The Saints Alive Newsletter

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**For the villages of:**

Flixton, Rumburgh, Homersfield,

llketshall St. John, Ilketshall St. Lawrence, Ilketshall St. Margaret,

St. James South Elmham, St. Margaret South Elmham, St. Michael South Elmham,

St. Peter South Elmham, St. George, St. Cross South Elmham, All Saints South Elmham,

and the village of St. Nicholas South Elmham.

**REGULAR EVENTS.**

**First Friday Social** 3rd January, 7:30 p.m. 'New Year Special' Bring in the New Year with a lump of coal (or a log) and bring your own leftovers and drinks! £1.00p per person. All welcome.

Village Hall, Low Street, Ilketshall St. Margaret, NR35 1QZ

**Benefice Coffee Morning - 1st Saturday,**

Saturday, January 4th, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon. Contact: Eva Collyer 01986 781 312

All welcome. Village Hall. Low Street, Ilketshall St. Margaret, NR35 1QZ

Bring and buy stall. Raffle. Chat and refreshments.

**Sociable Soups - 1st Monday** The mini donkeys will be visiting again.(All being well)

Monday January 6th. 12:15 - 2:00. Rumburgh Village Hall IP19 0JD

If you are able to help with making soups/puds or help on the day, Contact: Josie 01986 781 120.

If you need transport, please call Josie who can arrange this for you.

**Midweek Coffee Hour** - **Every Wednesday** Contact: Eva Collyer 01986 781 312

( but not Dec 25th or Jan 1st) 11:00 a.m. - 12:00. All welcome.

Village Hall, Low Street, Ilketshall St. Margaret. NR35 1QZ

**Monthly Coffee Morning** - **3rd Thursday** Contact: Eleanor Houghton 01986 785 513

Thursday January 16th. 10:30 - 12:00. Rumburgh Village Hall IP19 0JD

All welcome. Refreshments and raffle. The Mini Donkeys will do their best to visit.

**Shared supper**. **3rd Friday**. Contact: Valerie Carroll 01986 781 540

Friday January 17th, 7:30 pm. for 8:00. Invitation this month by:

Rachel & David Ritchie, Abbey Farm, St. James South Elmham, Suffolk. IP19 0HT

Please bring a dish to share and or a bottle.

Venues sometimes change, you may wish to R.S.V.P./confirm.

It has been requested that houses without a number put out a flag or balloon etc. please as some houses haven't been found.

**There is no meeting for the Garden Club In January.**

**There is no meeting for the History Club in January.**

**Reports from December**

Rumburgh - 'Whist with wine was very popular this month and it has been requested we have wine in January with an honesty bar' - Sange.

Ilketshall St. Margaret - '43 people enjoyed the Christmas lunch. Jon Lewis cooked the turkey, other members cooked the veg and a selection of desserts, finishing up with coffee and mince pies' Eva.

Rumburgh - 'Probably with quite a great deal of bias, as I did help to organise it, I would like to report that the party at Rumburgh Village Hall on Saturday 14 December was lovely! Our aim was to bring together as many people from the community as possible. It's a busy time of year but we were pleased to welcome at least 75. Bungay Community Choir kicked things off with a couple of Christmas songs and then encouraged everyone to join in with some carols. Robert Cator was our wonderful DJ, entertainer and general party host. He kept the festive tunes going and involved all the children in a number of party games. Each child received a personal gift and there was a party tea for all. I would like to thank all those from the Village Hall Committee who helped set up and during the evening, who wrapped the Pass the Parcel (Paul Watkin), who made the sandwiches in the afternoon and prepared the food during the evening (Pam F, Judith and Lilia) and who came back to the village hall on Sunday for the final clearing up (Paul F). We tried to create an atmosphere that would suit all and entertain young and old. We hope we achieved that. If anyone would like to offer any suggestions for next year, or give any constructive feedback - then do get in touch. Here's to a happy and healthy Christmas and a fantastic 2020.'- Katherine Wilson.

'With the Bells ringing and the Church beautifully decorated,  the Candles lit, the Church was full for the annual Carol service on 18th December, with 50 plus adults and The St Lawrence School Choir. The Rev Leon Collyer led some well-known Carols, and the Children read a Poem and sang their versions of carols. After the Service most people stayed to sample the Mulled wine and seasonal refreshments, a very enjoyable evening was had by all.

Thanks to everyone who decorated and cooked for the event, the collection which raised £130.00 is given to The Children’s Society'. - Ian Harris.

