43 million to nursing and caring charities since its foundation. The Simpsons would like to thank all their helpers on the day and in the evening they were asked to stay behind for a meal.

Good Companions

The Good Companions held their fundraising day on Saturday 11th July at Wortham Village Hall. There was a nice variety of stalls with a large printed draw and teas were available. Guess the weight of the cake, 4lb 12oz, was won by Peter Ball, 50/50 Rosie Heath, Printed draw; £30 Liam Hall, £20 Mary Coe, £10 Sylvia Cook. Chairman Betty Garnham thanked everyone who had supported the event, to all the members who work so hard during the year and to Howard Nurseries who donated a box of plants. £625 was made for Club funds.

Try Walking in my shoes

A charity shoe sale in Diss has helped raise more than £1,000 for St Nicholas Hospice Care in Bury St Edmunds. Lesley and Mike Bowen, as well as a team of around 30 people on the day, helped organise the event, dubbed 'Try Walking in My Shoes' which took place at Diss Methodist Church in Victoria Road. More than 1,000 pairs of shoes, which had been donated at various points across the Diss Express area, were up for grabs, whilst a raffle was also held. In the end £1,062 was raised from the event, while the remaining shoes will go on sale in St Nicholas Hospice Care shops in Suffolk. The couple said they were inspired to fundraise for the charity following a visit to the hospice. "It was just so excellent, it was really good" said Mrs Bowen. "The heat did not seem to deter people. We were really busy in the morning and everything went well." Mr Bowen added: "We are really pleased and the benefit effect is cash for the shoes and all of the shoes that were left will go into their shops. Overall, the benefit to the hospice, over a period of time, will be substantial. We are very proud of what we have achieved on our own up until Saturday, when we had 30 people help us. We could not have done it without them. We had friends, family and some volunteers we had never met before."

Wortham Village Hall is available for hire by groups and by members of the public, both from within and outside the village. The main room has a large floor area which is ideal for clubs, parties, dancing and dining. There is also a modern and very well equipped kitchen. Hire rates and booking information are available upon request from Mike Burgess on 01379 898037.

The running of the Hall is the responsibility of the Management Committee which meets four or five times a year. The Committee is keen to attract new members from the local community who would be interested in helping us manage and maintain this valuable village resource. For further information please contact Mike Cornish on 01379 309538.

Hall Booking Secretary Mike Burgess Tel. 898037

Mobile Library Wednesday 26th August Wortham Post Office Stores 2.40pm to 2.55pm

Village Hall Diary for August

Good Companions	4th	2.00 - 4.30
Pilates	5th, 12th, 19th, 26th	9.30 - 10.30
Tea's Made	5th, 12th, 19th, 26th	2.00 - 4.00
Yoga	11th, 18th, 25th	10.00 - 11.30
Pilates	26th	6.30 - 9.30

Autumn Fair

A date for your diary - Saturday October 31st - St Mary's Autumn Fair at Wortham Village Hall.

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