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THE ORWELL AND DEBEN RURAL BENEFICE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Today's Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	16 th	– Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11.
Monday	17 th	– Genesis 6:11-7:10; Matthew 24:1-14.
Tuesday	18 th	– Genesis 7:11-end; Matthew 24:15-28.
Wed	19 th	– Genesis 8:1-14; Matthew 24:29-end.
Thursday	20 th	– Genesis 8:15-9:7; Matthew 25:1-13.
Friday	21 st	– Genesis 9:8-19; Matthew 25:14-30.
Saturday	22 nd	– Genesis 11:1-9; Matthew 25:31-end.

CHURCH SERVICES

January 16th
9am St Ethelbert Falkenham Holy Communion
10am St Martin Nacton Morning Prayer
10am St Mary Newbourne Morning Prayer
10am All Saints Waldringfield Holy Communion

January 23rd
10am St Peter Levington Holy Communion
10am St Mary Bucklesham Morning Prayer
10am St Mary & St Martin Kirton Holy Communion
10am All Saints Hemley Morning Prayer

“Let us Pray”

We can continue to pray together from the comfort of our own homes. Join Mandy and many others every Wednesday at 2pm for a short time to pray for one another and the world situation. As you think of others in the silence, be assured that you are not alone and others are praying for you.

Should you have specific requests for prayer, please contact Rev Ian (01473 659875).

January Events

Week of prayer for Christian unity – January 18th to 25th.

Tuesday January 18th 10-30am Benefice Book Club.

Monday January 24th 2pm Bucklesham Bible Study. Please let Rosemary Watson know if you are attending. Continuing a study of Galatians.

Thursday January 27th 2-30pm Benefice Council Meeting at Kirton.

February Events

St Martin's Nacton Soup and sweet Lunch will now be held later in the year. Please watch out for further announcements.

Wednesday February 2nd 2pm Kirton Church Hall, Mothers' Union.

Saturday February 12th Snowdrop event at St Ethelbert Falkenham. Further details to follow.

Sunday February 20th Evening service at All Saints Hemley with Jubilate Choir.

Psalm 36 verses 5 to 10

- 5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 6 Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you, Lord, shall save both man and beast.
- 7 How precious is your loving mercy, O God! All mortal flesh shall take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
- 8 They shall be satisfied with the abundance of your house; they shall drink from the river of your delights.
- 9 For with you is the well of life and in your light shall we see light.
- 10 O continue your loving-kindness to those who know you and your righteousness to those who are true of heart.

A prayer for Christian Unity

"We say this prayer for Christian unity every morning at Lambeth Palace - please join us"
The Archbishop of Canterbury

*Lord Jesus, who prayed that we might all be one,
we pray to you for the unity of Christians,
according to your will,
according to your means.
May your Spirit enable us
to experience the suffering caused by division,
to see our sin
and to hope beyond all hope.
Amen.*