

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

The United Benefice Of Meppershall & Shefford

DECEMBER 2012

Jean Odell has asked us to pass on her thanks to everyone who helped in any way with the Christmas Shoebox Appeal – an amazing 42 boxes were filled this year!

Saturday 1	5.15pm	Community carol singing with Shefford Lower School (outside Lloyds)with "Get in the Picture" Nativity Tableau from 4.30pm: Fran Rolfe 850115
	6pm	Christmas Lights switch-on, followed by songs from Chicksands Military Wives Choir. Do stay on to enjoy late night shopping, refreshments and Christmas attractions.
Sunday 2	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10am	Family Service - today 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 or contact Jenny on 01462 817337
	2.30pm	Holy Communion at The Birches (everyone welcome)
Tuesday 4	10.30-12.00	Coffee Shop
	DAILY BREAD orders by 1pm today, please: see display or ring Michelle 01462 814117	
Wednesday 5	10am-11am	MINI-M: worship and fun for babies and toddlers (0's to 4's) with their parents/minders. Today's theme: A message from heaven
Thursday 6	10.30-12.00	HFT Café
	12 to 5pm	Setting up of Christmas Trees
Friday 7	9.50am	Holy Communion
	10.40-12.00	Tea/coffee served : prayer ministry available
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Saturday 8	9am-1pm	Shefford Farmers' Christmas Market
	9am-4pm	CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: Donations to Sue Ryder Care - St John's Hospice and Church Tower restoration fund. Official opening at 10am by Shefford Gala Princesses. Soup and bread, teas/coffees, cakes, mince pies, jewellery stall
Sunday 9	9.30am	Singing Sunday: come and share your voices in worship - sing your favourites, learn parts or just warm up...
	10am	Family Communion
	12 noon-4pm	CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: teas/coffees, cakes, mince pies.
	5pm	CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL SERVICE
Monday 10	7.45 for 8pm	Shefford & District Bible Society Action Group meeting at 3 Pinemead, Shefford, led by Jenny Dann. Theme: Joseph, husband of Mary
Tuesday 11	10.30-12.00	Coffee Shop - Christmas Special
	DAILY BREAD orders delivered this morning	
Thursday 13	10.30-12.00	HFT Café - Christmas Special
Friday 14	9.50am	Morning Prayer with hymns & address
	10.40-12.00	Tea/coffee served : prayer ministry available
Sunday 16	10am	Family Communion
	2.30pm	CAROL SERVICE at The Birches (everyone welcome)
	4pm-5pm	Lighting Up the World - A Festival of Winter Music, performed by The Three Counties Choir in aid of church funds. We are privileged to host the Stagecoach Theatre Arts School, a group of enthusiastic young singers some of whom are semi-professional. Entrance free and open to all but donations warmly received. Tea and cake served after - contact Judy Robinson 01462 811500 to offer help.
Monday 17	7.30pm	TOWN CAROL SERVICE with Shefford Town band (Shefford Churches working together)

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Tuesday 18	NO COFFEE SHOP TODAY (reopens 8th January)	
Wednesday 19	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 20	NO HFT Café TODAY (reopens 10th January)	
Friday 21	9.50am	Holy Communion
	10.40-12.00	Tea/coffee served : prayer ministry available
Sunday 23	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10am	Morning Praise
	3pm	CAROL SERVICE at Wren Park (everyone welcome)
Christmas Eve	2 for 2.30pm	GABRIEL'S CHRISTMAS: Children's Nativity Service (but unaccompanied adults also welcome!!). Doors open 2pm for those keen to get started on making stuff... and this year there's a craft for the grown-ups too. If you can help (eg with craft tables) please ring Jenny on 01462 817337
	11.15pm	Midnight Communion with carols
Christmas Day	10am	Christmas Family Communion
Friday 28	9.50am	Holy Communion
	10.40-12.00	Tea/coffee served : prayer ministry available
Sunday 30	11am	United Benefice Communion at St Mary's Meppershall, followed by bring-and-share lunch. (No service at St Michael's today)

LOOKING FORWARD TO JANUARY 2013...

Tuesday 1	DAILY BREAD orders by 1pm today, please: see display or ring Michelle 01462 814117	
Wednesday 2	10am-11am	MINI-M: worship and fun for babies and toddlers (0's to 4's) with their parents/minders. Today's theme: Gifts from God
Friday 4	9.50am	Holy Communion
	10.40-12.00	Tea/coffee served : prayer ministry available
Sunday 6	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10am	Family Service
	2.30pm	Holy Communion at The Birches (everyone welcome)

Details of events for the January 2013 "What's On" should reach Jenny Dann

NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 21st 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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