

What's On @ St Michael & All Angels' Parish Church, Shefford

The United Benefice Of Meppershall & Shefford

DECEMBER 2011

A special thank-you to all those who helped in any way with the Shoebox Appeal - a wonderful result!

Jean Odell

Wed 30 Nov	Mary, Joseph and the donkey begin their journey to Bethlehem via Shefford: if you would like to offer them hospitality for a night, please sign up on the list in church.	
Thursday 1	10.30-12.00	HFT Café
Friday 2	9.50am	Holy Communion: Revd Paul Lanham
	10.40-12.00	Tea/coffee served : prayer ministry available
Saturday 3	5pm	Community carol singing (featuring Shefford Lower School choir) outside Lloyds Chemists (with "Get in the Picture" Nativity Tableau from 4.30pm: Fran Rolfe 01462 850115)
	6pm	Christmas Lights switch-on
Sunday 4	8.30am	Holy Communion: Revd Paul Lanham
	10am	Family Service
	2.30pm	Holy Communion at the Birches (everyone welcome)
Tuesday 6	10.30-12.00	Coffee Shop
	DAILY BREAD orders by 1pm today, please: see display or ring Michelle 01462 814117	
Wednesday 7	7.30pm	Shefford & Meppershall joint PCC meeting (re vacancy)
Thursday 8	10.30-12.00	HFT Café
Friday 9	9.50am	Holy Communion: Revd Paul Lanham
	10.40-12.00	Tea/coffee served : prayer ministry available
Saturday 10	9am-1pm	Shefford Farmers' Market with Christmas Craft Fair, Jewellery stall and refreshments, PLUS carol-singing with Shefford Lower School Choir
	10am-1pm	Shefford History Group: share your memories of Shefford
	2.30pm	'Nearly the Goat': an action-packed Christmas play for all the family...and other animals! Presented by Riding Lights Theatre Company at Meppershall Village Hall. Tickets £5/£3, ring 01462 813310 to book.
Sunday 11	10am	Family Communion +Baptism of Thomas Castlo: Revd Linda Washington
	5pm	Tea & cakes
	6pm	Second Sunday @ Six: 'Towards the Light' - Advent carols & readings
Monday 12	7.45 for 8pm	Shefford & District Bible Society Action Group meeting at 9 Clifton Road, Shefford, led by Revd Steve Summerfield. Theme: 'Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels' - Heb. 2.9
Tuesday 13	10.30-12.00	Coffee Shop Christmas Special
	DAILY BREAD orders delivered this morning	
Wednesday 14	10-11.30am	MINI-M: worship and fun for babies and toddlers (0's to 4's) with their parents/minders. Today: CHRISTMAS PARTY
Thursday 15	10.30-12.00	HFT Café Christmas Special
	2pm	Shefford Lower School Carol Service
Friday 16	9.50am	Morning Prayer with hymns & address
	10.40-12.00	Tea/coffee served : prayer ministry available
Saturday 17	3pm	Ecumenical Carol Service at Wren Park (everyone welcome)
Sunday 18	10am	Family Communion + Messengers: Revd Mervyn Terrett
	2.30pm	Ecumenical Carol Service at The Birches (everyone welcome)
Monday 19	7.30pm	TOWN CAROL SERVICE with Shefford Town Band (Shefford Churches working together)

Tuesday 20	NO COFFEE SHOP TODAY (reopens 3rd January)	
Thursday 22	NO HFT Café TODAY (reopens 5th January)	
Friday 23	9.50am	Holy Communion: Revd Paul Lanham
	10.40-12.00	Tea/coffee served : prayer ministry available
Christmas Eve	2.30pm	PARCELISTMAS! Children's Nativity Service (but unaccompanied adults also welcome!!). Doors open 2pm for those keen to get started on making stuff... If you can help (eg with craft tables) please ring Jenny on 01462 817337
	11.15pm	Midnight Communion with carols: Revd Richard Syms
Christmas Day	10am	Christmas Family Communion: Revd Linda Washington
Friday 30	9.50am	Holy Communion: Revd Paul Lanham
	10.40-12.00	Tea/coffee served : prayer ministry available

LOOKING FORWARD TO JANUARY 2012...

Sunday 1	10am	On your marks, get set, go!: A Family Service Special for New Year
	2.30pm	(to be confirmed) Holy Communion at the Birches
Tuesday 3	10.30-12.00	Coffee Shop
	DAILY BREAD orders by 1pm today, please: see display or ring Michelle 01462 814117	
	2.30pm	Tuesday Afternoon Group Epiphany Service and Tea (all welcome to join us for this final meeting of the Tuesday Afternoon Group)
Thursday 5	10.30-12.00	HFT Café
Friday 6	9.50am	Holy Communion
	10.40-12.00	Tea/coffee served : prayer ministry available
Wednesday 4	10am-11am	MINI-M: worship and fun for babies and toddlers (0's to 4's) with their parents/minders. Today's theme: Follow the Star

**Details of events for the January 2012 "What's On" should reach Jenny Dann
NO LATER THAN TUESDAY 20th DECEMBER, THANK YOU!**

PRAYER REQUESTS...

St Michael's has a prayer book which you can use to ask us to pray for you, or for anyone that you know that needs praying for – you will find it on a small table in front of the Lady Chapel at the back of the Church – do feel free to use it – we include all requests for prayer from this book in our Friday and Sunday services.

Regular Events:		Plus...
Coffee Shop - every Tuesday 10.30-12.00 - run by the Biggleswade Adult Centre	HFT Café – every Thursday 10.30 – 12.00 – run by HFT. Teas, coffees & home-made goodies	Time-4-U - If you need someone to talk to (in confidence), we have the listeners available

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