

NewsExtra

The St Martin's Church, Aldington Newsletter

Today's Services:

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

THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE AT ST. MARTINS

This Week:

Wednesday 13th November, 9.30am. Pub Church in the Walnut Tree.

Thursday 14th November, 7.45pm. Worship Group practice at church.

The Lavenders are scheduled for church cleaning this week.

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

Next Sunday:

9.30am. Prayers at the Mission Chapel

10.45am. Next Sunday there will be a Communion Service. Shirley will be leading and Revd Canon John Saunders will be preaching and officiating at the Communion.

Isabel and Dave are scheduled to organise coffee after the service.

Help needed:

Volunteers are needed to help man the church during the **Christmas Tree Festival**. We are opening the church from 1pm on Friday 6th until after the Carol Service, from 10am-4pm Saturday 7th and from 10am until the Christingle service on Sunday 8th. We need volunteers to make cakes and serve tea and coffee. There will be a sheet for you to sign up in church next Sunday

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.

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 14th December, 6.30pm-7.30pm. Aldington Village Celebration of Christmas. An evening for all the family at Aldington Village Hall. Refreshments from 6pm.

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.

Christian Advent Calendars

Tim & Anne have some Advent calendars for sale at £4 each. Please let them know how many you would like.

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<https://aldingtonchurch.uk>

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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 (...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.

Thank you!

A huge thank you to those who baked and helped at the coffee morning, it was very much appreciated.

Wanted!

We need oranges for the Christingle Service. Please bring these on Sunday 1st December and give them to Anne.

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/>