

Church Services - Dec & Jan 2013/14

December 1 Advent			
Bartlow	1000	Holy Communion	LG
Horseheath	1530	Christingle	GR
December 8 Advent 2 Stir-Up Sunday			
Horseheath	0930	Holy Eucharist	GR
Shudy Camps	1000	Holy Communion by Extension	GW
Bartlow	1000	Family Service	LG
Castle Camps	1100	Holy Communion(BCP)	GR
December 15 Advent 3			
Shudy Camps	1000	Holy Eucharist	LG
Bartlow	1800	Evensong	GR

Christmas Services: see front cover

December 29 Christmas 1			
URC	1030	Carols	Brian Ellicott
January 5 Epiphany			
Horseheath	1000	Holy Eucharist	GR
Bartlow	1000	Holy Communion	LG
January 12 Baptism of Christ			
Horseheath	0930	Holy Eucharist	GR
Bartlow	1000	Family Service	LG
Castle Camps	1100	Holy Communion(BCP)	GR
January 19 Epiphany 2			
Castle Camps	1000	Holy Eucharist	GR
January 26 Epiphany 3			
Shudy Camps	0930	Holy Communion (BCP)	GR
Castle Camps	1000	Holy Communion by Extension	GW
Horseheath	1100	Family Eucharist	GR
February 2 Candlemas			
Shudy Camps	1000	Holy Eucharist	GR

Weekly on Wednesdays - Holy Eucharist
Half an hour of peace

0930 All Saints', Castle Camps GR
(not January 1st)

A Happy Christmas!



THE CONNECTION

You are warmly invited to join us
at our **Celebration Services**

All Saints' Parish Church, Castle Camps

Christmas Day 10.00am Holy Eucharist

St Mary's Parish Church, Shudy Camps

Sunday, 22nd Dec 10.00am Carol Service
Christmas Eve 11.30pm Midnight Mass

All Saints' Parish Church, Horseheath

Christmas Eve 6.00pm Crib Service

Hands up if you're old enough to vote & you feel fed up with Christmas already! Hmmm... I thought so... Not all of you, but a fair number...

I do understand: the high expectations & all the commercial pressures & the expense... & then it'll all be over & it's the New Year! Perhaps a good time to take stock of your life. Life: what's it about? Someone said to me: "It's a journey that begins when you're born & ends when you die; so what's the point?" - which is a cheering thought in the depth of Winter!

But perhaps it's a good time for a change. Have you ever considered becoming a Christian? You ask: Would that make any difference to all this? Well, yes, of course it would. (But you wouldn't expect me to say anything else!) Having a faith changes the nature of your journey. Instead of a one-way trudge into the darkness, life itself has a purpose: it's a journey that ends in life, not death.

Christians believe that at the first Christmas God was born as a human baby called Jesus; & he lived a human life, with all its ups & downs. We believe that with Jesus as our guide on the journey we can travel through life in a different way.

We live & travel as pilgrims with a purpose. We set our sights on God's Kingdom of justice & peace, & that gives our pathway through life meaning. We are journeying home to God, but we are making His world a better place as we travel. Have a blessed & joyful Christmas, & a meaningful New Year.

All blessings, Graham †

I would like to give special thanks to the kind people who go out in all weathers to deliver The Connection. I couldn't manage without you. Thank you! †

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CHURCHWARDENS

Castle Camps	Horseheath	Shudy Camps
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Mr David Neal	Mrs Judith Jolley	Mr Colin Brown
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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH , CASTLE CAMPS

Remembrance Sunday: Thanks to Susie Culpin, Sue Coxall & Jane Neal for providing a wonderful spread in the village hall afterwards. A lady's small purse was found after the service: contact Lindi (01799 584012) if you are the owner. There will be an in-depth **Church Clean** on Wednesday, Dec 11, at 10.30 after the service. This would be more fun if a number of people worked together. Bring cleaning materials & sandwiches; coffee will be provided. Let's make the church extra beautiful for our Christmas morning service!

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH , HORSEHEATH

Christmas Coffee Morning on Sat. Dec 7th, starting at 10.30am. Please come along & join us. There will be a good supply of coffee & cakes, good company & various stalls & a raffle.

The December **'Tea & Chat'** will be hosted by Audrie & Alan Bishop at their home, 5 Cornish Close on December 11th at 2.30pm. All are welcome.

Thank you to Alan & Audrie for hosting these happy times!

Our **Sunday Club** for children is going well. The next one will be at 1000 on Sunday, January 16th. Come & join us! For more information, contact Judith (01223 890 786)

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ST MARY'S CHURCH, SHUDY CAMPS

Come to the **Concert** in Church at 7.00 pm On Sunday 8th December led by Mezzo Soprano Yvonne Howard. Tickets £10 from Robert Manning on 01799 584493 or Andy Webb on 01799 584489.

St Mary's **Midnight Mass** is at 23.30 on Christmas Eve, but we need **HELP** please! Is there anyone who could play the organ or keyboard (BYO!), or is competent to use a zapper for a pre-arranged iPod playlist of carols? Contact Elizabeth Ridgwell 01799 584 545.

Thank you to Colin Jobson, who holds the Church key & opens & closes the Church each day.

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MILL GREEN HOUSE - Home Group

December Tues 10th 7.30pm Supper, singing, poems

January 8pm 21st Bishop Derek Bond John Baptist

8pm Tues 28th Dr Peter McKenna The woman at the well

Julian Meeting: 7.30pm Wed 26th January

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Messy Church - A massive thank-you for the contributions of Christmas treats! With decorating, sticking & all manner of craftwork, we turned your offerings into 12+ lovely Christmas parcels, to be given to Haverhill Food Bank for families who have very little indeed.

With thanks, *Sue Walker*