Welcome to St John's Church-Elmswell

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9.30am Breakfast Church (breakfast from 9.00am) **11.00am Holy Communion** (Common Worship)

If you are visiting or have recently moved to Elmswell and are here for the first time, a warm welcome to you. Tea and coffee will be served in the church room after the breakfast service, until 10.45am. Everyone is invited to stay.

Solding Control

If you have or know of a pastoral need, please contact one of the Clergy or Christine Martin

11.00am Service

Collect (special prayer for today)
The Second Sunday before Advent
Heavenly Father,

whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil

and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope,

may purify ourselves even as he is pure;

that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

BIBLE READINGS

1st Reading: Genesis 22: 1 – 19 (p 22) 2nd Reading: John 3: 16 –17 (p 1066)

HYMNSMP 79 Christ whose glory fills the skies

MP 421 Like a river glorious
MP 22 All the way my Saviour leads me
MP 760 When we walk with the Lord

Notice Board

Do you like singing? Well, why not join our 2018 Christmas Community Choir! All are welcome. Simply turn up to our 2 rehearsals at the church on Mondays 3 and 10 of December at 7.30pm. We will practice 2 songs and then perform them at "Carols by Candlelight" on Sunday 16 December at 6.30pm.

The week ahead

This evening 7.00pm CYFA Group meet at the Rectory.

Monday 19 November 10.00am to 11.15am Coffee Break at the Rectory.

7.30pm Meeting of the Parochial Church Council in the church room.

Friday 23 November 2.00pm the funeral of Chris Nicholls will be held at the St Edmunds Chapel at the West Suffolk Crematorium.

Saturday 24 November 9.00am to 9.45am Prayer meeting in the church room.

2.00pm to 4.00pm St John's Christmas Fair at the Blackbourne, Jubilee Hall. If you can provide tombola items, cakes, books, other items for sale or can help with setting up and clearing away afterwards, please speak to Rosie Ellis. Please support this event which not only raises funds for the work of the church in Elmswell but gives us all an opportunity to enjoy an afternoon together and to welcome visitors. Everyone is most welcome, admission free. Refreshments available.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 27 November 2.00pm Choir practice in the church room.

Friday 30 November 7.30pm Prayer meeting in Bacton for the work of Tearfund. Please telephone 01449-782054 for directions. We hope to have Tearfund Christmas cards for sale.

Looking Further Ahead

Friday 7 December 11.30am Ladies' Lunch at the Wesley Hall, School Road. If you would like to attend please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

Saturday 8 December 8.30am Men's breakfast in the church room. If you would like to attend please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

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Next Sunday... 10.30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Bishop Mike visiting