

NewsExtra

The St Martin's Church, Aldington Newsletter

Today's Services:

Welcome to this morning's **10.45am** All-Age Worship Service. Lindsay will be leading our worship and our guest speaker today is Karen Levett from Operation Christmas Child

Songs for today: Light of the world
I will offer up my life
Shine, Jesus shine
God is Love

Thanks to Rosalyn for organising coffee after the service. Do stay if you can.

This Week:

Monday 4th November, 7.30pm. PCC meeting at Dave & Isabel's.

Tuesday 5th November, 7.30pm. House Group at Tim & Anne's. Please ask them if you need directions. All welcome.

Wednesday 6th November, 9.30am. Pub Church in the Walnut Tree.

Saturday 9th November, 10am-1pm. Coffee Morning and Table Top sale. Lists are on the coffee bar to sign up for making cakes or helping on the day. Please help if you can.

Avril and Carol are scheduled for church cleaning this week.

(In emergencies Pauline is available to cover the cleaning on 07907 676829)

Services in the month

On the 1st Sunday of the month we have an All Age Worship Service. There are usually Communion Services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. On the 3rd Sunday of the month we have a Worship Service.

Next Sunday:

9.30am. Prayers at the Mission Chapel

10.45am. Next Sunday there will be a Service of Remembrance at the Aldington War Memorial.

THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE AT ST. MARTIN'S

Dates for your Diary:

Sunday 24th November, 4.30pm for 5pm. A Songful Benefice at Warehorne church.

Sunday 24th November, Quiz Night at the Walnut Tree in aid of next year's VE Day celebrations.

Sunday 1st December. Vintage Tea Afternoon to raise funds for the VE Day celebrations next year.

Friday 6th December - Sunday 8th December. Christmas Tree Festival

Friday 6th December, 6.30pm. Advent Carol Service

Sunday 8th December, 4pm. Christingle Service

Saturday 21st December, 3pm. Community Carol Service at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Hamstreet.

Tuesday 24th December, 23.30pm. Midnight Communion.

Sunday 29th December, 10.45am. Benefice Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

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Prayer and Petition

".....in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." - Philippians 4.6

Please Pray:

For Aldington Church, the whole benefice and for Rod.
For Anne as she continues her Reader training
For Pat and Bernard
For Colin and Joy

For: *all those in government a (...for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. See 1 Timothy 2.1-2)*

Prayer ministry is offered in the chapel on the Sundays when we have communion services. If you would like someone to pray with you, including prayers for healing, then please go into the side chapel on the way back from receiving communion.

The Prayer Chain

If you have any prayers requests to put out on the prayer chain please let Molly know by text to 07926697593 or by phoning the landline on 01233 720759. We don't automatically put prayer chain prayer requests on this newsletter. Please let Tim know if you would like to have prayer requests on the NewsExtra.

Christmas Tree Festival

I hope that this is now in everyone's diary! We are able to purchase Christmas trees at a discount because we are ordering for the festival. You can order a 6ft tree for £20 or a 5ft tree for £16.50. Please let Ros know as soon as possible if you are interested.

The trees will be decorated on Thursday 5th December, and the festival starts on Friday 6th December, when the church will be open to welcome visitors. Refreshments will be offered and home-made cakes will be very welcome. There will be an advent Carol service at 6.30pm on Friday 6th December. The church will be open on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th after the morning service. The festival will close with a Christingle service at 4pm on Sunday 8th which is open to everyone and is an opportunity for you to invite people and families who do not usually attend church. It also helps us to raise money for the Children's Society.

Vintage Family Tea

The village is arranging a vintage family tea to help raise funds towards the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day celebrations on Friday 8th May 2020. They are holding the vintage family tea on Sunday 1st December and we are asked to provide cakes for this occasion. Please put this in your diaries!

Church Christmas Card

It has become traditional at St. Martin's to have a Church Christmas card which Sue Lavender kindly organises. We are asked to donate the money that we would have spent on Christmas cards to a charity. The PCC have agreed that the money this year will be going towards Angel Tree. This helps prisoners to give their children Christmas presents. Further information can be found at:

<https://prisonfellowship.org.uk/our-work/angel-tree/>

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