



Worlington Pump

March 2017

Dear Friends

As I write I have just received some very good news: my son Ben has (at last) proposed to his girlfriend and a family wedding is on the horizon. Once I had congratulated the happy couple and done the usual interrogation about how, when, were and what is the ring like, what do you think I did next? I set about sharing the good news, of course.

I texted my husband and Ben's dad (two separate people, but co-incidentally both abroad at present) and of course they both phoned back simultaneously, one on my mobile and the other on the landline. In my excitement I managed to cut them both off, but eventually I managed to speak to each of them, and they immediately set about telling others. I then contacted my sisters, and they in turn contacted their families. I contacted my future in-laws. I exchanged excited text messages with my step-sons. Sharing good news is so much fun, and it's so incredibly easy to do.

This is great for me, because sharing good news is actually my job as a parish priest. The word 'Gospel' is an old English word meaning literally 'Good News' – and I (along with every other Christian) am supposed to tell it out every single day. Good news about the fact that God loves us. Good news about the fact that God knows what it is like to be human, because of Jesus. Good news about the fact that there is no need for us to feel guilt or shame, no matter what we have gone through in life. Good News about the fact that we don't need to fear death because Jesus has gone through it before us, and made a way for us to be with God forever. Good news about the fact that we don't need to be afraid of anything, because God is bigger than the worst thing that has ever happened or will ever happen to us. I don't say these things lightly. Those with the strongest understanding of the Good News are very often those who have gone through the wringer in life.

It's sad that so often what we hear about the Church in the media is far from Good News – we hear terrible tales of disagreement, prejudice and even abuse, but of course the media are much more interested in that than anything else, so we rarely get to hear about the many positive things that are going on. Wouldn't it be great if we could genuinely spread the word about the goodness of God just as easily and happily as we do when there is good news to be shared in a family?

May you be blessed this month as the Spring flowers start to show their heads and may your heart be warmed as the sunshine begins to warm the earth.

Sandie

Worlington PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor Vacancy

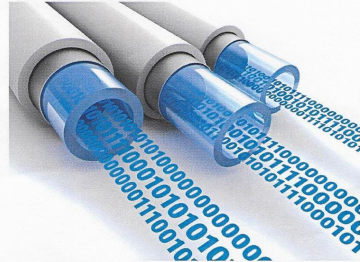
Worlington Parish Council currently has one casual Parish Councillor vacancy.

Any person wishing to serve as a Councillor should write to the Clerk at the Council giving some details and information about themselves, background and why they wish to become a Parish Councillor.

Vicky Bright,
Clerk to Worlington Parish Council
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All Saints Church Services March 2017

Wednesday 1 st	7:30 pm	Communion (St. Peter's, West Row)
Sunday 5 th	11:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 12 th	11:00 am	Messy Church (Worlington Village Hall)
	6:30 pm	Evensong
Sunday 19 th	8:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26 th	11:00 am	Family Communion

Priest in Charge	Rev. Sandie Barton	01638 720048
Elder	Heath Rosselli	01638 717337
Churchwarden	Mrs Shirley Reeder	01638 716096
Treasurer	Mr Rob Garry	01638 715611

No Flowers - Lent

Contacts for the Pump

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Worlington's Party in the Park

In January you should have received a flyer regarding the above party which is being proposed for the people of the village later this summer. The main idea behind this is to arrange a fun filled family day with things for everyone to do.

After knocking on everyone's door and requesting ideas, to make it about what the people want, very few responses have been received. Without the input and support from the people of Worlington, this event will simply not happen.

We currently have a small group of willing helpers to organise the day, we just need your help with the content! A decision does need to be made shortly as to whether to go ahead with this so please contact Mel either by phone (07793 403455) or email (melchild@hotmail.com) by 19th March if you want to see it happen.

Date for copy for the next edition by: **Tuesday 21st March 2017.**

Please send articles to rob@garry.me.uk or ellen.clowes@btinternet.com. Thanks.

Craft Fayre

As you may know if you have already received your flyer, we are holding another craft fayre in the village hall on March 18th.

We would be very grateful if anyone would be willing to bake a cake for us for refreshments. If you could let Michelle know beforehand that would be great so we can arrange to collect them all on the day.

Tel. 01638 515641 or email Michelle on chimelle1@btinternet.com

Dog Fouling

It has been brought to our attention that dog fouling is starting to become a real problem again in the village, Particularly Church Lane and the recreation ground. If you allow your dogs off of their leads please could you make sure that you keep an eye on them.

Dog mess is not only unsightly but also can be harmful to others so please act responsibly.

