

September 8th



Welcome to the
Services in our
Benefice

CONNECTIONS CHURCH
part of St John's Church family



SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE TODAY

A Church of Salt and Light ... A Worshipful Church
Romans 12: 1-8 and John 4: 21-26

- 9:30am Kelsale Holy Communion
- 9:45am Connections at Sax' Primary School
- 11:00am St John's Praise Service
- 6:30pm St John's Evening Worship

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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.

WHAT'S GOING ON ?

Prayer Changes.....Things!

The prayer rota is short of two people to lead Intercessions on the following dates:-

- The Praise service at 11.00am in November, February, May and August
- Holy Communion Service at 9.30am in December, March, June and September.

Please let me know if you are willing to help. Many thanks. (Shirley T)

Bereavement Cafe

Wednesday 18th September 1:45pm to 3pm.
Our Bereavement Café offers a chance to meet others who understand the experience of loss. It is a space to talk about the pain of loss, express those emotions and find mutual support and encouragement when it is most needed. It is a drop-in session 'At the Crossroads', so needs no advanced booking. Tea and cake will be provided! If you have experienced bereavement recently or are still struggling to cope with loss, do come along. Do also think about neighbours, friends and loved ones who may be experiencing these feelings and invite them.

There is still time

...to sign up for the 2019 Ride & Stride sponsored event on Saturday 14th September.

Walk or cycle around a few of our local churches - volunteers on duty will be very pleased



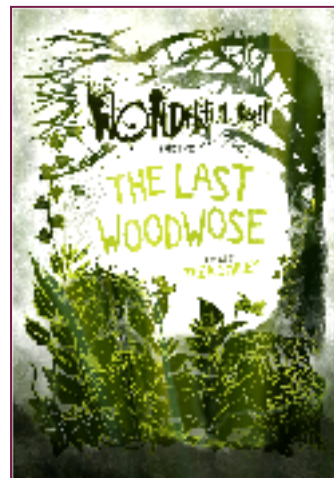
to see you and provide refreshments. The churches and chapels will be open from 9.00 am – 5.00 pm.

Fran Raven, David May and Paul Hartley have all the details and the sponsorship forms. There is also a website <https://shct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/> where you can donate via the Just Giving link.

We would also be very pleased to hear from anyone who can volunteer to sit in church for an hour or so on the day and sign forms. [Fran Raven - 602907, David May - 602113, Paul Hartley - 602281]

The Last Woodwose

Have you seen the two woodwooses carved on the base of



the font here at St Johns? As part of the Aldeburgh High Tide Festival, the *Wonderful Beast Theatre Company* tells the story of the Last Woodwoose, here at St John's Church, next Friday 13th September at 7-30pm. Tickets available from Crisps on the High Street, and also on the door on the night! Wine & soft drinks available half an hour before and after the performance.

Choir Resumes!

We will have choir practice on Friday 20th September but not the following week, 27th (because I'm part of the drama group providing some entertainment at the Kelsale Harvest Supper). We will then resume practices on 5th October ad infinitum.... (Marjorie)

Kelsale Harvest Supper

Friday 27th September - another date for your diary. Come and enjoy a harvest supper with entertainment at Kelsale Village Hall. Doors open at 7.00pm for supper at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 and available from Auriol Marson on 602217 or at michael@carltonrookery.com

WHOLENESS AND HEALING IN ST. JOHN'S

St. John's has a trained team offering the pastoral ministry of wholeness and healing during Sunday morning services in the church. Two members of the team will listen to your own needs for physical, emotional or spiritual wholeness and healing and pray for you. Please come to the Swan chapel immediately after receiving Holy Communion or, after a non-Eucharistic service, to the prayer area under the nave-vestry window.

From the Rector to the St John's Church Family

Over the years different diocesan staff have advised on how Connections Church might develop within the language of a 'Fresh Expression of Church'. I wasn't sure earlier this year that we still had a clear, mutual understanding of that advice, so I asked Bishop Mike for clarification. He appointed The Venerable Sally Gaze, Archdeacon for Rural Mission, to respond, and I, Tom Boswell and others have met with her. As a result, Sally has agreed to come to St John's on Saturday 28th. September to hold separate meetings with: the PCC and Lay Elders; the Connections team; and, in an open forum, the congregations. That day promises us all a valuable opportunity for dialogue, learning and future planning, so please do join us if you can. Details of timings will follow when available.



Paige Turner..aka...Book Club

While enduring the August gales in a tent in Kent, we met a couple from a church in Beverley. The guy was reading 'Searching for the Silent God' by Sarah Parkinson, their vicar's wife. The book has just been published this summer. It's a small paperback. Please order your copy from Doug, if you weren't at the last club. Next book club October 24th, 2.00pm at The Crossroads.

An Invitation

If you're new to the St. John's church family and so didn't get included in our most recent address list, we'd love to remedy that omission. Please email Fran at gdpr@saxstjohns.org.uk and she'll send you a form ... just so we get all your details right.

Equally, if you think you might be missing out on email updates, please let Fran know... it's more than likely we've mistyped your email address - sorry and thanks for your patience!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

'...but they could not find a way to get him into the house ... so they went up on the roof... made an opening in the tiles and let the man down ... in front of Jesus.' (Luk 5:19)

- for Sue Derbyshire who is very unwell
- For Beth Sellwood as she continues to improve
- for Auriel Marson recovering from shoulder surgery
- for our young people back at school and college after the summer break
- for those who are lonely and who may not be looking forward to another winter on its way

NEXT SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 15th

*A Church of Salt and Light ... A Church United in Christ
1 Corinthians 12: 1-26; John 15: 1-17*

9.30am Kelsale Morning Worship
11.00am St John's Holy Communion
6.30pm Evening Worship

Note: the Website Rota contains full information about who is involved in these Services.



St Peter's Church, Carlton

HARPSICHORD RECITAL

Sunday 8th September
3.00pm

Music by
COUPERIN
RAMEAU
BACH
PURCELL
HANDEL
SCARLATTI
and others

played by
Julian Larkin

donations towards the repair of the east
window of the church

*"Run when you can, walk if you have to,
crawl if you must, just never give up"*
Dean Karnazes, Ultrarunner

*"As for us, we have this large crowd of
witnesses around us. So then, let us rid
ourselves of everything that gets in the way,
and of the sin which holds on to us so tightly,
and let us run with determination the race
that lies before us." (The Bible - Heb 12:1)*

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

Need to Talk? Contact details for St. John's church officers can be found on our Website www.saxstjohns.org.uk/contact-us/ ...and on the notice board in the church porch.