

All Saints' Turvey

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Dates for February

Please note some of the evening services have been changed due to the interregnum

- 6th February:** 11.00am Parish Eucharist and Candlemass—Nicola McKintosh
No evening Service
- 9th February:** 10:30am Communion Barton Homes
- 13th February:** 11.00am Matins—David Nightingale/ Rod Petty
6:00pm Holy Communion (BCP) - David Powell
- 20th February:** 11.00am Parish Eucharist—David Powell
No evening Service
- 27th February:** 9:45 am Family Service—Nicola McKintosh
6:00pm Sung Evensong—Rod Petty/David Nightingale

NEWSLETTER



Coffee is served after the 11am Eucharist Services and also after the 9:45 Family Service.

*Please contact Cindy Woods for inserts 888849
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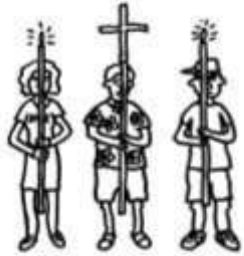
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THE INTERREGNUM

THIS IS THE TIME BETWEEN THE END OF ONE VICAR
AND THE START OF THE NEXT ONE

GOOD THINGS ABOUT AN INTERREGNUM

YOU DON'T
HAVE TO
WEAR ALL
OF THE
PROPER
ROBES ETC.

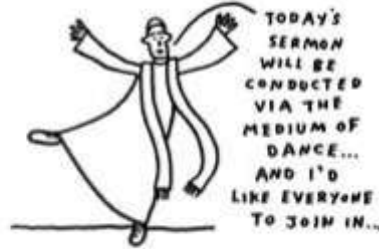


YOU CAN DO
SOMETHING
ELSE
INSTEAD
OF HAVING
A SERMON



BAD THINGS ABOUT AN INTERREGNUM

SERVICES
ARE
CONDUCTED
BY VISITING
CLERGY WITH
PECULIAR
METHODS



TODAY'S
SERMON
WILL BE
CONDUCTED
VIA THE
MEDIUM OF
DANCE...
AND I'D
LIKE EVERYONE
TO JOIN IN...

MEMBERS
OF THE
CONGREGATION
HAVE TO
DO THINGS



The Dave Walker guide to the church

From your Church Wardens

Now that we are in the interregnum following the retirement of Rev. Jo Spray we take this opportunity to inform you of the pattern of services we hope to maintain during this period.

1st Sunday 11:00am Parish Eucharist
6:00pm No Service

2nd Sunday 11:00am Matins
6:00pm Holy Communion (BCP)

3rd Sunday 11:00 parish Eucharist
6:00pm No Service

4th Sunday 9:45am Family Service
6:00pm Sung Evensong

5th Sunday 11:00am Combined Matins & Communion

Loving God, the birth of your Son Jesus Christ brought great joy to Mary and Joseph. We give thanks to you for everyone whose birthday we celebrate this month. May they ever grow in your faith, hope and love. We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Bailout Package

It is a slow day in a damp little Irish town. The rain is beating down and the streets are deserted. Times are tough, everybody is in debt, and everybody lives on credit. On this particular day a rich German tourist is driving through the town, stops at the local hotel and lays a 100 euro note on the desk, telling the hotel owner he wants to inspect the rooms upstairs in order to pick one to spend the night. The owner gives him some keys and, as soon as the visitor has walked upstairs, the hotelier grabs the 100 euro note and runs next door to pay his debt to the butcher. The butcher takes the 100 euro note and runs down the street to repay his debt to the pig farmer. The pig farmer takes the 100 euro note and heads off to pay his bill at the supplier for feed and fuel. The guy at the farmers co-op takes the 100 euro note and runs to pay his drinks bill at the pub. The publican slips the money along to the local prostitute drinking at the bar, who has also been facing hard times and has had to offer him "services" on credit. The hooker then rushes to the hotel to pay off her room bill to the hotel owner with the 100 euro note. The hotel proprietor then places the 100 euro note back on the counter so the rich traveler will not suspect anything. At that moment the traveler comes down the stairs, picks up the 100 euro note, states that the rooms are not satisfactory, pockets the money, and leaves town. No one produced anything. No one earned anything. However, the whole town is now out of debt and looking to the future with a lot more optimism.

