



BENEFICE NEWS

March 8th

Genesis 12.1-4 “The call of Abram”
John 3.1-17 “Jesus teaches Nicodemus”

9.30am Kelsale Holy Communion
9.45am CAD at Connections Church
11.00am St John’s Praise Service
6.30pm St John’s Evening Worship

Prayer For The Week

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ’s religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Next Sunday - March 15th

Exodus 17.1-7 “Water from the rock”
John 4.5-42 “Jesus and the woman at the well”

9:30 Kelsale Family Communion
11:00 St John’s Holy Communion
6:30pm St John’s Evening Worship

WHAT’S GOING ON?

St John's Annual Report

Anyone wishing their church activities during 2019 to be reflected in the annual report for the St John's church family is requested to email a maximum of 300 words (with photo if appropriate) to the Rector at the.lector@saxstjohns.org.uk by no later than the end of 12th March.

Election Of St John's PCC And Churchwardens

Anyone wishing and eligible to stand for election to the St John's PCC, or to be a churchwarden, at the annual parochial church meeting on 18th March should contact the Rector or one of the churchwardens for the necessary form.

Annual parochial church meetings (APCMS)

APCMS will be held at St Mary and St Peter’s on 15th March at 11 am and St John’s on 18th March at 7.30 pm.

Benefice Farewell Lunch

Please don’t forget if you want to join us at the Farewell Lunch for Andy and Jan on Sunday, 29th March immediately following the 11am Benefice Holy Communion service in Kelsale Church, you must let Elizabeth Masterton-Smith know by Monday 9th March **[TOMORROW!!]** whether or not you are able to come. This will be a ‘bring and share’ lunch which will be held in Kelsale Village Hall. Elizabeth’s details are: email – hen25ley@sky.com; or phone – 604402.

Prayer Walk – an update

The first prayer walk will be on Monday evening, March 9th **[TOMORROW!!]** We will meet at St John's Church at 5pm and aim to return there after approximately an hour, having followed a circular route. We will pause at strategic places to pray for the people within; for businesses, for public servants, medical staff, teachers & children, etc. If it's raining, we will postpone it! (check with me if unsure).

If you are unable to walk too far, you can still join in! Let me know and I will give you details so you can join us from the comfort of your armchair. (Doug)

Growing in God

Stephen, Jack, Fran & Adrian are going to pick up the mantle of seeing what could be done to further St John’s “Growing in God” agenda. This isn’t just an activity for PCC members, though! If you’d like to contribute in any way, please let one of them know. Then, depending on the volunteer count, some get-togethers can be planned with a view to ACTION!!

Lent Course

The book ‘Saying Yes to Life’ by Ruth Valerio (available from ‘At the Crossroads’) leads us through Genesis and into a Lent course that deepens our understanding of God’s provision for us. It is being used in groups meeting weekly at different times across the deanery, so that you may attend one group or pick and mix as suits you. Thursday Morning at 10.30am at Leiston Vicarage started on February 27th
Thursday Evening at 7pm at the home of Adrian and Jill Brown in Alde House Drive, Aldeburgh (453427) started on February 27th
Monday afternoon at 2pm in Aldringham Vestry starting on March 2nd
Monday Evenings at 7pm in The Rectory at Stratford St Andrew starting on March 2nd
Tuesday Evenings at 7.30pm at St John's Church Saxmundham starting on March 3rd
Wednesday afternoons at 3pm in Aldeburgh Vestry starting on March 4th

The Greatest Showman – 4th July

Open-air cinema for the Community. Save the date.

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.

Clarification

Further to last weeks notice about the Selection committee for choosing Andy's successor, Malcolm Shoote and Geoffrey Boulton will represent St John's and Elizabeth Masterton-Smith and Cheryl Payne will represent Kelsale cum Carlton.



Holiday Club Planning

This is our holiday club theme this year and we need your help! If you would like to get involved in the best 4 days of the year then please give Lou a call on 652970. We need as much help as possible to ensure the week runs safely and smoothly. There will be a planning meeting on 14th March 9am at Lou and Tom's house. Many thanks. (Lou x)

Blue Service Book Round Up!

The St John's blue service books are being updated this month. If you have any copies at home, please return them to church or pass them on to Fran or Viv for the new pages to be inserted. We will liaise with those leading services to ensure that you know the date of the changeover and have copies of the new pages well in advance.

Please ask Viv or Fran if you have any questions.

A Stitch in Time

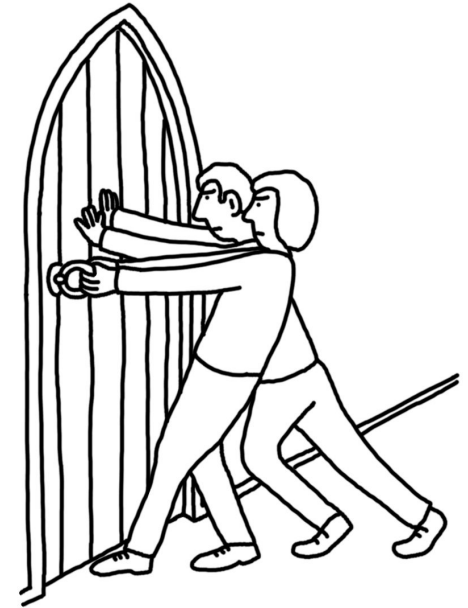
This hand stitched quilt was made to answer the challenge "Enjoy Using Your Tiny Discarded Fabric

Scraps"!! Now these once discarded scraps are looking for a home. The quilt will be beside the font at St John's morning services in March. A £1 ticket (available at coffee corner at the end of service) could find it that home. It will certainly help the Kelsale Flush Fund to grow ☺

The winning ticket will be drawn at the beginning of April. Many Thanks. (Annie.R)



.....And Open Up!



Do you know that bit in Psalm 84:10 that reads... "I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God..." Well... as we open up St John's daily for all those who wish to visit, it does mean we need willing souls who will tread the hill to unlock and lock each day. Without fuss, Tom & Jean and Jack & Sheila do this regularly (Thank you!) but we have a period coming up when we will need some supplementary cover. Could you volunteer? Every little helps - as they used to say in the commercials. Please talk to Shirley or Adrian if you can offer, even limited, services as a doorkeeper.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS....

Prayer for Rob Aldred's mother, recovering from hip surgery. Also for Bridgett's family following her funeral this last Thursday.

Thanks for Mark Dunnett's recovery from back surgery but prayer that a resulting hip problem will be solved.