

20th December 2009

Newsletter



**OT Reading Ezra 3:1- 4:5**  
**NT Reading John 3:3**

Thank you for joining us as we come together to worship the risen Christ. If you are a visitor please make yourself known to the Vicar, service leader or someone in the church. Please feel free to take any of the free books and literature.

During the service a collection will be taken please feel free to pass the collection basket on as this collection is for committed members of the church. If you wish to give your gift will be used for gospel work in the benefice. Please use the tax efficient envelopes if you are a tax payer.

### **Please pray for**

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| <b>Village</b>      | That in each village we will be light and many will not just see and hear the gospel but will respond |
| <b>Duncan</b>       | That in the business of Christmas he will find Christ and preach Christ                               |
| <b>Finance</b>      | That people will give from generous hearts  |
| <b>Men's ASG</b>    | That they seek to grow both in Christ and in number   |
| <b>Eileen Peach</b> | Pray that she will continue to recover from her treatment   |
| <b>Katherine</b>    | She is now living in Rushden with support   |
| <b>Family Time</b>  | That this Christmas we will all have time to be family both at a personal and church level            |
| <b>Children</b>     | That our Children in this magic time will be touched by the Spirit of God and the wonder of His love  |

For the P.C.C's as they prepare to meet on the 6th Feb to think about the future of these parishes.

*Please ring 01604 812907 to have an item added **the prayer list***

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

**The United Benefice of Mears Ashby,  
Hardwick & Sywell cum Overstone**

## **Christmas Eve 24th December**

Christingle Service  
4.30pm Overstone



Lords Supper/ Midnight Communion  
11.30pm Sywell

## **Christmas Day 25th December**

Lords Supper  
8.00am Hardwick  
10.00am Mears Ashby

## **27th December**

Lords Supper at Mears Ashby at 8.00am

## **Bible Study**



***We now have 4 strong and committed groups meeting that study on various nights of the week. There are groups for men and women and we would like to start many more groups. We will be starting a day time group.***

***If you haven't joined a group please sign.***

## **MOSH Promise Auction**

***We have all benefited from Tracy being part of our church family and we want to be able to ensure she can remain part of the team. At present we have to consider raising money to fund her post as so on the 6th March 2010 We are having a promise auction. WE want you to pledge to walk dogs, baby sit , cook meals do anything that can be seen as an act of service and perhaps give something. Promises to Lousie, Fiona, Veronica, carol and Duncan ASAP***



## 2010:- What will we be doing

***What will be at the centre of the churches thinking for next year? Will it be more groups and more services? In Mark 9:14 we see Jesus dealing with a young boy that needs healing that the disciples have failed to heal. The problem is a lack of prayer.***

***We need to put prayer at the centre of the life of our church. There will therefore be an opportunity for prayer after every service and opportunities for prayer through out the life of the church. Lord help us to become a church of prayer***



### SERMON NOTES

## **The Keep**

This Group led by Donna Paris-Smith and Robert Barnes will be for children over 11 and we hope to start it very soon please give you name to Donna if you want to join. It will meet on a Sunday Evening.

## **Magazine**

We are in need of a team of people to edit the magazine. It is struggling to maintain circulation and it is an important part of our ministry perhaps you have an idea about what it should be. Ring Duncan to discuss this if you can help

## **Web Wizard**

IN the last month people have opened 582 pages in visiting our web site every day people use it to listen to sermons and find out about us. we need help to make it even better could you work with Stephen and Kate to encourage more people to meet God on line.

## **New Service**

There will be a morning as a result of a poll taken and other conversations it will be on a Fortnightly Lords Supper on a Wednesday at 10.00am at St Peter and Paul Sywell starting on the 13th of January for 8 weeks.

## **TOTS@OVERSTONE**

If you would like to be a helper at this group please see Tracy we need people to help with all aspects of the group—or just bring your Children.

## **Home Group Material**

In the first half on next year we will be looking at the work of the Holy Spirit in our groups there are groups in nearly every village. We would like to start a day time group if you would be interested please talk to Duncan or Tracy ASAP.

## **PRAYER**

2010 is going to be a year of prayer in our church the need to pray is at the heart of our Christian life please look out for new recourses and opportunities. Please pray that God will bring our church to it's knees in 2010

## **P.C.C Away Day**

**This will be on the 6th Feb from 9.00am at The Church Centre at Moulton**