



St Mary the Virgin, Bottesford

CHURCH NEWS

3rd January 2009

Epiphany Sunday

TEAM VICAR

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(on leave until 9th January)

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Open

Mon - Thurs

09.00 – 14.30 hrs

CHURCH OPEN DAILY

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WELCOME & A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A warm welcome today to those of you who are visiting St Mary's for the first time. Please stay and join us for coffee after our morning worship.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

We pray for all those named on our intercessions board, those who are unwell, in hospital, or at home recovering - including Len Fentem, Jack Gamble, Priscilla Harkin, George Cooke, Katie Ablewhite, Rosemary Baxter, Irene Hotchin and Eleanor Saywell (Stathern)

We also pray for those who have recently been bereaved, thinking especially of the families of the late Marjorie Hawley and Dick Shelton.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tues 5th Jan 10.30 'Little Angels'

Wed 6th Jan 14.30 Mother's Union AGM, St Mary's

Sun 10th Jan 19.30 Lay Ministry Team Meeting, Langar

Thurs 14th Jan 19.30 Belvoir Team Council, Stathern

Mon 18th Jan 19.30 P.C.C., St Mary's

Fri 22nd Jan 20.00 'Born for Significance', VC Hall

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah Chapter 60 vs 1-6 Page 524

Ephesians Chapter 3 vs 1-12 Page 826

Matthew Chapter 2 vs 1-12 Page 681

TODAY

08.30 (Muston)

Communion

-Canon Alan Haydock (Asst Priest)

10.30 (Bottesford)

Epiphany Come & Praise

-Judith Wells (Benefice Reader)

16.00 (Bottesford)

Epiphany Carol Service

-Canon Alan Haydock (Asst Priest)

TUESDAY

5th January 2010

09.00 (Bottesford)

Holy Communion

-Canon Alan Haydock (Asst Priest)

NEXT SUNDAY

10th January 2010

08.30 (Bottesford)

Holy Communion

-Canon Alan Haydock (Asst Priest)

10.30 (Bottesford)

Parish Eucharist

-Canon Alan Haydock (Asst Priest)

10.30 (Barkstone)

Family Service

-Judith Wells (Benefice Reader)

AMNESTY GREETINGS CARDS
- MESSAGES OF HOPE

Once again Amnesty International is asking if people will send greeting cards to prisoners of conscience throughout the world. The campaign runs from November to the end of January. Just a few moments spent writing a card and buying a stamp is all that's required; it could mean so much to someone imprisoned abroad who has been told that the world cares nothing for their plight. PLEASE think about this- it is a small task but one that could really make a difference. For more details- and what to do, speak to Mary Owen or ring 843 113

Called?

A Chance to Explore God's Call

Saturday 6th February 2010
9.30 - 13.00hrs

The Samworth Centre

8 Burton Street, Melton Mowbray

This special morning is a chance to meet with other Christians and take time to listen to God and to begin to explore where you might fit into God's plan and purpose.

Programme and booking forms are available from the back of church.

Please contact the Benefice Office if you require transport.

BORN FOR SIGNIFICANCE

An open invitation to all ladies to come and spend the evening with us at Bottesford VC Hall on **Friday 22nd January, from 20.00hrs onwards.**

Enjoy live music, delicious refreshments, ethical retail therapy and an international speaker, Rachel Hickson of 'Heartcry Ministries'.

Take time to unwind with friends, catch up on the news over a glass of mulled wine or just sit quietly and contemplate the questions, 'Who am I?', 'Why am I here?', 'Am I loved?'.

Tickets £5 and any profits will be donated to the Nottingham Pregnancy Crisis Centre. Presented by Faith Group. Contact Nicola on 01949 843 636 for details or to book your place.

Is God Really Good?

An Equipping Day for Thinking Christians
There will be a training day on Saturday 23rd January in Oxford which will help Christians deal with some of the challenges made to their faith. Speakers include Michael Green, John Lennox, Amy Orr-Ewing and Michael Ramsden. Bookings are now open at <http://isgodreallygood.evenbrite.com>

For further details contact Revd Fred on 81145 or frederickconnell@tiscali.co.uk

THANK YOU

Canon Alan Haydock wishes to thank those who extended many kindnesses to him and his family over Christmas, not least the person who came to his assistance, whilst stuck in the snow on Christmas Eve.

FUTURE DATE!

Called? Vocations Day

Saturday 13th March 2010
10.00 - 15.30

St Paul's, Oadby

This is an annual vocations day which provides an opportunity to look at some authorised ministries in the Anglican Diocese of Leicester (such as Ordained Minister, Reader, Pastoral Assistant, Evangelist and Children's Ministry) and the wider issues of discerning God's will.

The keynote speaker will be Rev Dave Male, Tutor in Pioneer Mission Training while also being Fresh Expressions Adviser for Ely Diocese.

Bookings to Claire Stapleton on 01162 487 417

Claire.Stapleton@LeCCofE.org
Lunch is provided. There will also be a book store.

LITTLE ANGELS

For parents, carers and Under 5's.

Join us this and every Tuesday morning from 10.30 am 'til 12pm here in St Mary's for coffee, chat, crafts and worship.

New members always welcome

MOTHER'S UNION

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in St Mary's at 14.30 this Wednesday, 6th January, followed by refreshments and a Bring and Buy stall in aid of Mother's Union Charities.