

## SERVICES

**Sunday February 7th**, (Sunday before Lent) 9.30 - Holy Communion. Assistant: Michael, Duty Churchwarden & sides: Karen, Sides: Marian, Readers: Bill & Diane. Roger Morgan will be preaching. He will stay on after the service to pray with anyone who needs it.

**Sunday February 14th**, The 6pm evening service is cancelled for February only. Instead, our parish is invited to a 6pm service at St Michael's, in which the Archbishop of Rwanda will be taking part. Our 4.15pm discussion group will take place.

## NEWS

**The rotas for Feb-May are being issued; some already have a Services rota but there may be further amendments.**

**Tuesdays with James.** Tuesday Feb 9th - Prayers at Noon.

**Lent courses.** Ash Wednesday is Feb 10th. This Lent we will be following the course set by Winchester Diocese. There will be a number of courses running in our benefice. 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.

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

**Minstead Bell Ringers** would welcome one or two new members, either with or without previous experience of ringing. Contrary to popular belief, 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 that exercises the brain as well as the body. If you are interested please contact Peter Bennett (023 8081 2358) or Polly Osborne (023 8081 2375). We would love to hear from you!

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

## COMPTON AREA

### 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. Each parcel contains one full meal per day for each member of the family for one week, and also breakfast cereals, soups and snacks, sugar/tea/coffee/ soft drinks, and toiletries.

At each service we have a Retiring Collection for one of the six chosen Charities for the year. In January it is **Minstead Training Trust**. At last Sunday's service

Madeleine Dury from the Trust gave a very interesting talk on their work and the lives of their students. This is a local charity supporting adults who have learning disabilities.

***Isabel & Liz***

*Churchwardens*