

What's On @ St Michael & All Angels' Parish Church, Shefford

The United Benefice Of Meppershall & Shefford

DECEMBER 2013

THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way with the Christmas Shoebox Appeal – we sent 36 boxes this year. *Jean Odell*

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| Sunday 1 | 8.30am | Holy Communion |
| | 10am | Family Service |
| | 2.30pm | Holy Communion at The Birches (everyone welcome) |
| Tuesday 3 | 10.30-12.00 | Coffee Shop |
| | DAILY BREAD orders by today, please: see display or ring Michelle 01462 814117 | |
| Wednesday 4 | 10am-11am | Mini-M: worship and fun for babies and toddlers (0's to 4's) with their parents/minders. Today's theme: Guardian Angels |
| | Today Mary, Joseph and the donkey begin their journey to Bethlehem via Shefford. If you would like to offer them hospitality for a night, please sign up on the list in church or contact Jenny on 01462 817337, email jenny.dann33@hotmail.co.uk | |
| Thursday 5 | 10.30-12.00 | HFT Café |
| | 8pm-9pm | Shefford Singers – all abilities welcome – £5 per week. Info from Sarah Middleton 07960 028783 or sarahjoymiddleton@hotmail.com |
| Friday 6 | 9.50am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.40-12.00 | Tea/coffee served : prayer ministry available |
| Sunday 8 | 10am | Family Communion with Messengers (children's group) |
| | 5pm | Refreshments with an Advent theme... |
| | 6pm | 'Singing Advent': a special service to celebrate and reflect using Advent readings, hymns and carols |
| Monday 9 | 7.45 for 8pm | Shefford & District Bible Society Action Group meeting at 17 Langford Road, Henlow, led by Revd Roni Goodman. Theme: Peter & Paul – Go... teach |
| Tuesday 10 | 10.30-12.00 | Coffee Shop |
| | 8pm | Advent Candle Service at St Francis of Assisi Church, with chat and refreshments after in Back Sacristy. Info: Jenny Hyde 01462 711702 |
| Wednesday 11 | morning | DAILY BREAD orders delivered |
| Thursday 12 | 10.30-12.00 | HFT Café |
| | 12 to 5pm | Setting up of Christmas Trees |
| | 2pm-4pm | Craft group in meeting room: all welcome. Details from Pat, Carolyn or Jennifer. Make something Christmassy, relax and chat... |
| | 3pm | Methodist Church Thursday Fellowship Carol Service, followed by tea – ladies of St Michael's are especially invited to this event |
| | 8pm-9pm | Shefford Singers |
| Friday 13 | 9.50am | Morning Prayer with hymns & address |
| | 10.40-12.00 | Tea/coffee served : prayer ministry available |
| | 12 to 5pm | Setting up of Christmas Trees |
| Saturday 14 | 9am-1pm | Shefford Farmers' Christmas Market |
| | 9am-4pm | CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: Donations to Macmillan Cancer Unit at Lister Hospital and Shefford Parish Church. Official opening at 10am by Shefford Gala Princesses. Soup and bread, teas/coffees, mince pies, jewellery stall |
| | 10am-1pm | Shefford History Group: share your memories of Shefford |
| Sunday 15 | 10am | Family Communion with Messengers (children's group) |
| | 12noon-4pm | CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: teas/coffees, mince pies. |
| | 2.30pm | CAROL SERVICE at The Birches (everyone welcome) |
| | 4pm | 'Stagecoach' Christmas Concert – entrance free and open to all but donations warmly received for church funds. Info from Judy Robinson 01462 811500 |
| Monday 16 | 7.30pm | TOWN CAROL SERVICE with Shefford Town Band (Shefford Churches Together) |

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| Wednesday 18 | 10-11.30am | Mini-M: worship and fun for babies and toddlers (0's to 4's) with their parents/minders. Today: CHRISTMAS PARTY |
| Thursday 19 | 8pm-9pm | Shefford Singers |
| Friday 20 | 9.50am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.40-12.00 | Tea/coffee served : prayer ministry available |
| Sunday 22 | 8.30am | Holy Communion |
| | 10am | Morning Praise |
| | 3pm | CAROL SERVICE at Wren Park (everyone welcome) |
| Christmas Eve | 2 for 2.30pm | THE BETHLEHEM WINDOWS: Children's Nativity Service (but unaccompanied adults also welcome!!). Doors open 2pm for those keen to get started on making stuff – and there's a craft suitable for grown-ups to join in with too! If you can help (eg with craft tables) please contact Jenny on 01462 817337 / jenny.dann33@hotmail.co.uk |
| | 11.15pm | Midnight Communion with carols |
| Christmas Day | 10am | Christmas Family Communion |
| Friday 27 | 9.50am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.40-12.00 | Tea/coffee served : prayer ministry available |
| Sunday 29 | 11am | United Benefice Communion at St Mary's Meppershall, followed by lunch. (No service at St Michael's today) |

LOOKING FORWARD TO JANUARY 2014...

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| Friday 3 | 9.50am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.40-12.00 | Tea/coffee served : prayer ministry available |
| Sunday 5 | 8.30am | Holy Communion |
| | 10am | Epiphany Family Service |
| | 2.30pm | Holy Communion at The Birches (everyone welcome) |
| Tuesday 7 | 10.30-12.00 | Coffee Shop (to be confirmed) |
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| Wednesday 8 | 10am-11am | Mini-M: worship and fun for babies and toddlers (0's to 4's) with their parents/minders. Today's theme: We three kings |
| Thursday 9 | 10.30-12.00 | HFT Café (to be confirmed) |

Details for the January 2014 "What's On" should reach Jenny Dann
NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER, THANK YOU!

PRAYER REQUESTS...

St Michael's has a prayer book which you can use to ask us to pray for you, or for anyone that you know that needs praying for – you will find it on a small table in front of the Lady Chapel at the back of the Church – do feel free to use it – we include all requests for prayer from this book in our Friday and Sunday services.

| Regular Events: | | Plus... |
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| Coffee Shop - every Tuesday 10.30-12.00 - run by the Biggleswade Adult Centre | HFT Café – every Thursday 10.30 – 12.00 – run by HFT. Teas, coffees & home-made goodies | Time-4-U - If you need someone to talk to (in confidence), we have the listeners available |

| Contacts: | | | |
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| | Rector | Revd Roni Goodman | 01462 339962 |
| | Lay Reader | Jenny Dann | 01462 817337 |
| | Churchwardens | Ian Mercer | 01462 812682 |
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