



Worlington Pump

December 2015 - January 2016

Special Christmas Services at All Saints Church

Carols by Candlelight

followed by

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Friday December 18th

7:30 pm

*Join us for this lovely service of
Christmas readings and carols*

Christingle & Crib Service

Sunday December 20th

11:00 am

*A special family service for Christmas and an
opportunity to make your own Christingle to take home*

Midnight Mass

Christmas Eve, Thursday December 24th

11:30 pm

Dear Friends

After hearing about it endlessly on the news and social media for the last few days I finally got around to watching the brief video of The Lord's Prayer that isn't going to be shown in cinemas. It's very short – less than a minute - and is literally a dozen or so people saying a line of this most familiar of all prayers, each in different contexts. It isn't an attempt to convert anyone but was made to tell people about a new website on which anyone can post a prayer – a kind of prayer wall. The website looks ok, and many people seem to have used it already to post prayers about the situation in Paris and Brussels, refugees, or for the safety of their own loved ones. Many of the prayers simply say thank you for good things that have happened. There's nothing very controversial about it.

As a priest I recognise that not everyone believes, or wants to pray, and I don't suppose that would be affected either way by seeing a little film like this. So I don't think it's the end of the world that it was 'banned' although it does seem a bit over the top when you consider some of the other rubbish we have to endure while waiting for the main feature to start. Anyway it has to be said it has received far more publicity this way!

However I do think there are some people who would like to pray, and who aren't sure where to start with it. I know that because of the number of times people will ask me to pray for them, sometimes with a jokey cry of 'Say one for me while you're on your knees!' but more often in a thoughtful, heartfelt way. I'm always happy to pray for people if they want me to, but I also want them to know that it's quite ok to cut out the middle man and just pray themselves. At Christmas we are reminded that God has drawn very close to us in Jesus – so close that we can whisper our heart's deepest thoughts and longings. It's as simple as that.

If you want to see the video yourself, you can find it online at www.justpray.uk. Have a look – it's better than most of the ads you'll see at this time of year!

With warmest wishes for Christmas and the New Year

Sandie

Date for copy for the next edition by: **Friday 22nd January 2016**. Please send articles to rob@garry.me.uk or ellen.clowes@btinternet.com. Thanks.

All Saints Church Services

December 2015

Sunday 6 th	11:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 13 th	11:00 am	Messy Church (Worlington Village Hall) No Evensong
Friday 18 th	7:30 pm	Carol Service
Sunday 20 th	11:00 am	Christingle & Crib Service
Thursday 24 th	11:30 pm	Midnight Communion
Friday 25 th	9:30 am	Christmas Service (St. Mary's, Barton Mills)
	11:00 am	Christmas Service (St. Andrew's, Freckenham)
	11:00 am	Christmas Service (St. Peter's, West Row)
Sunday 27 th	8:00 am	Holy Communion

January 2016

Sunday 3 rd	11:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 10 th	11:00 am	Messy Church (Worlington Village Hall) No Evensong
Sunday 17 th	8:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 24 th	11:00 am	Family Service
Sunday 31 st	9:30 am	Joint Service (St. Mary's, Barton Mills)

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December & January - Poinsettias Mrs A. Thornalley

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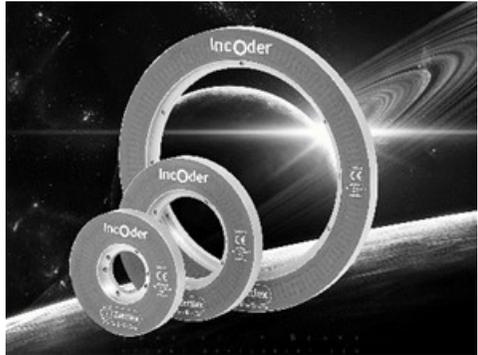
A little bit of Worlington in Space

All great British inventions are supposed to start by someone tinkering in a garden shed aren't they? Ten years ago in a Worlington garden shed, some experiments led to the creation of a new technology and a new company.