Nick

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Tuesday - Poker night
Just £5 to play register by 7.30pm

Wednesday - Midweek Madness
2 courses for just £10.95

Thursday - Charity Quiz night.
£2 per person, teams up to 5 people. winning team gets to choose which charity gets the pot!!!

Friday - Fish & Steak Night
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All Saints' Church, Worlington

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All Saints' Church, Worlington

April 17th Easter Monday

2:30pm - 4:30pm

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*The Church will be beautifully decorated for the season,
so please come to see gorgeous Spring flowers.*

Stay for tea!

Flower Rota

The new flower rota for this year will be out soon. If you would like to take a turn at arranging the church flowers, do please contact Ann, 714873, or Val, 714336. This would happen once a year or perhaps you would like to help with an arrangement during one of our special seasons, Easter, Harvest, etc.

It would be lovely to have some more ladies on board, do get in touch!

Come to the church at Easter and 'Teas' too, see what we do.

All Saints' Church Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper

Friday 28th April

Worlington Village Hall

7.30pm

A fun night promised!



Our Quizmaster - Brian Cole
Fish & Chips cooked freshly for us
by Handy Plaice at the Village Hall

£10 per person, to include coffee
Raffle

Please bring your own drinks

To book a team and order food, please contact:

Val: 01638 714336 or Linda 01638 515068

By Wednesday 26th April please

Our February 10th quiz was a great success and thank you to everyone who came along to join in the fun. As usual Brian Cole was on top form with good rounds of questions. Our fish and chip supper was extra delicious on a very cold night. Great to welcome two new teams and we look forward to seeing you again along with our regulars.

Lots of people to thank; Brian of course whose continued support is much appreciated by us all. Linda, Kenny and Ellen for their invaluable help. Thank you for super raffle prizes donated and for the help in putting tables and chairs away.

After deducting expenses for food and hall hire, a total of £375 was made in aid of All Saints Church.

Val

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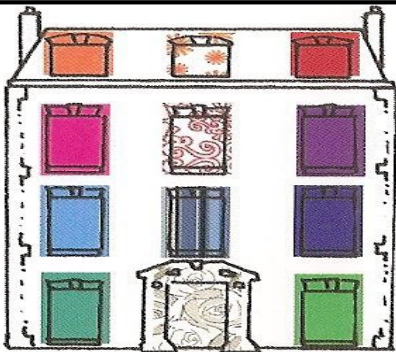
Friday 3rd March – A Street Cat Named Bob 7:30pm. Based on the international best-selling book, the true feel good story of how James Bowen, a busker and recovering drug addict, had his life transformed when he met a stray ginger cat. Next film 7th April "Sully" – True story of the Aircraft landing safely on the Hudson river, stars Tom Hanks.

Tuesday 7th March – Coffee Caravan 2 – 4 pm. Free cuppa, chat and advice, perhaps a game of Kurling!

Saturday 25th March – Farmers & Crafts Market 10am – 12 noon. Our regular stalls including bread, pies, cheese, honey, preserves, eggs, knitting, crafts and more. Returning is the soap stall the Cambridge Soap Stall. Refreshments of drinks, bacon rolls & cakes available. Free entry. Next market will be on 22nd April to avoid the May Day Bank Holiday weekend.

Saturday 25th March – Pentabus Theatre with As The Crow Flies 7:30pm. Doors and bar open 7pm (with an interval). Based on a true story of a woman who struck up an unlikely relationship with a wounded crow, this new play features live music, original songs, great drama - and a crow called Alfie. The crow keeps hiding Beth's gardening gloves. She's got lots to do and it's just not funny anymore. Why can't he realise that gardening is helping her to forget everything? Why can't he see she's still not over her divorce? Why can't he just be nice? A heart-warming story of friendship, healing and kindness from Hattie Naylor, award-winning playwright, and adapter of The Night Watch for the Royal Exchange and The Diary of Samuel Pepys for BBC Radio 4. Suitable for 14+. Ticket Price: see the show and then decide what you would pay for a ticket. Please pre-book if you can so we know how many chairs to get out! Call 07542 198 933 or 01638 720118. Raffle in aid of CAE.

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Worlington Village Hall

3rd March

Worlie café – Menu

18th March

Homemade craft fayre – flyers to follow

24th March

Sausage supper quiz – flyers to follow



Save the Date: Sunday 13th August – Picnic & Duck Race

For more information on events, or hiring the hall for your own function, please visit worlington.onesuffolk.net

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Worlington PCC Annual General Meeting

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