

January 21 for January 25

Whist: Tonight, Friday January 25, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, our usual fortnightly whist drive with raffle. Refreshments included.

Coffee Morning: On Saturday, February 2, you are invited to a midwinter coffee morning at Village Farm, 4 St Johns Road, by kind invitation of Miss Matthews. From 10.30am, there will be stalls and a raffle. All proceeds in aid of Keech Cottage Hospice, Moorfields Eye Hospital and the Salvation Army.

Coffee Morning: The next St John's Church coffee morning is Tuesday, February 5, at 10am in the Church.

100+ Club Draw: The first draw for 2013 will take place at 11am during the St John's Church coffee morning. The draw for both January and February will be made. We are still accepting membership to this private lottery. To join contact Carolyn on 01767 640727.

Social Evening: On Wednesday, February 6, there will be a social evening held in the village hall. This is the start of a monthly event to be held the first Wednesday evening of every month. Doors open at 6pm. From March onwards we hope to have live music and real ale.

Open the box: Commencing in February. This will be a new village hall initiative run on behalf of the participants at the Friday evening bingo events and Wednesday social evenings. People participating will be entered into a draw. Money collected as part of the draw will be placed into the box. The winner of the draw will have the opportunity to choose a key and try to open the box. If lucky they win the contents. If unsuccessful that key is discarded and the money is rolled over to the next event.

Race Night: On Saturday, February 9, in the village hall. Doors open 6.30pm for 7pm supper. The first race will be at 8pm. Tickets, to include a hot supper, are £8 and available from Pat Whitworth, 01767 64084 or Jo Hollington 01767 641184. There will also be a licensed bar. Funds raised in support of St John's Church.

MMPS Lunch: This will be held at The Guinea, Tuesday, February 19, at 12.30 for 1pm. The deadline for booking is noon, Saturday, February 16. To book, enter your name on the list in the shop (10am until noon Mon-Sat). Everyone welcome, so book in friends and family too. If you can't get to the shop, ring 01767 640124 to book.

St John's Church: The Revd. L Klimas led the monthly song of praise service on Sunday evening with an Epiphany theme. Despite the bad weather a large congregation attended. A reading "The Journey of the Magi" by T.S.Elliott was read by the Revd. G Orpin.

Introductions to the Hymns were given as follows; Lord for the Years, Mr G Adams; Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning, Mrs D Bashford; As with Gladness Men of Old, Mr M Mease; Hail to the Lords Anointed, Miss C Whaley; O Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness, Mrs P Dean; God is love His the Care, Mr J Brun.

During the service a CD was played of Candlelight Carol by John Rutter.

After the service the congregation stayed on for a chat and refreshments.

The next song of praise will be held on February 17, at 6pm.

Church services: St John the Evangelist, 9am, All Age Communion.