

Volunteers for Open Gardens

Because there will be seven gardens open in South Wootton this year, there is a greater need than usual for volunteers on Saturday or Sunday 7 and 8 June from 2 to 5pm. Please let Elizabeth Kendall (631539) know if you can help on either day.

All Saint's - Very Urgent

There is an urgent need for sidespersons and for helpers with tea/coffee after 10 am services. If you are able to help, on a rota basis, please contact Tony Kendall (631539) or Mike Calver (01485 600631).

New to our services?

- * WELCOME: We provide a variety of worship:
 - Traditional at 8am alternating St Mary's & All Saints.
 - Informal weekly worship at 10am at All Saints, N. Wootton.
 - Traditional weekly worship at 10am at St Mary's, S. Wootton.
 - Informal Café Church 1st & 3rd Sundays in S Wootton Village Hall.
 - * After our 10am services you are warmly invited to stay for a cup of tea or coffee.
 - * Take a free copy of "News & Views" , or "Saints Alive" or "Contact" magazine from the porch to find out more about the church.
- Want a christening/confirmation/wedding?**
- * Ring 671381 for information about preparation, including our Marriage Preparation Course.
- New to the Church of England?**
- * Take a free copy of "Understanding the Church of England" from the porch.
- Deaf or Hard of Hearing?**
- * Special service 2.30pm St Mary's 4th Sunday of the month.

Want to know more about the Faith?

- * Take a free copy of "What is a Christian Anyway?" from the porch.
 - * Ask the service leader about the Alpha Course - an excellent introduction to the real meaning of Christianity.
 - * Ask about joining a house group.
- Need facilities for children?**
- * We provide groups and other activities for children at All Saints (North Wootton) and in South Wootton Village Hall (opposite St Mary's).
- Need prayer (including for healing)?**
- * Ask the service leader.
 - * Pin a request on the Prayer Board.
 - * Phone the Rector to go on the Confidential Prayer Chain list.
- Surfing the Net?**
- * See churchinthewoottons.net - the church website, for a wide range of information and have your say on the Rector's Blog.
- Anxious, Confused, Miserable, Despairing. Need help?**
- * Phone the Rectory 671381 or
 - * Geoff Sturgeon (671050) for a visit at home or hospital or Dr Andrew Fielding (674304) - a retired medical doctor - for a confidential chat.

CLERGY: Rector: Tony Higton 671381 tony@higton.info; **Assistants:** David Tate 672474 davidtate@allsts.freemove.co.uk; Linda Ashby 672893 linda_ashby@tiscali.co.uk
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Rector's Holy Land Conflict website: www.prayerforpeace.org.uk

The Church in the Woottons: One Church – Five Congregations

PEWS NEWS

Sunday 25th May 2008 – Trinity 1

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "COMMITTED TO GROWTH" - A MESSAGE FROM OUR BISHOP

In February 2005 the Bishop of Norwich wrote: "A mission-shaped church encourages us to be disciples sent out into the world where the risen Christ goes before us—"he is gone before you to Galilee". (Mark 16:7) Our task is to help people recognise God's presence and saving power and respond to his call in love and obedience."

He then went on to challenge every parish, saying: "Recent research from the Church of England shows that growth is both possible and necessary. As part of Commitment to Growth every church is encouraged to look at what it is doing now and to engage with at least some of the following 'growing points':

- Start with God's vision
- Look outwards
- Focus on the welcome you offer
- Invest in authentic worship
- Engage with the Bible
- Form small groups
- Develop new leaders
- Use a process evangelism course
- Plant fresh expressions of church"

The Leadership Team and the PCC have given some consideration to this Diocesan Initiative and now we are beginning a consultation with every member who wants to be involved.

Further information will be circulated to the housegroups in the immediate future after which each group will spend two sessions discussing it and making suggestions about our mission to the Woottons. Paperwork will also be made available to those who are not housegroup members.