Seen on a church notice board in Northamptonshire

If you are feeling run down, why not come in for a full service

The following article is from a book called this is our Faith

A popular presentation of Church Teaching 1995



Change never leaves us as it finds us

As we journey through life we face continual change and from time to time sudden change which stopped us in our tracks. Our personal map for living life which we had worked out so well is somehow no longer applicable. It doesn't fit our new and changed experience and we have to re--draw it once again.

At the heart of all this tension, change and complexity of life remain those fundamental questions, "What is life all about, where am I going, what does it all mean? And the root of these questions takes us back to our first days of life when we were at the centre of our tiny world; a time before we had been forced to adapt and adjust to the world and the people around us. That sense of total self-worth, self-value, is the most important treasure we possess. And in the changes, the kind of changes that we have looked at which people experience, we can learn to extend ourselves into an even more complete wholeness of being, unique, precious and of irreplaceable value. This is a wholeness not built on isolation or power but in the completion of the potential we had as a newly born person.

It is a paradox that we can only reach that full potential of ourselves through our inter-action with others and through a willingness and an acceptance of change as part of life. Facing change can always help us to grow.

Yet we fear change; we are afraid of things never being the same, afraid of the unknown, afraid that change will demolish us. And so we avoid change as much as possible. We tend to refuse to face new changes in our lives and in our bodies because we want to cling to what is familiar, what is known. In one sense we are like an unborn child still within the womb. Such a child is safe, warm, protected from the outside world. But such a child is also growing, developing, maturing. There comes a time when the womb can no longer contain the child or supply all that is needed for continued growth and development. Birth is imminent—a major life change, from all that is familiar, safe, tried and tested, into unknown territory with only our potential to bring with us.

Each of us have been through that major life change of birth into a totally new world. And every change we have negotiated since will have been a mini-birth in terms of new experience and growth. Only when we have resisted or refused change have we stopped growing, stopped learning and begun to kill of our potential for life.

What is this life force, then, which pulls us on, often in spite of our resistance and reluctance? Why do we experience a restlessness and dissatisfaction with life even when we have ample material goods? Where does that powerful magnet we call love come from, the kind of love that makes us feel brand new again, full of life, enthusiastic and whole?

The starting point of our Christian faith is our own human experience. If you look back on your own life, you will recall experiences that were successful and happy but also remember experiences that were painful and which stretched you to the limit. Looking back on such experiences forces us to look forward and to recognise that there seems no limit to the human spirit. This is equally true of the life of the human race.

It is our Christian faith that every single person is touched by God and that the experiences that draw us to a deeper sense of our self-value and the greatness of the human spirit is the work of God within us.

Three weeks ago we listened to the sermon taped by the Bishop of Bedford on the Theme Living God's Love.
The Living God's Love prayer used:

Living God,
Draw us deeper into your love;
Jesus our Lord,
Send us to care and serve;
Holy Spirit,
Make us heralds of good news.
Stir us, strengthen us,
Teach and inspire us
To live your love
With generosity and joy
Imagination and courage;
For the sake of your world
And in the name of Jesus,
Amen

After all the festivities of too much food and wine over Christmas and New Year be careful or you could end up feeling like *Steven Wright* who said

“A lot of people are afraid of heights, not me, I am afraid of widths”.

“Lord, you have made us for yourself alone, and our hearts will always be restless until they find their rest in you” *.Saint Augustine*

Thought for the Month

“A kind word will give more pleasure than a present”
John Lubbock

This pattern of services are already arranged until the end of March and it is hoped they can be maintained throughout the Interregnum.

We would also like to update you with where we are at present in the process of appointing a new priest in charge. The archdeacon of Bedford has arranged an informal meeting for the Churchwardens and Parochial Parish Councils of Turvey and Stevington which will also be attended by Mr. Daniel Hanbury, the Bishop of Bedford, the Rural Dean and the lay chairman of Sharnbrook Deanery to discuss the best way forward for our parishes. We will give you a report of this meeting in our March newsletter.

Roger and Mike.

Please pray for...

All those who have no food or shelter.
All travellers.
All those who have lost loved ones.

Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning will be from 10:15am until noon on Saturday, the 12th February at Grove Farm House by kind invitation of Rod and Carol Petty. There will be a raffle and bring and buy for which contributions would be very welcome. Last month's coffee morning at Homelands raised £180 towards church funds. A big thank you to everyone who helped and supported a very enjoyable event. We still need venues for the later in the year. If you would like to host a coffee morning please contact Anne Claypole White (881661) who would be delighted to hear from you.



The next installment about the church choir will now be in a later issue.