

PEWS NEWS

Committed to God – through worship, prayer and scripture
Committed to Community – within our congregations and reaching out
Committed to Growth – in discipleship, service and numbers

One welcoming and inclusive
Church family
Gathering in
Three meeting places
Around the Woottons
Near to King's Lynn

18th of March 2018 5th Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31.31-34
Psalm 51.1-13 or Psalm 119. 9-16
Hebrews 12.18-end
John 12.20-33

8.30am	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church
10.00am	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church
10.00am	Breakfast at 10	South Wootton Village Hall
3.00pm	Holy Baptism	St Mary's Church

25th of March 2018 Palm Sunday

Mark 11.1-11
Mark 14.1-end

8.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints Church
10.00am	Holy Communion	All Saints Church

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

WELCOME - If you are visiting us for the first time we hope you enjoy your time with us. If you would like to find out more about any aspect of church life or what we do please ask one of the clergy or churchwardens or visit our website www.churchinthewoottons.net and please take this newsletter home with you.

THIS WEEK

Monday 19 th	11.00am	Gathered Holy Communion
	11.00am	Monday Church at All Saint Church
Tuesday 20 th	2.30pm	Lisbon court Holy Communion
	10.00am	Lent Course All Saints Church
	7-9pm	Community Choir at South Wootton Junior school
Wednesday 21 st	7-9pm	Lent Course South Wootton Junior school
Thursday 22 nd	8.45am-12	Drop-in at St. Mary's Church
	7.00pm	Music Practice St Mary's Church
Friday 23 rd	12.30pm	Lent Lunch at Jacquie Green, Minmore, Acorn Drive, Gayton
Saturday 24 th	10.00am	Rehearsal of Dramatised Reading for Palm Sunday

FURTHER AHEAD

Monday 26 th	11.00am	Monday Church at All Saints Church
	2.30pm	Lower Farm Holy Communion
Tuesday 27 th	10.00am	Lent Course All Saints Church
	7-9pm	Community Choir at South Wootton Junior school
Thursday 29 th	8.45am-12	Drop-in at St. Mary's Church
	7.00pm	Choir Practice St Mary's Church
	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion at All Saints
Friday 30 th	2.00pm	Good Friday Reflection and Worship at St Mary's Church

MONEY MATTERS- Now 10 weeks into this year of the church accounts, the current levels of income and expenditure are more transparent and indicate an expected financial short fall of approximately £10,000. This excludes any unexpected and unplanned income or expenditure. In order to manage this, we as a parish need to balance out this amount. You might be surprised to know that we could make good this budget shortfall if everyone to increase their present giving by just £1 each week. Please give this your careful and prayerful consideration.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH TIDY DAY, 14TH APRIL- We are coming into springtime and that tidying feeling is fast approaching! Inside and out would be good so a team of willing people is needed for this worthwhile job. There will be the chance to help with inside extra jobs to help those who regularly keep things tidy. Although the churchyard is kept in order by the parish council, there are some particular things that need some attention. One of those is maintaining the woodwork of the gates, another the notice boards in and out. I'm sure there will be other matters too. If you would like to offer some help, please contact Angela Whiles or Jennifer Watts. We would all be meeting at 9.30am so let us hope it will be a sunny day.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – Your clergy will be attending the Chrism Eucharist at Norwich Cathedral on Maundy Thursday and invite you to join them at this very special service when they renew their ordination vows. The service begins at 11am so we will need to leave at 9am to make sure we arrive in plenty of time. Please let us know at the Rectory Office if you would like to go along - lifts are available.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING – Our Annual Meeting will be held on the morning of Sunday 22nd April at 10am South Wootton Village Hall to be followed by a shared lunch. The morning will include a service of Holy Communion held in the Village Hall. The services that would have been held at All Saints Church on that day will be transferred to 29th April. Churchwardens, PCC members, and sidespeople are all elected at the APCM and various annual reports are given. This is a very important and encouraging date in the Church's year – please put the date in your diary.

