



Welcome to the
Services in our
Benefice
CONNECTIONS CHURCH
part of St John's Church family



January 20th - Epiphany 3

Services today in the Benefice are:

- 9:30am Kelsale Messy Praise**
Leader: Elizabeth M-S; Speaker: the Rector.
- 9.45am St. John's Connections CAD**
at Saxmundham Primary School. Leader: Katie B; speaker: Geoffrey B.
- 11am St. John's Holy Communion**
Leader & president: Rev. Nic; speaker: Rector.
- 6:30pm St. John's Evening Worship**
Leader: Jill S.; speaker: Shirley T.

Readings: *Isaiah 62: 1-5; John 2: 1-11.*

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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 for ever. *Amen*

EVENTS

Sing Again!

Just testing you all....choir practices will resume on **Friday 25th January** at 7pm in the Church Hall. *Marjorie*

NOTICES

Help!

As part of our new programme for children and young people, we are in need of some extra volunteers to help run our new Refuge Youth Cafe. If you can spare 2-3 hours on a



Wednesday afternoon, please speak to Kirsty Christmas or email stjohnsyncwork@talktalk.net

Fun and games!

If you have any board and table games gathering dust, we



might have a new home for them. Our children's and youth work team are in need of some additional board and table games for our new Youth Café. We would love to have a variety of games on offer, so if you can gift any to us please speak to Kirsty Christmas or email stjohnsyncwork@talktalk.net

Pastoral Care

If you have a pastoral need or know of someone who does, please email it to pastoral.care@saxstjohns.org.uk - which will be forwarded to both Di Nichols and Nic - or speak to them personally. Pastoral needs include not just the housebound but those who are sick, grieving or suffering in any way. *(Nic and Di)*

Alpha Course



The Wild West home group are running the new Alpha course at Juniper Barn, starting on **Monday 21st January at 6:30-8:30pm**, for approx 10 weeks. If you know of anyone enquiring about the Big Questions in life, do recommend this course to them. The first session is an introduction, very informal with lots of time for food and questions. Details from Adrian or Geoffrey.

The APCMs!

The St John's annual meeting this year is scheduled for Wednesday, 20th March, and Kelsale cum Carlton for Sunday, 24th March following the 11.00am service. Early warning, you might think, but that's less than 10 weeks away!! Shirley and Adrian for St John's, and Elizabeth for Kelsale cum Carlton are aiming to produce booklet-style handouts - as last year - but this will only make sense if we have stuff to put into it. If you have been involved in helping with any event or 'happening' in the Benefice during 2018 please consider writing just a paragraph

about it and send it by the end of January to either churchwardens@saxstjohns.org.uk for St John's or hen25lev@sky.com for Kelsale cum Carlton ... or hand them a good old-fashioned piece of paper. Thank you.

Heads-up

This year we have to prepare entirely new Electoral Rolls before the APCMs – which means all of us will have to complete a new registration form and give it to our Electoral Roll Officers – Sue Potter for St John's and Auriol Marson for Kelsale cum Carlton. The forms will be made available shortly so please sharpen your biro (?) in readiness. 'What's the point?' you might ask. Good question. Stay tuned for the answer to this question.

Calling any newshounds?

Would you like a little job? We're looking for someone who would keep an eye on the news - local, national and international (if we get three volunteers you could have one each!). The object being to pass to the notices team 1, 2, or at most 3 'bullet-point' news items, which could be included, fresh each week, in the For Your Prayers section of this Weekly Welcome Sheet. This is ideally suited to anyone who regularly reads a paper or listens to the news... and can be done from the comfort of your favourite armchair. If you'd like to have a go please send an email to notices@saxstjohns.org.uk Thank You!

New Printer!

Thanks to the generosity of Tom Boswell's brother, the Print Room can once again boast about actually having a printer (colour laser with spare toner cartridges)!! It's not set up yet so please don't try and use it until its fully assembled and tested.. Thanks to Tom and Lou for asking me to help them shift it!. You can visit us all on Hernia Ward, Saxmundham Hospital! *Adrian*

Staying in Touch

If you chatted about a Chris Avis with Margaret Baxendale, a visitor to church during September, Margaret would like to pass your details on to him. Contact me and I'll let you have Margaret's email address. *(Andy)*

Filling Station

You are invited to a New Year of Filling Stations in the Suffolk Coastal Area, the first of which will take place on *Thursday 24th January 2019*. As always, we meet at The Riverside Centre, Stratford St Andrew, IP17 1LJ, on the A12 just south of Saxmundham and the doors will be open from 7.00pm. You can be sure of a warm welcome.

This month, it will be a great joy to welcome Jonathan and Paige Squirrel as our Guest Speakers. They pastor The

Beacon Church in Bacton, North East Norfolk, as well as being the East Anglian Regional Directors for Filling Stations. It will be good to start the year with the news that they will bring us of what God is doing through the Filling Station movement around the world.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

...for Sally Hartley as she undergoes a course of chemotherapy, and for Paul and Lizi as they support her;

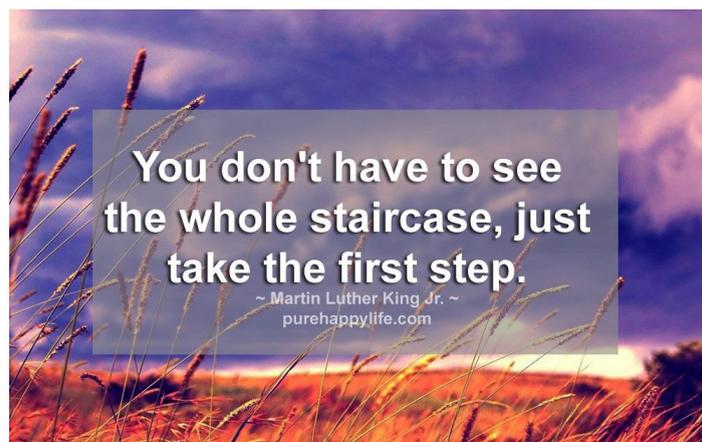
...for Mandy Tucker and her mum, Ann, after the death of Mandy's grandmother, Ivy Sherlock;

...for Margaret Bezant, recovering from treatment;

...for Tabitha Stancombe-Duhm and the family as we remember her baptism in January 2015;

...Kelsale cum Carlton PCC meeting on January 31st at 7pm at Kelsale Methodist Church Room.

...for our country - that there would be a sense of purpose among our politicians to heal divisions caused by Brexit.



Next Week: January 27th

9:30am St. John's Holy Communion

Leader and president Rev. Pam; speaker: Rev. Nic

9.45am Connections CAD Xtra

at Saxmundham Primary School

11am Kelsale Holy Communion

Leader Jill S; speaker and president: Rev. Nic

6:30pm St. John's Evening Worship

Leader Stephen H; Speaker Malcolm S.

Readings: Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-1 Luke 4.14-21

Please send your contributions for the next Weekly Welcome Sheet – and any prayer requests - to notices@saxstjohns.org.uk by noon on Thursday.