

KESTON PARISH CHURCH

MONTHLY PEW SHEET

January 2024



Sun	7th Jan	10 am	Holy Communion Service
			Epiphany
Fri	12 th Jan	2.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sat	13 th Jan	10 am – 12	Beat the Blues Coffee
			Morning – Church Hall
Sun	14th Jan	10 am	Holy Communion Service
Wed	17 th Jan	9.30 am	Prayer Walk
		7 pm	Men's Group @
			The Greyhound
Thu	18 th Jan	12.45 pm	Social @ Heathfields
Fri	19 th Jan	2.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	21st Jan	10 am	Holy Communion Service
			With H&W
Fri	26 th Jan		NO Choir Practice
Sun	28th Jan	10 am	Holy Communion Service
Mon	29 th Jan	2 pm	Book Reading fellowship
Fri	2 nd Feb	2.30 pm	Choir Practice
Sun	4th Feb	10 am	Family Non-Communion
			Service
Tue	6 th Feb	9.30 am	Prayer Walk

OUR SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT - We want our church to be a safe place for everyone – a place where the love of God shines through all we do. Therefore, in accordance with the Government, the Church of England, the Charity Commission and our insurance company, our workers/volunteers are safely recruited (including DBS check if legally eligible), regularly trained and we adhere to Diocesan Safeguarding Policies. Our new Safeguarding Officer is Steff Nash please speak to him or contact him on steff@swissmail.org if you have any questions or concerns.

WELCOME - We would like to welcome you to our service today, especially if you are a visitor. When we take Holy Communion everyone is invited to receive the bread and wine, symbols of God's love for us. You will be guided to the Altar rail at the appropriate time. **HOLY COMMUNION** - We are now offering Communion by Intinction, and we are also offering the Common Cup. We will begin with the Intinction, and at the end, if you would like to take from the Common Cup, please come up after the other Communicants. If you use a hearing aid, please put it to the "T" setting.

Please do join us for a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits in the Hall after the Sunday service.

1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH SERVICE will now be a more informal service without Communion. Following some comments made by our Church Family members, we are re-introducing this less formal service, which will be shorter. We will of course be enjoying tea/coffee and biscuits after this service as usual.

PRAYER WALKS – Every 1st Tuesday & 3rd Wednesday of the month Tue 2nd Jan & Wed 17th Jan, then Tue 6th & Wed 21st Feb. Please come along with or without a dog, and we all have a good chatter, then stop, reflect and pray. We start at 9.30 am on Commonsides on the green opposite the Greyhound Pub. We then end up Heathfields at 11 ish where we have a 'cuppa'.

SATURDAY 13TH JANUARY 10 AM – 12 NOON – BEAT THE BLUES COFFEE MORNING – Come along to our Coffee Morning where there will be home made cakes for sale, bring & buy items, and a raffle. Bring your neighbours and friends. Entrance £4 which includes cup of tea/coffee & slice of cake!

MEN'S PUB SOCIAL – Every 3rd Wednesday of the month @ 7 pm – Wed 17th Jan, then 21st Feb at the Greyhound pub.

CHURCH PUB SOCIALS – Come and have a drink and chat to your congregation friends! Now meeting at lunchtimes too! **(Please add your name to the list if you wish to come);** Thursday 18th January at Heathfields @ 12.45 pm. Other dates: Tuesday 27th February, at the Greyhound @ 7.30 pm; and Wednesday 3rd April at Daisy Grey @ 12.45 pm.

HEALING & WHOLENESS ON 3RD SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE –

On the third Sunday of each month, (21st Jan & 18th Feb) just after taking Communion we will have “prayers” in the foyer for anyone wanting someone to pray with them, for themselves or loved ones.

QUIZ NIGHT – SATURDAY 10TH FEBRUARY @ 6.30 FOR 7 PM

START - £16 per person which includes fish & chip supper. Please add your name to the sheet, either in a group, or individuals to be put into a group. Tables of 8. (Remember to bring drinks and glasses).

CALLING ALL SCRABBLE PLAYERS –

Pam Robertson and Rosemary are now hosting a scrabble afternoon, and if you are interested please have a word with Tricia, Pam or Rosemary.

WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?

Do you want to make an impact for decades to come, to create your own lasting legacy? You can achieve this by leaving Keston church, ‘Keston Parochial Church Council’ a bequest or legacy in your Will*. Any amount would be gratefully received and could either be for the general development of the church or you could designate it for a particular interest. Such gifts or bequests are vitally important to us, in fact, a lot of our work is only made possible thanks to the generosity of people who donate to us and/or choose to remember us in their Will. So in the years to come, a legacy from you will help secure the future of Keston church for generations to come. Thank you to anyone who already has a bequest or legacy in place. Anna Bailey, our Treasurer, would be happy to speak to anyone that would like further information.

**A bequest or legacy is exempt from Inheritance tax so every penny you give will be put to good use by us and not lost in tax.*

CAN YOU HELP?

We could do with some volunteers to help get out the tables and chairs in the hall before the service, and then put them away again afterwards. Please see Tricia or Geoff, thank you.

CHRISTMAS GIVING –

Thank you to all the congregation for your generosity, we were able to give the following to the Charities we support. Macmillan - £186.50; Demelza - £104.40; Centrepont - £104.40; Bromley Latch Project - £75; Christingle Service for The Children's Society - £210.92; Keston Parish Church £208.80.

7th January – Epiphany

**Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star
To worship the Christ-child:
Guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Ephesians 3: 1 – 12; Matthew 2: 1 – 12

14th January – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

**Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end:
Bring us with the whole creation to the glory hidden through
past ages and now made known
In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Revelations 5: 1 – 10; John 1: 43 – end

21st January – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

**God of all mercy your Son proclaimed good news to the
poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen**

Revelations 19: 6 – 10; John 2: 1 – 11

28th January – Presentation of Christ in the Temple

**Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us, and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father, your God and our God. Amen**

Hebrews 2: 14 – end; Luke 2: 22 – 40

**WARNING – Please remember to be very careful crossing Church
Road to and from the car park as cyclists speed along in both
directions! Thank you and take care.**