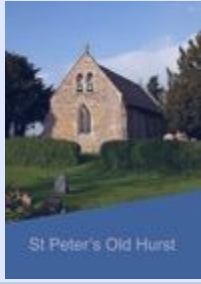


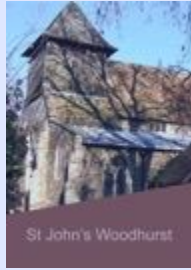
Weekly Sheet for Trinity 1



St John's Somersham



St Peter's Old Hurst



St John's Woodhurst



All Saints Pidley

Dear Friends,

This week we lost a dear friend and parishioner of Old Hurst Church. Terry was a lovely, gentle man who was a well-loved in the village. He joined the PCC of the church a few years ago and offered both his practical skills and advice to us. He also opened and closed the church but especially we will miss his kindness and love that he showed to everyone. We hold Joan, his wife, in our prayers and others who have lost loved ones and are grieving. When we experience a loss, we are often brought up short. We can't keep going as we did before. We need to recover and heal and grieve. We are reminded of the fragility of life, how we are only here for a relatively short time on this earth. We ask ourselves how we can use the life we have been given in the best way. Not only for ourselves but to leave a lasting mark in our love and care for others. Jesus helps us to find that path and in our grief he reminds us that one day we will be together; as I was told this week "this life is just a prelude to the next life" in God's kingdom. Love Sue x

We say goodbye to Bishop Stephen and thank God for his ministry.

Special Farewell Service at Ely Cathedral 16th July 4.30pm. If you would like to Contribute to his collection please let your treasurer know.

Messy Church this Sunday 11th June at 4pm at Somersham Church.

Benefice Home Group: Tuesday 13th 7.30pm at 32, Norwood Road, Somersham. All Welcome from around the benefice. Contact Lesley on 07899 892637. We will be exploring 1 John 2:15 - 27.

Old Hurst bbq is nearly here! Saturday 17th June 3-6pm (ish) in the churchyard. Salads and puddings provided but bring your own meat to bbq. Drinks for sale. Proceeds to the church. All Welcome.

Future dates for your diary and regular events/activities – See next page

Services this Week

This Week – Sunday 11th June

Somersham	10.30am	Service of the word
	4pm	Messy Church
Pidley	9 am	Service of the word
Old Hurst	9am	Holy Communion

Next Sunday 18th June

Somersham	10.30am	Holy Communion
	12.15	Baptism of Rory
	4pm	Messy Church
Pidley	9am	Service of the word
Woodhurst	4pm	Family Service

Midweek Communion every Wednesday at Somersham Church 9.30-10.00 followed by coffee.

Your prayers are asked for:

Carol, Vickie, Margaret, Helen. Geoff, Adrian. Thelma, Sam, John Defty, Jane Newson who has moved to a new home for convalescence. For Ron Pinder as he has an operation and Sally Barratt who is resting.

RIP

Terry Welham from Old Hurst. We pray for his wife Joan. His funeral will be Tuesday 20th June 1.30pm at St Peters', Old Hurst

Chris Collis. We pray for Gwen, Karen and Lorraine.

June Purches: we pray for Emma, Jason and their families.

For Ukraine after the reservoir flooding.

Readings this week

Hosea 5.15-6.6; Romans 4.13-25; Matthew 9.9-13,18-26

Love in action

After calling Matthew, a tax collector, to follow him, Jesus is criticised for his association with 'tax collectors and sinners'. He replies 'it is not the healthy who need a doctor but those who are ill' Go and learn what that means...

I desire mercy not sacrifice for I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.

The gathering is interrupted by a synagogue leader whose daughter has died and a woman who had been ill for 12 years. Jesus restores the girl to life and heals the woman. News of this wonder spread quickly!

This passage encourages us to explore what merciful living is; **Jesus wanted mercy, not sacrifice**. But what exactly is that? How can we use the power that we have to show God's love, compassion and forgiveness to those around us.

Compassionate God, in your mercy bring to your table all who are fearful, broken, wounded or needy; that our hungers may be satisfied in the city of your peace, through Jesus who is our peace. Amen.

Regular Activities

Woodhurst Open Church – every **1st Saturday** 10.30-12 for coffee, cake and a chat. Next **2nd July**

MiniMUM meets in Somersham Church on 1st Wed of the month at 10.30am. Next one **5th July**.

Benefice Homegroup every 2nd & 4th Tuesday. 7.30pm 32, Norwood Road. **13th and 27th June**.

Creative Minds Coffee and mindful activity or craft. Somersham Church every **3rd Wed. 2.30-4.30**. Amelie 07710 692887. Next Session **21st June**.

Welcome Café and Drop in. Somersham Church for coffee cake, information or a chat. **4th Saturdays** 10.30-11.30am. Next session **24th June** but tbc.

The next **Friends of the Church Produce Stall** **Saturday 8th July**.

Events coming up

Saturday 17th June Old Hurst Church BBQ

Mon. 19th to Sun.25th June Woodhurst Feast Week

Saturday 1st and 2nd July - Somersham Flower Festival 'A Celebration'

Saturday 9th Sept. Blues in the Pews . 7pm in Somersham Church.

Saturday 16th Sept from 2pm **Open Day at Somersham Church** organised by 'The Friends'.



Next Messy Church will be 4pm Sunday **11th June** Somersham Church.



Little Acorns Baby and Toddler Group Play and chat, drinks and cake, a story and songs each Tuesday 9-11am.



'Explore!' After-School Club
3.15-4.15

Every Monday in the school.
Explore bible studies through drama, reflection and art.

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