Zettlex, is now a thriving high-tech business based in Cambridge but for its early years it was based in Worlington – partly in a shed and partly in a back bedroom. The company now designs and makes sensors that measure position and speed extremely accurately in harsh conditions. Their sensors are exported to 34 countries across the globe including USA, Germany, Japan and Australia.

Recently, the sensors have been chosen to go still further after they were chosen for a new generation of space rocket and interplanetary landing craft.

When the new spacecraft are launched in a few years' time, Worlingtonians will be able to say 'there's a little bit of Worlington in space'.



Mark Beecham Tribute

Derek Beecham (Del) would like to thank everyone for their support and condolences following the recent tragic death of his son Mark at the age of 42.

Mark was about twelve when he moved to the village and attended Mildenhall Upper School.

Following school he went to work at the Mildenhall Air Force Base where he won an award for technician of the year. As Mark returned from America where he had gone to receive his award he met Joan, who invited him to work with her in the Youth Development Center. Mark loved the work which he undertook with great success for 27 years, again winning many awards for arranging a wide variety of activities, outings and holidays for the young people.

This was reflected in the tributes and attendance at Mark's funeral at West Suffolk Crematorium on 12th November.

A short life, but one fulfilled.

What's on in Freckenham www.freckenham.onesuffolk.net**Films At Freckenham - Tickets £5** – no need to book, just turn up**Friday 4th December - Billy Elliot** 7pm for 7:30pm.

To get the Christmas festivities underway, we will be showing the feel-good movie Billy Elliot (15). Billy (Jamie Bell) will be dancing his way across the screen in this charming movie that can produce both laughter and tears from the audience. The life of a miner's son in Northern England in the 80s, with the backdrop of the coal miners' strike, is forever changed one day when he stumbles upon a ballet class (instructor, Julie Walters) on his way to boxing lessons. Many of you will know this film well, come along and for a fun evening with mulled wine & mince pies. Running time: 1hr 50mins. Bar and snacks. It's a relaxed and friendly evening.

Monday 14th December - Coffee & Carols 2:30 - 3:30pm.

A lovely social event in the village hall.

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Farmers & Crafts Market 7 - 9pm.

Stalls with fruit & veg from Plantation Farm & meat from Culford Flock, also preserves, pickles, chutneys, honey, eggs and of course home-made Christmas goodies. Mrs H's Cheese stall for a second visit also Ely Gin Company, plus craft stalls candles, handcrafted boxes & pens, fudge, coconut ice, felting, paintings, pin boards, peg bags, knitted goods, even Indian table runners, bags and silk elephants for some last minute gifts or treats for yourself or your pets! Free entry. Mince pies and mulled wine, as well as hot drinks and a bar! Then back to usual last Saturday of the month 30th January 2016.

Friday 1st January 2016 - NO FILM NIGHT**Friday 15th January - Talk on Wicken Fen** 7:30pm.

Wicken Fen, Past, Present & Future. Free entry donations to NT Wicken Fen. Bar.

Friday 22th January - Quiz & Pot Luck Supper 7:30pm.

Run by Mildenhall Twinning Association. Teams of 4-6 people but teams can made on the night so all welcome. Please bring finger food to share. Hot and soft drinks provided but BYO alcohol. No entry fee but a raffle to cover costs. 01638 713967 and grace.bristow@talktalk.net

Check the website www.freckenham.onesuffolk.net for our weekly activities and do check if you have not attended recently in case of any changes and Christmas holiday break.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and healthy New Year. Thank you for your support during 2015 and we look forward to seeing old and new faces in 2016.

Bird Talk

Here is a heart-warming story to get you into the right spirit for the season of good cheer.

In mid-October Shirley Reeder saw a cygnet in their moat. There used to be swans on the moat years ago but there hasn't been enough water for quite some time and there certainly wasn't enough this year. The bird did not look happy so Shirley assumed that it had been ejected from the family group and told to go and fend for itself. She later discovered that a local Good Samaritan had shooed it off the road where it would certainly have been killed.