'For those who enjoyed or missed the Carol service at Rumburgh Church on Wednesday night, there was another opportunity tonight at the Rumburgh Buck to hear more Carols. Led by our new vicar Leon, there was quite a gathering, mostly from Rumburgh and also neighbouring villagers ready to sing carols from the song sheet supplied. There was a good volume of singing, helped I am sure by the very warming mulled wine available to all. Although I didn't join in with the singing, it was lovely to listen to and just by being there I qualified for the most delicious freshly made sausage rolls and mince pies. Thank you very much to the staff at the Buck for the wine and food and also to everyone who was there to sing or just listen. Thanks to you also Leon. I didn't know everyone who attended but I think there were over 40 people and almost half were from Rumburgh, a good turn out and evening'. - Sange.

P.S. Those of you on Facebook may have seen the couple of videos that were taken last night, if not I should be able to forward on to you by messenger.

**Events this Month**

Saturday 11th January - Winter whist with wine and honesty bar. Rumburgh Village Hall.

6:45 - 7:00pm start. Contact Sange and Steve Wilson. 01986 785 454.

Saturday 25th January. Ilketshall St. Margaret Village Hall, Burns night celebration 7:30pm.

£10 per person including food. Tickets from Eva 01986 781 312 or Valerie 01986 781 540.

Alistair Cameron will be entertaining everyone with the bagpipes.

**Future Dates**

February 1st Quiz - Rumburgh Village hall

February 8th, March 14th - Winter whist and wine - Rumburgh Village Hall.

Friday 14th February - Fun Quiz. St. Margaret South Elmham.

Saturday14th March - Winter whist with wine - Rumburgh Village Hall

**From the Registers**

December 2nd - Rumburgh - Memorial service - David Albert Wharton

December 3rd - Ilketshall St. Lawrence - Burial service - Margaret Canham

December 9th - St. Cross - Burial service - David Eric Debenham

If you have anything you would like me to include, Please let me know before the 20th January.

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If you have seen this newsletter and would like to go on my emailed list, please let me know.

If for any reason your newsletter is late, weather/illness/computer problem, please don’t hesitate to phone me for Church service information/shared supper venue etc.

If you have a new neighbour who would like to have this emailed, please let me know.

The January newsletters will be delivered around the 22nd of December.

Please make a note to let me know by then if you haven't received yours by then.

**Sunday** **Church Services in January 2020**

**Mornings at 9 15 a.m**. Monday - St. James S.E. Tuesday - St. Michael S.E.

Wednesday - Rumburgh. Friday - Ilketshall St. Lawrence

**Evenings**. Monday - Ilketshall St. John - 4 30. Tuesday - Flixton - (3:30pm GMT)

Wednesday - St. Margaret S.E. - (3:30pm GMT) Friday - Homersfield - 5 30pm

Thursday - St. Peter - 6:00pm. Friday - St. George, St. Cross - 6:00 pm

In the absence of anyone to lead the office, please do say it yourself using the instruction sheet to be found on the reading desk

Midweek Communion.

The Eucharist celebrated at 9:00 am on Thursdays at Ilketshall St. Margaret .

There is a service of Holy Communion at Bungay Holy Trinity every Wednesday at 10 am

**Sunday 5th January The Second Sunday of Christmas**

9:30 Morning Prayer Ilketshall St. Margaret EC 11:00 Holy Communion St. Peter South Elmham SL

4:30 Evening Prayer St. James South Elmham RR

**Sunday 12th January The Baptism of Christ - The First Sunday of Epiphany**

9:30 Morning Prayer Ilketshall St. Lawrence LL

11:00 Holy Communion St. Margaret South Elm LJC

3:00 Plough Sunday Service Rumburgh RP/CP

**Sunday 19th January The Second Sunday of Epiphany**

9:30 Morning Prayer St. Michael South Elmham LL

11:00 Holy Communion Rumburgh LJC

4:30 Evening Prayer Flixton LL

Sunday 26th January The Third Sunday of Epiphany

9:30 Morning Prayer St. Peter South Elmhan JA

11:00 Holy Communion Ilketshall St John LJC

4:30 Evening Prayer Homersfield LJC

Sunday 2nd February The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

9:30 Morning Prayer South Margaret South Elmham LJC

11:00 Holy Communion St. James South Elmham LJC

4:30 Evening Prayer Ilketshall St. Margaret BC

CW : Common Worship. BCP: Book of Common Prayer LJC: Revd Leon Collyer LL: Lynda Lee, MWP: Maurice Philpot. JA: John Awty. BC: Barry Chapman EC: Eva Collyer. CP: Clare Pooley. RP: Richard Pooley RR: Rachel Ritchie CS: Christine Smith. GS: Gail Sprake