

27th January 2009

Newsletter



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

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

Eileen Peach	At Home and settling in to life again
PCC's	As they prepare for the away day with Miles Baker at Moulton
Richard Reynolds	At Home recovering form his broken leg.
Village	That in each village we will be light and many will not just see and hear the gospel but will respond
Finance	That people will give from generous hearts
Katherine	She is now living in Rushden with support
Children	That our Children in this magic time will be touched by the Sprit 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.

For our home groups as they start to meet again

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

Next Weeks Worship

31st Jan 2010

**Celebration and
Benefice Worship**

**Mears Ashby
10.00am**

MARRIAGE

This year Valentines Day falls on a Sunday and we want to mark this day by celebrating the beautiful gift of love and marriage. We will be focusing the service around the reaffirming of marriage vows.

The theme of the service will be focused of Ephesians and we invite you to join us and celebrate this wonderful gift of love



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Away Day

*Last year we enjoyed a great day at Launde Abbey and we are going again on the **8th May 2010** We will be spending the Day looking at the idea from John 15 that we are to abide in Christ.*

Our Speaker for the day will be the Revd Martin Bailey (Rector of Riseley) and there will be children activities . The cost is £24.pp. Put the date in your diary

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



How can you enrich the community

You are a remarkable person so says Psalm 134:14 and you are a gift to this church community. We have a church were many gifts and going unused.

As they say “always ask a busy person if you want something doing” the problem is many people then get ignored. Ask your self these questions

- *What am I good at?*
- *How can I be an active part of this church community?*
- *What will the effect be of me doing nothing?*

Now give Duncan a ring and have a chat

SERMON NOTES

Have you promised

You will be hassled over the next few weeks to make a promise for the auction in March. Can you walk dogs and cook. Perhaps you can clean or even do some DIY.

Finance

Please let Duncan or one of the treasurers know if you can help with being the planned giving officer in the benefice.

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.

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 your 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

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 February** for 8 weeks.

Home Group Material

In the first half of 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.

P.C.C Away Day

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