Later she found it in her stable yard looking very disconsolate. To prevent her customers accidentally running it over Shirley surrounded it with traffic cones. As darkness approached and the bird showed no sign of moving Shirley managed to coax it into the stables for an overnight stay in case a fox was on the prowl looking for food for its family.

None of the animal charities were willing to either give any help or even offer advice about what to do. Thinking that Roger Pigerham might know what to do Shirley gave him a call and, happily, Roger knew exactly what to do.

Swans are territorial and defend their water vigorously so would not take kindly to a stray youngster being introduced onto their patch. However, through his work with the Lark Angling Preservation Society Roger knew that there was a vacant stretch of the river behind the Worlington Hotel. He told Shirley how to move the cygnet safely so she put it in her car and drove to the river. Given the size of the bird she was surprised how light it was.

The cygnet took to the water with alacrity. First it had a huge drink, then it swam into the middle of the stream to assess its new surroundings. At that moment another cygnet came gliding round the bend in the river and made a beeline for the newcomer. The two young birds greeted each other warmly then turned and swam up the river side by side. Shirley was certain that all this had been preordained and that they would live happily ever after!

My two recent modest highlights involve an otter and a kingfisher. For seven minutes on an early October afternoon I watched from the footbridge at the Staunch as an otter swam around in the pool. The water was calm and the sun was shining so I got an excellent view being able to see it twist and turn under the surface. I imagine it was hunting but I didn't see it catch anything. Clearly totally suited to its environment the grace and effortless nature of its movements were hypnotic.

Incidentally, Roger tells me that otters eat American crayfish, which I didn't realise, so that is good news.

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My other little thrill was at the same place. As I approach the bridge from the village I always slow down and proceed quietly in case there is a kingfisher or something else of interest visible. On this occasion there was indeed a kingfisher sitting like a statue on the stonework staring intently into the water with its electric blue back towards me. I must have watched it for almost two minutes and at that distance the detail one can see through binoculars is breath-taking. When I do see a kingfisher it is usually a speck of blue travelling at high speed or a small brightly coloured blob perched a great distance away, so this was actually more than a little thrill.

Happy Christmas. Don MacBean

Anaerobic Digester - Bay Farm

The Parish Council has been advised of a planning application submitted by Strutt & Parker Farms Ltd / Upton Farms Ltd to build an Anaerobic Digester Plant on land at Bay Farm behind the existing solar farm. In order for the Councillors to gain a better understanding of what this development involves and how it could affect our village, a visit to a similar, operational AD Plant at Euston has been arranged for Tuesday 15th December 2015. If any Worlington residents would like to attend this meeting, please could you let one of the Parish Councillors know as soon as possible. Places are limited so please don't delay!

If you wish to view the planning application, details can be found on the West Suffolk Planning website. Simply:-

1. Search for 'West Suffolk planning',
2. click on "View West Suffolk planning applications",
3. type in the application number:- DC/15/2109/FUL
4. press Search.

The Planning Officer is Christine Flittner. Residents' comments should be sent to the Planning Department by 1st December 2015.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

