

CHURCH SERVICES – NOVEMBER 2014

November 2	4 before Advent (All SS)			
Shudy Camps	1000	Holy Eucharist		GR
November 9	Remembrance Sunday			
Castle Camps	1000	Service of Remembrance		GR
Horseheath	1600	Service of Remembrance		GR
November 16	2 before Advent			
Shudy Camps	1000	Holy Eucharist		GR
November 23	Christ the King			
Castle Camps	0930	Holy Communion (BCP)		GR
Horseheath	1100	Family Eucharist		GR
November 30	Advent Sunday			
Shudy Camps	1000	Ecumenical Service		GR
December 7	Advent 2			
Horseheath	1530	Christingle		LG
Wednesdays		Holy Eucharist		
5th, 12 th & 19th		All Saints', Castle Camps		
at 0930		- <i>half an hour of peace</i> -		GR
Team Vicar	Revd Graham Ridgwell	01799 584 545		

CHURCHWARDENS

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THE CONNECTION



ALL SAINTS' CASTLE CAMPS
ALL SAINTS' HORSEHEATH

ST. MARY'S STUDY CAMPS

When I say I'm very fond of little green men, I don't mean extra-terrestrials: I mean the ones in churches & on pub signs. A Green Man is a symbol of ancient beliefs about the cycle of the seasons: ploughing, sowing & harvest; the apparent death of Nature in the Winter, then the miracle of rebirth in the Spring. This is the basis of most religions, from Neolithic times to ancient Mesopotamia, Egypt & Rome.

But why do we find Green Men in churches - six in Ely Cathedral alone? One theory is that the first Christian missionaries destroyed the trees & groves that were sacred to the Druids & built churches in their place - but folk religion always persists. Continuing to worship on the same sacred sites, local people brought back elements of their old belief. Wisely the Church let them stay, treating them in the same way as the pagan festivals of Spring & Midwinter - converting them to the Christian festivals of Easter & Christmas.

The early Christians discerned much of Christ in the old ways, so they welcomed Green Men inside the churches. They're often carved high up on the roof, or hidden under seats. Some are funny, some beautiful - some rather sinister. They may have foliage sprouting from their mouths, or eyebrows that curl upwards like horns. Some rudely stick their tongues out, or grin cheekily at us. May they do so for another 700 years!

All blessings, Graham +

After ten very happy years here, sadly the time has come for me to retire. Elizabeth & I will be moving out of the Vicarage in early December, although for a short time I shall be returning to take some services. We shall miss these lovely villages & friendly people. It has been a great joy to minister to you.

With all blessings, Graham †

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, CASTLE CAMPS

The Service on **Remembrance Sunday** will be held at All Saints Church, Castle Camps at 10.00. The laying of wreaths at the War Memorial at 11.00 will be followed by a short ceremony at the RAF memorial. Teas & refreshments in the Village Hall from 11.15. Everyone is welcome to attend all or any part of this event.

We have also planned with the school a **Remembrance Service** on Tuesday, November 11th, marking the 100th anniversary of World War One. After a service for all the pupils at the school at 10:30, we shall move to the War Memorial at 11:00 o'clock, where some of the older children will plant crosses marked with the names of those who fell. This promises to be a poignant service. If you can attend at the War Memorial that would be good. We are also looking for someone to take some **photos** of the event. Any volunteers please contact Lindi Kent on 01799 584012.

The website www.3churches.eu is regularly updated with the latest Connection details & events. If anyone has photos of recent activities please forward to lindi.allen@pan-global.co.uk

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, HORSEHEATH

Harvest Lunch: A big Thank You to all who attended, those who provided food for our table & raffle prizes, & those who washed up & helped to put tables & chairs away afterwards. It was a most enjoyable & friendly way to spend a Sunday Lunchtime &

raise funds for the upkeep of our church. Our profit from the raffle & donations for lunch amounted to £300-00.

Some coming events:

Tea & Chat 12th November in Church from 2-30 pm

Christmas Coffee Morning 22nd November in Church from 11.am

Sunday Club for Children 23rd November 10.00am

Christingle Service 7th December 15.30

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MILL GREEN HOUSE

Villages Home Group - Tuesdays in November

8 pm Mill Green House or Lily Cottage

4th Revd Michael Beckett MGH

11th Andrew Watts MGH

18th Sarah Williams MGH

25th Ursula Elliott Lily Cottage

Julian Meeting

Wednesday 26th November 7.30 pm

Mill Green House: Judy Nightingale

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ST MARY'S CHURCH, SHUDY CAMPS:

A huge Thank You to all the kind people who helped in any way at our Harvest Supper We raised £1000.00.

WINTER GIFT FAIR at St Mary's on Saturday 15th November from 10 - 12 noon. There will be locally-made crafts & decorations for sale, fabulous pies & cakes from Lavinia Cottage Kitchen of Castle Camps, beautiful smelling soaps & candles, Phoenix Cards & lots more. Come & enjoy a cup of tea, fresh coffee or an indulgent mug of hot chocolate (with or without the marshmallows!) Monies raised go towards the upkeep of this beautiful Church. We would love you to come!

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