

## **ON THIS WEEK**

### **MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

1.00pm Sunday Club planning at the Rectory

### **TUESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

9.30am Tuesday Tots in the ARK

11.00am Prayer Group meet in Church

### **WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

9.30 Revd Diane in Bosmere school

12noon MU meet in the ARK

1.45pm Revd Diane meeting

7.30pm Revd Diane Bosmere Deanery standing committee meeting

### **THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

10.30 Revd Diane meeting

10.30am Christians Together at Christchurch  
Reflection of times past, present and future

### **FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

START OF WEEK OF PRAYER FOR  
CHRISTIAN UNITY

### **SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY of EPIPHANY**

#### **THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

10.00am Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
service with Communion

4.00pm Cafe Church in the ARK

## **CONTACTS**

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## **Please include in your prayers**

-Madge and Iris

-Ruth and family

-the Ruby family, especially for Linda

- Roland's mother Lore and for Roland  
and Allison

-Lisa

All those recently bereaved, especially  
Diane's family on the death of her  
stepmother Daphne

Kate's family on the death of her father

-with the weather getting colder we pray  
that those who live on our streets find  
food and a warm shelter and we give  
thanks for those who volunteer to give  
them that meal and somewhere to shelter

-we pray for nations as they live through  
conflicts and struggle with identity.

-may all leaders and heads of state take  
wise advice and act responsibly for the  
well being of all.

-may Parliament come back renewed  
ready to take the right decision over  
Brexit

*We also pray for the many names that  
appear on our prayer board and all  
those who are suffering in mind, body  
and spirit, for those who are in pain  
and distress and for those who care for  
loved ones. Give skills to doctors and  
nurses and patience to all those who  
care for invalids.*

-we pray for harmony and understanding  
in our relationships with family and  
neighbours; for the willingness both to  
give and to receive, for the generosity of  
forgiving love. We thank you for calling  
us by name and keeping us safe, through  
all the storms and difficulties of this life,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit

**St. John the Baptist Church**  
**Needham Market.**  
**IP6 8AE**

### **SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY** **2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY of EPIPHANY** **THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

10.00am Sung Eucharist

## **Readings**

Isaiah Ch43 v1-7 pg728

Acts Ch8 v14-17 pg1101

Luke Ch3 v15-17,21-22 pg1029

## **Hymns**

527 On Jordan's bank

150 Do not be afraid

573 Praise to the Lord, the almighty

620 Such love

698 To the name of our salvation

716 We have a gospel to proclaim

## **Collect**

Almighty God

in Christ you make all things new;  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches  
of your grace,

and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
one God, now and forever, AMEN

## **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN**

**UNITY** begins on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January and the service for this will be held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January at St John's.

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January Revd Peter Mortimer will be leading the Christians Together meeting at Christchurch on the subject of this special week of prayer.

**WORKING PARTIES** there is some internal painting required in the Church. Small working parties are required to prepare and paint the upper room Vestry, the stairs and the lower room (ex vestry). David Long is organising this for the following Thursday's 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> January from 9am to approximately 12noon. Please speak to David if you are available to help him on any of these. Thank you

**NEW CHAIRS** On a notice board at the back of Church are photographs of the 5 trial chairs that are around the church. Please select the one you would prefer to be purchased and indicate on the sheet below the picture of that chair. Full instructions are printed above the pictures.

**MEDITATION GROUP** the next meeting is on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 6.30pm, 43 Barking Road. Please speak to Kate Holmes for further details

**CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES** Allison Owen is now collecting in the boxes for counting. Would you please either bring them to church, drop them in at 10 Stowmarket Road or give her a call on 01449720950 if you would like her to collect them. Thank You.

**CAFE CHURCH** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 4pm in the Ark Although it is still early days those attending seem to be growing in number month by month and we are learning as we go. Learning about each other, about God and about how to do Café Church. Food is clearly a big thing at this service

and Margaret Savill, along with her team of helpers – Jan, Wendy, Peter, Cora and Zoe have all been involved on one or more occasion. The food is varied and we are learning what goes well – currently Bacon Butties and Hot Dogs are much appreciated but there is always a good spread including fruit, salad and suchlike  
It's not all about food – we learn, we sing, we laugh, we pray but above all we talk and share in fellowship. It is a time when those who are not familiar with church can feel comfortable and welcomed and we have had people come in off the street!

**Come along and join in – you might even want to offer to help .**

**Diane**

**SALVATION ARMY BRASS BAND CONCERT IN PARISH**

**CHURCH** In April 2017 I organized the above event, which was well supported and very successful. Half the proceeds went to the Parish Church for the Roof Fund, and the other half went to the Salvation Army . Ann Levett was so enthusiastic about this concert that she asked could she organize the next one, and I said certainly. However, as you know Ann and Ray have now moved So the details which Ann had arranged were handed back to me. But I would like to pass this onto someone else to organize, this time. The date of either Fri. 8th or Sat. 9th March has already been agreed with both The Salvation Army Band and the P.C.C. So if anyone would be willing to volunteer to organise this concert this time, let me know and I will give you all the contact details and necessary information. Very many thanks, Wendy 01449 720965 or wendym137@hotmail.co.uk

## **From the Vicarage**

In last week's Church Times, the poet Malcolm Guite wrote a little article on how Church bells have inspired many poets – from Milton, through to Betjeman, encompassing George Herbert, Tennyson, Coleridge and others.

He then quoted from his own poem New year's day: Church Bells which ends with this: **“Begin again” they sing, “again begin,”** and it drew me to think about the New Year that we have just entered and in many ways we are invited to begin again as the year turns.

That doesn't mean we write off all that has happened, but that we move forward, looking not behind but ahead and planning for the things we are to do and opening ourselves to the possibilities that 2019 holds for us as individuals and as a Church.

I think we will have an exciting year; if we allow ourselves to.

The group that met several times before Christmas looking at Mission and the idea of “Resourcing Church” were coming up with some good ideas for mission and outreach. We will feed those ideas back to the Church and hopefully decide on the one or two practical steps to take.

Café Church was growing well in 2018 and, without a great deal of publicity – so who knows what 2019 might bring with that. It would be good to have a small team to plan the programme for the whole year for that. If you are interested in being part of that speak up.

Already I am thinking about Lent and the course and other spiritual opportunities we might offer through the season. More information later this month

Busy and exciting times; do be part of it. Diane