

All Saints' Church, Minstead
Notices - week commencing February 21st 2016

SERVICES

Sunday 21st February, 9.30 - Holy Communion. Sides are Dom and Monica, reading Michelle and Monica. Assisting will be Liz.

Sunday 28th February, 10.30 - Service of the Word.

Sunday 6th March, 9.30 - All Age Worship for Mothering Sunday.

NEWS

Tuesdays with James. - **23rd Feb**, Noon Prayer.

Wednesday 2nd March - 8pm in church, Meeting of All Saints' PCC.

Friday 4th March - noon, Women's World Day of Prayer at Christ Church, Emery Down. Service followed by refreshments. Praying for Cuba. All welcome.

Saturday 12th March - 10 am, Church spring cleaning. Please offer to help if you can - many hands make light work!

Lent courses. We are following the course set by Winchester Diocese. In this parish - From Feb 11th for 5 weeks, Thursday evening 7.30pm Home Group in church will become a Lent Group. Details of the course are on our Benefice website and on the Diocese website. Info about other courses in the benefice can be found on a poster in our church porch and on the benefice website.

<http://www.winchester.anglican.org/about-us/what-we-do-exec/lent/>

Last Sunday many from this parish joined an evening service at St Michael's to hear the Archbishop of Rwanda speak; the occasion was most inspiring. St Michael's are to be congratulated for their successful installation of a temporary sound system following the lightning strike a fortnight ago.

Church calendar. Showing church, community and benefice events. This is now published on the All Saints' part of the benefice website. We hope it will be useful as a first reference point, BUT PLEASE ALWAYS CHECK with Benefice Office or Churchwardens for accuracy. The link is included with our contact details.

Minstead Bell Ringers would welcome one or two new members, previous experience not necessary. Ringing bells does not require either strength or musical ability – just enthusiasm and some commitment to practise once or twice a week. Ringing is a social activity, exercising brain as well as body. If you are interested please contact Peter Bennett (023 8081 2358) or Polly Osborne (023 8081 2375). They would love to hear from you!

CHARITY GIVING

From now on, instead of the Two Saints' charity, we will be collecting donations for the New Forest Basics Bank. Their aim is to provide support and help to individuals and families in need, and to provide basic food and hygiene items.

At each service we have a Retiring Collection for one of the six chosen Charities for the year. In January & February it is **Minstead Training Trust**. At a recent Sunday service Madeleine Dury from the Trust gave a very interesting talk on the work and the lives of their students of this local charity supporting adults who have learning disabilities. Please do keep focussing on this charity in your prayers, thoughts and giving.