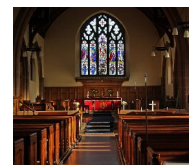


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St Bede's

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St Bedes' Service Pattern

Sunday 7 November :
10.00 am: Morning Prayer

Sunday 14 November :
REMEMBRANCE
SUNDAY

8.45 am: Holy Communion
10.00 am: Remembrance
Parade

Sunday 21 November :
10.00 am: Morning Prayer

Sunday 28 November :
ADVENT SUNDAY
10.00 am Holy Communion

A NEW STEP-FORWARD

One of the outcomes from the Young Peoples' Survey was an expression of their desire to take a more active role in the life of our Church. They wished to take on more responsibility and, the Church Development Group, together with the young people, explored areas where they could become involved. These areas were –

- Helping an Adult to ring the Church bell before the 10.00am Service each Sunday (1 young person per week)
- Junior Sidesperson. (1 young person per week) Helping the Adult Sidespersons to prepare and distribute the hymn books and service sheets, helping with the collection, and, at the end of the Service, collecting any of the books and service sheets left in the pews and helping to put the books and sheets away. Also, during Communion Services, helping to take up to the altar the Bread or Wine.
- 'Meeters' and 'Greeters'. (2 young people per week). Helping the Church Warden to meet and greet people with a smile and a welcome as they come into Church.

- Coffee/tea. Helping to put out the cups and saucers, laying out the tray for the

Vestry coffee, collecting the dirty cups, as they are finished with, washing up and putting away.

- Tuck Shop. (2 young people (and 1 adult to supervise) per week). This will be run in the Community room, by themselves at the end of each main service to raise their own funds for future young peoples' activities. (Their own idea).

The youngsters volunteered for the tasks they were interested in and the rotas have been drawn up and will begin from 7th November. As you will appreciate, this may be a new venture in regularly involving our young people in some of these tasks, and we understand that, at first, they may make mistakes or even forget to turn up for duty. This is part of the learning experience for them and the rest of us. Of one thing I am sure, our youngsters are St Bede's future and they need to be encouraged to take a full and active part in church life if they are to grow into adults with a sense of responsibility for, and pride in, their Church. I am heartened by their degree of excitement and enthusiasm to take on these new roles.

We all have to learn and I thank God for the kind and patient folk of St Bede's as I blunder through my new role

of Church Warden. I pray that those of you particularly, who are involved in the Tea/Coffee duties, Sidespersons duties and also the whole of the St Bede's family will, lovingly show the youngsters how to fulfil their duties, and show our them the same patience, tolerance and support that you have shown to me.

They will have been given their rotas and are, hopefully, raring to go. Could I please ask all the parents to support your children in this venture by reminding them of their duty rota and ensuring that they come to Church on time. They will have been told that it is their own responsibility to contact another child to cover their duties if they are unable to themselves.

With god's help we can make this work. We will meet up with the young people involved again in 3-4 months to review how things are going.

Please remember our young people and those who lead them and care for them in your prayers. Thank you.

Sharron Hardman (on behalf of the Church Development Group).

EMMAUS COURSE

The Emmaus Course continues on Thursdays at 7.30 pm at the Vicarage. The next sessions will look at '**Growing in Prayer**':

- 11 November—Your kingdom come,
- 18 November - Give us this day,
- 25 November—Yours is the kingdom.

Please let Viv or Tim know if you wish to come along - (01204) 654016



Thoughts about our Church life.

This month we have our yearly service of Remembrance when we give thanks and remember those who served and gave their lives to keep our country and Europe free from tyranny and evil. War is still with us and we have service personnel in various parts of the world. Those who support them and those who wait anxiously for news are in our prayers. On 21 November we celebrate the feast of Christ the King, our saviour and Redeemer and thank God for His sacrifice of His Son in love for all people. November 28 is Advent Sunday, the beginning of a new church year. We wonder what it will bring, sadness, change, uncertainty and joy, as we sing in one of our hymns, the future all unknown.

The future is unknown to us and we need to move forward in our attitudes to God and our church life, using new ways and ideas that we may not even have dreamed of. As I have been set aside for a few weeks and I have been aware of the love and concern along with prayers from so many of you, I thank God for the life we have shared together and offer my hopes in the love of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for the opportunities He will provide in the coming year. I pray that we may all have the grace of God to journey together in His love to share with others the joy, hope and assurance of the Christian life.

Pat Bristow (Reader)

SOCIAL EVENTS

Freda Turner / Cherrith Price

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 20 November.
10.30 am—2.30 pm
at St Bedes' Primary School.

To be opened by Rev Granville Spedding and the School Choir.

Stalls, Games, Raffles, Tombola, Father Christmas, Café.
Draws to take place at 2.00 pm.

Appeal for donations of goods—
Boxes will be available underneath the pews at the back of church for donations of goods as follows:

**Soft toys,
Bottles (for tombola),
Gifts,
Nearly new (no bric-a-brac please),
Cakes and home-made produce, Toys and games,**

**Bathroom (sets only),
Donations for grand draw,
Books and CDs.**



LADIES FELLOWSHIP

It is with deep regret that I have to report the closure of the Ladies Fellowship. I am really sorry to have to make this decision, but after much discussion it does not seem practical to continue. There will however, always be a warm welcome for anyone wishing to join the Wives Group at their monthly Wednesday meetings. Thank you for your help and support over the years and especially during the last 12 months whilst I have been struggling with a rather prolonged illness. Wishing you all good health and happiness for the future. God bless you.

Sincerely yours,

WIVES GROUP

The next meeting of the Wives Group will be on WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2010 at 1.30 pm, when Elaine Hardman will give a demonstration on card making. **ALL ARE WELCOME.** Many thanks to all who supported our October meeting "Street Life". We raised £130.50 for vulnerable children in Kirwe, Zambia.

Sidespersons Rota

07/11/2010 : M Horrocks, H Platt
14/11/2010 : A Horrocks, B Redford
21/11/2010 : E Horrocks, S Roberts
28/11/2010 : R Turner, I Hulse

Coffee Rota

07/11/2010 : Cherrith & Gill
14/11/2010 : Carol & co
21/11/2010 : Jean & friend
28/11/2010 : Irene & friend

Church Flowers

If you wish to provide or donate to the church flowers, please see the verger for further information.