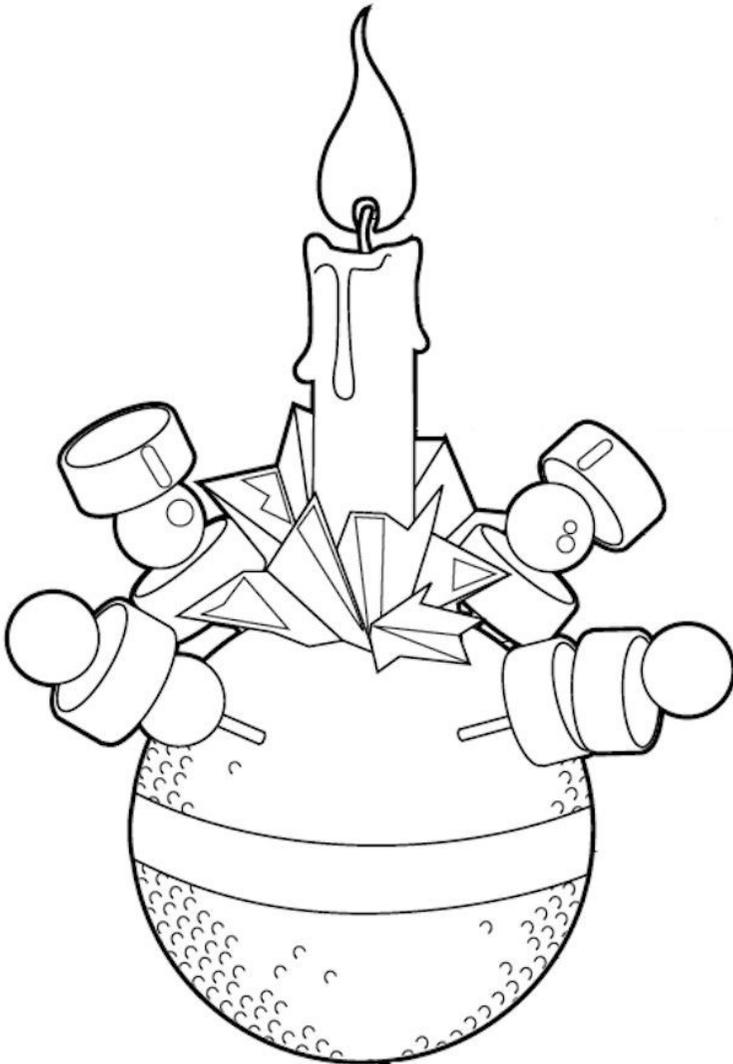
We currently have a vacancy for a parish councillor. For more information and eligibility visit <http://worlington.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/news-and-notices/>.

Alternatively please call the Parish Clerk on: 07712 232920.

Nick Foster

Christingle Candle

Do you know what the objects symbolize?



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Bring this picture along to the Christingle service at the church on Sunday 20th December at 11am to learn more

Tuesday Coffee Morning

No December Coffee Morning but we will
be 'open' again, January 27th

10:30 - 12

Wishing all our 'regulars' a very Happy Christmas

Ann and Val

Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper



Friday 11th December

7.30pm at

Worlington Village Hall

This is now fully booked but our fish & chip
quiz nights return in the New Year and
we look forward to seeing you there!

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Worlie Cafe

Worlington Village Hall

Friday 4th December 11:30am - 2:00pm

Menu

Broccoli & Stilton

Carrot & Lentil

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Sticky Sausages with Cranberries

Cheese vegetable Gratin (vegetarian)

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Hot Mince Pies & Cream

Home made Cakes

Tea/Coffee & Cold drinks

Looking forward to seeing you for the Christmas café.

Next Café will be on the 8th January 2016



Village Hall Fun Quiz

Worlington Village Hall
Friday 22nd January at 7:30pm

Tickets £4 per person

Prize for winning team

Teams of 6 or 8 or make up teams on the night.
Please bring your own snack/supper & drinks.
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Raffle.

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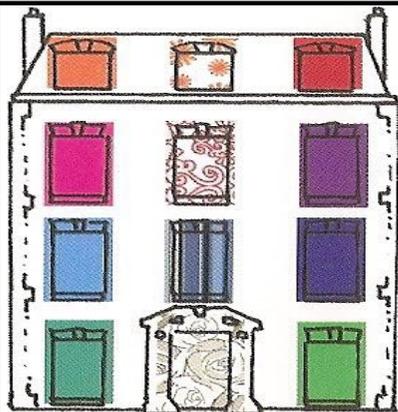
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New Village Website

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As part of the new design of the village website we will be adding a business page where people from within the village only can advertise themselves in one easy to find place. if you would be interested in adding your trade please send details to Nick Foster at el_fozzo69@hotmail.com.

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