JAMES HAWKSWORTH- As you know, Kings Lynn is full of secondary school age young people. As I go and visit various different churches, projects and schools the common feeling is that our young people don't have many places to go where they can let their hair down in a safe environment and that they lack aspiration. As a Church Army Evangelist working across the deanery of Lynn in partnership with the local churches, I want this to change. Part of my work is to raise awareness of missional needs in the area and to find support in prayer and financial giving to support this venture. If you feel able to support in any of these two ways please speak to the treasurer, Glenis, to support through giving or me, James Hawksworth, to be included to our monthly news prayer letter.

LENT LUNCHESES- We are holding our usual series of Lent Lunches on Fridays between the 16th February and 23rd of March. All the Lunches will start at 12.30pm and will consist of a basic meal of soup, bread and cheese. There is no fixed charge, but donations are welcome. No need to book, just turn up. The proceeds from the lunches will be split between the Nakwero project in Uganda and the Bishop of Norwich's Diocesan Lent Appeal, which this year is for enabling local mission in Simbai, a remote village in the western highlands of Papua New Guinea. The last lunch will be held on the 23rd of March, Jacquie Green, Minmore, Acorn Drive, Gayton.

SING ON TUESDAY – With the Woottons Community Choir. Sessions are held at South Wootton Junior School every Tuesday during term time from 7-9.00pm. The weekly charge will be just £2 per person – this will cover the cost of using the school, music, and refreshments. No experience is needed, and no auditions will be required to join the choir – everyone is welcome. Please tell your family, and friends and bring them along!

PARISH AMBLE- On Palm Sunday, 25 March, we will amble at Courtyard Farm, Ringstead. Leave the village on Burnham Road and the Car Park for the Farm is about one mile East of Ringstead. Meet at 1.45pm and please be prepared for muddy paths and field edges. Everyone and dogs on leads welcome. Contact R and J Watts (673820) for lifts or information. Jennifer

THE BLACKMORES - are having an open house afternoon/evening at 82 Wootton Road (opposite the dentist...ish!) from 3pm on Sat 24th March and you're all invited. There will be food, drinks and brilliant company ;-) RSVP not essential but would be helpful. Abby, David, Elodie & Arlo 07720382108

PALM SUNDAY – You might remember that on Palm Sunday last year we presented a dramatized account of the last hours of Jesus from the Last Supper right through to his crucifixion. We would like to do this again this year using an account from a different gospel. It is very moving and profound to be part of something like this and we would like as big a cast as possible. We will need at least 2 rehearsals and you will need to be available on Palm Sunday which this year is on Sunday 25th March and the service will be 10.00am at All Saints Church. Would you like to take part this year? If so, please put your name on the list at the back of church. **The Rehearsals will be held on Saturday 24th March 10am at All Saints Church.**

FRIENDSHIP COFFEE MORNING – APRIL 2018- We meet from 10.30am to 12 noon on the second Thursday of every month. If you would like a lift, or more information please contact Gloria Pantling (01553 671912). On Thursday April 12th we have been invited to the home of Moira and Michael Wesson, 3 Thetford Way, South Wootton. Please join us if you are free that morning.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: -

- Max Colley. Max was born prematurely with a hole in his heart and other complications, Max is in Great Ormond Street Hospital. His parents are Ben and Hazel Colley who lead the North Wootton Cubs, please pray for Max and his family.
- Daphne Petts, Andrew Fielding, Cathy Fielding, Margaret Murray, Jack Thorne, Pat Bowles, Katie Nash, Audrey Steven, Roger Symes, Chris Symes, Hollie Sherring, Derek Beck, Mary Beck, Ron Butcher, Karen Tripp, Chris Moore, Susan Taylor and Margaret Albinson.
- Vulnerable people affected by the very cold weather
- The families and friends of Gwenllian Green whose funeral is taking place soon.
- People sleeping rough, and those struggling to make ends meet in our area.
- Staff and patients at Queen Elizabeth hospital.
- Please pray for the tense situation between the UK and Russia

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