

CHURCH SERVICES - OCTOBER 2012

October 7	Trinity 18			
	Linton	1000	Team Eucharist	
October 14	Trinity 19			
	Castle Camps	1100	Holy Eucharist	GR
	Horseheath		Harvest Thanksgiving Lunch	GR
October 21	Trinity 20			
	Shudy Camps	1000	Family Eucharist	LG
	Bartlow	1800	Evensong	GR
October 28	SS Simon & Jude			
	Castle Camps	1000	Holy Communion by Extension	GW
	Horseheath	1000	Holy Eucharist	GR
November 4	4 before Advent			
	Horseheath	1000	Holy Eucharist	GR
	Weekly on Wednesdays - Holy Eucharist			
0930	All Saints' Church, Castle Camps			GR

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CHURCHWARDENS

Castle Camps	Horseheath	Shudy Camps
Mr David Holmes	Mrs Ruth Keys	Mr Robert Manning
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THE CONNECTION



All Saints' Church, Castle Camps ...St. Mary's Church, Shudy Camps
...All Saints' Church, Horseheath...

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Many years ago, when I worked in the City of London, I loved exploring the old city churches: going into the coolness, the dim light; out of the noise and clamour into peace and the presence of God. As we get older, peace is what we need most. Peace of mind, freedom from anxiety; from the "what ifs?" that plague us in the middle of the night. People may say, "Don't worry!" – but they don't tell you *how* not to worry, which makes it worse! You can't *just* stop worrying. It's like trying to forgive someone who's hurt you. Every time it comes into your mind your anger flares up again – and then you worry because you can't forgive!

The way forward is to go into God's presence. Sit quietly and just let go. Tell Him that you can't stop worrying – or you can't forgive – and ask Him to take over and do it for you – or rather, *in* you.

It's like going into a city church: leaving the worries outside and stepping into the peace of God's presence. Focus on Him and His Creation. The more you look outwards and the less inwards the better. The worry or the anger won't go at once – it can take time – but gradually it will lessen. You have to do it many times: keep coming back to God and fixing your thoughts on Him, instead of on your worry. Change "I don't know what to do!" – which only makes things worse – to "God, *You* know. Teach me the best thing to do".

All blessings, Graham +

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH , CASTLE CAMPS

FLOWER FESTIVAL

A big 'Thank You' to all involved in our Flower Festival over the August Bank Holiday Weekend: the flower arrangers, cake makers, tea providers, music makers, marquee and sign erectors, repairers, cleaners, donators, raffle ticket sellers and visitors: all involved played their part in making this a wonderful occasion. The church looked outstanding. It was also good to have so many young people enjoying the Treasure and Bunny Hunts and Origami organised by David Neal. This was the first Flower Festival since the building of our new school house and it was great to have such convenient tea making facilities and WC. So far we have raised about £1400, towards the restoration of the nave. Here's to the next one! Thank you once again. *[Not forgetting Lindi – the prime mover and shaker! – Ed.]*

SERVICE ON THE 2ND OF SEPTEMBER

We were very pleased to welcome Father Mark Mills-Powell as our preacher on September 2nd. It was good to see him again and wish him well. The service was well attended and it was lovely to see so many people enjoying coffee, cakes and chat afterwards in our beautiful churchyard.

MEN'S BREAKFAST 10TH NOVEMBER

Back by popular demand! On Saturday, November 10th at 9.30am a Men's Breakfast is to be held in aid of church funds at Lindi and Russell Kent's house: Lily Cottage, High Street, Castle Camps. Our speaker, Russell Kent, will be presenting a talk on the recently deceased Neil Armstrong. Please RSVP to Lindi on Tel: 01799 584012 or email: lindi.allen@pan-global.co.uk

ST MARY'S CHURCH, SHUDY CAMPS

Church Repairs have started with the cleaning and repair of the roof. This will be followed by replastering the East Wall of the Chancel so that it can dry out ready for redecoration next spring. We hope to repair the buttresses and fix the new stone capping on the East Wall this autumn. We are restricted from continuing our work by English Nature as this might interfere with hibernation of bats in the Church, so work will resume next year with restoration of the two monuments on the East

Wall of the Chancel, followed by decoration of the Chancel. We have grants and donations to cover some the work, but we need your support to complete it. If you can help, please contact Andy Webb 584489 or Robert Manning on 584493 for more information or a copy of our Appeal.

Tickets for the **Harvest Supper** to be held in the Church on October 6th are selling well and we hope it will be an enjoyable evening.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH , HORSEHEATH

Thank you to everyone who came to the Autumn Coffee Morning. It was a nice gathering and £144.00 was raised for the Church.

Our next "**Tea and Chat**" meetings will be on Wednesdays the 10th October and the 7th November, from 2.30pm until 4pm. So please come and join us for tea, cake and conversation.

The **Harvest Lunch** (incl a short service) will take place in the Village Hall on Sunday 14th October at 12.30pm for a 1pm lunch. Tickets will be available from the Post Office from the 1st October.

Please visit the website for more news! theconnection.org.uk

MILL GREEN HOUSE

Art Lessons at Mill Green House open to *all* abilities - especially beginners! On Saturday October 20th. Phone Sue Walker on [01799 584937](tel:01799584937) or email suewalker619@btinternet.com .

Villages Home Group for October

at Mill Green House & *5, Cornish Close: 8.15 for 8.30pm

02/10	Duncan Keyes	Abraham
09/10	Dr Julie Norris	Ruth
16/10*	Rosemary Fletcher	Gideon
23/10	Dr Chris Morse	Jonah

A Thought for October

A companion is 'one who eats bread with us . Jesus calls us to be His companion on the journey to the Father. He says: 'Walk with me; trust my love; trust my hope. And I will walk with you. He is our partner. He is our brother who is also lover. He eats bread with us.

Richard Rohr, Centre for Action & Contemplation, New Mexico