Then we shall have a general meeting about it:

Church Meeting about the Diocesan "Committed to Growth" Initiative

**Wednesday July 16th at 7.00pm
In St Mary's**

Come and join in the discussion

This Week (25th to 31st May)

Mon	26th	7.30 pm	51 The Birches	Housegroup 1
Tues	27th	2.00 pm	AmbleSide	Working Party
Wed	28th	2.30 pm	SW Village Hall	Mothers' Union
		7.30 pm	Rectory	Alpha Course
Thurs	29th	9.00 am	AmbleSide	Working Party

TOPICS FOR PRIVATE PRAYER THIS WEEK

Give Thanks

- For God's blessings on our Trinity Sunday services last week and on the Alpha Course.
- For a good first meeting of the new PCCs last Tuesday.
- That Israel and Syria have agreed to peace talks via the Turks, the factions in Lebanon have reached an agreement in Qatar and that an Egyptian-brokered ceasefire between Israel and Hamas (Gaza) seems imminent.

Special Prayer Topics

- For the Mothers Union meeting on Wednesday..
- For the Alpha group on Wednesday.
- For Canon Andrew White Vicar of St George's Baghdad and his congregation.
- For the people of Burma and the earthquake victims in China.
- For peace with justice in the Holy land, Congo, Zimbabwe, Iraq, Afghanistan & Darfur.
- For Sue Wealthall recuperating in hospital, Margaret Sturgeon still making regular trips to Addenbrooks, and for Mary Moorcroft, Betty Randle and Lou Capollarello to know God's healing

STOP PRESS: THIS EVENING ON ITV AT 10.45PM

A documentary on the work of Canon Andrew White by Rageh entitled "The Vicar of Baghdad".

(This is totally different from the more general film some weeks ago which briefly featured Andrew). Andrew and his large congregation at St George's, Baghdad are under constant extreme danger. They need our prayers. The Rector is a member of Andrew's International Advisory Board.

Lizzie Shipp –Ordination

Lizzie will be ordained priest on Saturday 28 June at 3pm. in Norwich Cathedral. Her first Mass will be held at Wymondham Abbey on Friday 4 July at 8.00pm. Barry will be preaching at this service.

Please could you let me know how many would like to attend either or both services so that I can let Lizzie know. Tickets apparently are in short supply this year for some reason but I am sure we will all be welcomed, as last year. *Daphne Shipp (631664)*

NEXT SUNDAY (1st June)

Trinity 2

8.00 am	St Mary's	Said Eucharist (BCP)
10.00 am	St Mary's	Mattins
10.00 am	SW Village Hall	CAFÉ CHURCH
10.00 am	All Saints'	Sunday at 10: All Age Service
12.45 pm	Holkham Beach	Parish Amble

Our curate, Neil Mcleod, is arriving in June!

Can you help prepare for his arrival in one of the following ways?

- If you can help tidy the garden please turn up to AmbleSide, 34 Castle Rising road on Tuesday afternoon (27th: from 2pm) and/or Thursday morning (29th: from 9am)
- If you can contribute to a welcome box of non-perishable basic groceries, please sign the list in the porch or tell Marian Smith.
- If you can contribute food to the Welcome Buffet to be held after a united evening service on June 29th, please sign the list in the porch or tell Liz Housden or Margaret Murray.
- If you want to attend Neil's ordination in Norwich Cathedral, please make your own travel arrangements. We have been assured there are plenty of non-reserved seats towards the rear of the Nave or elsewhere.

Sue Wealthall is making satisfactory progress.

If people want to send cards to her, they should send them to her home, (9 Blickling Close, South Wootton, PE30 3JE), not the hospital.

June Parish Amble

The next amble will be on **Sunday 1st June** (NOT the usual 2nd Sunday, because of the Open Gardens) and will be at Holkham.

Please park in Holkham Beach car park – known as Lady Anne's Drive - on the left opposite the entrance to Holkham Hall. The car park charge is £3.50 per car or, if you want to bring your horsebox, £10!!

We will meet at 12.45 at the entrance gate to the beach.

The walk (weather permitting) is through woodland, sand dunes and the beach, and is about 3.5 miles. Dogs are not allowed on the beach.

Please bring a picnic as usual (there are lots of places where we can stop).

There will be a chance for a second break halfway for tea, ice cream and toilets.

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