THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Sun 29th Ist Sunday of Christmas

Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.41-end

10.00am Parish Holy Communion

January 2025

Wed 1st 10.30am Said Holy Communion Thu 2nd 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Sun 5th Epiphany

Isaiah 60.1-6; Matthew 2.1-12

8.00am Said Holy Communion 10.00am Parish Holy Communion

The Office of Morning Prayer is said Monday - Saturday at 9am and that of Evening Prayer Monday - Friday at 5pm.

Rotas for 29th December

Sides- 10.00am Dorothy Harriss, Kay Bunn,

People: Keith Warren
Reader: 10.00am James Ward
Rotas for 5th January 2025
Sides- 8.00am Pete Hilton

People: 10.00am Di Wheatley, Roger Clarke, Keith Warren

Readers: 8.00am Pete Hilton 10.00am Keith Fowler

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 6th Jan: Prayer Meeting in Church Sat 11th Jan: Coffee Morning in Church Sun 12th Jan: Taizé Service in Church Thu 16th Jan: Mothers' Union Service then

AGM in Church

Sun 19th Jan: Churches Together Service, Open Door Church, DSJ

Sat Ist Feb: Jazz Breakfast,

NEWSLETTER ITEMS:

Deadline 6pm Thursday; hard copy to Dorothy Harriss, 1 The Orchard, MD; email dorothy@harriss.me.uk or ring 218743

Greeting Cards: Pam Pearson and Greg Ford make very attractive cards which are on sale at the back of Church;

Church Floodlighting: In memory of a loved one, or to mark a special wedding anniversary or birthday in a unique way, why not sponsor the church floodlights? Book the date with Kay 349021, give Julie the £20 fee.

Raffle Prizes: We are always grateful to receive prizes for the raffles held at various events. Please let Kate or Iulie have suitable items. Thanks.

Ness Group: To join a morning prayer service via zoom at 9am any weekday morning with our LMP neighbours to the north, just ask for the link. Have a hot drink and Bible nearby to listen to readings, reflection, and prayer.

Notices: Please look at the notice board for information about events/special services by churches in our LMP.

Church is open each day till 5pm: please come in to be still in God's presence, to pray or explore the building.

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MARKET DEEPING PARISH NEWS

Reaching out in Love Growing in Faith Welcoming All

December 29th 2024: 1st Sunday of Christmas

Preacher: Revd Annie Bilson Intercessor: Nigel Bacon

Please pray this week for the people of the church of St James, DSJ, their priest Revd Mark Williams and their outreach into their community.

We welcome Revd Annie today here to celebrate Holy Communion for us.

Prayer Meeting:: We meet in Church **on Monday 6**th **January at 10am** for our monthly time of prayer for those particularly on our hearts and minds. On the back shelf you will find slips of paper in the felt bowl on which you can print names or situations of particular concern to you, and they will be included.

Coffee Morning: Our monthly social time will be held in Church on Saturday I Ith January from 10.30am as work is carried out in the Green School to upgrade the facilities. We hope to have most of our usual stalls and a raffle with plenty of time for a catch-up after the Christmas festivities. Please join us.

Taizé Service: We are having a Taizé service on **Sunday 12**th **January at 4pm.** This will be a quiet, meditative service with simple, repetitive songs which are easy to pick up and times of quiet, short readings, and prayers. You are very welcome to join us.

Mothers' Union: We shall be meeting in Church on **Thursday 16th January at 6.30pm** (please ignore the incorrect listing in the magazine) for a Communion service followed by our AGM then refreshments. Members and visitors very welcome.

WaterAid: As a way of giving thanks for the blessing of clean water you always have on tap for drinking, cooking, flushing, and washing, you can still donate to this charity which is a leader in the field. Envelopes are available on the back shelf. **Thanks.**

Green School: In the new year, thanks to a Shared Prosperity Fund grant from S.K.D.C., a new, larger kitchen will be installed in the hall, some existing storage cupboards removed, and the toilet facilities refurbished, which means the Green School will be closed during January. We look forward having a more welcoming, usable venue for community use and hirers, and as our secondary worship space. To prepare for the work to start, Nick Evans and Roger Clarke will be there on 31st December to remove any remaining items from the existing kitchen and hall cupboards to be stored until the end of the work. If you can help, have a word with them. Thanks.