

Hillfarrance Church Lunch

The January lunch is on Wednesday January 18th at 1pm. To book call Marcia on 461245

Leadership

The annual review of charitable giving took place and it was agreed that a Benefice-wide, charitable- giving policy was required.

Generally across the Deanery it is now taken as a given that churches should tithe offerings and whilst not unanimous, the majority were in favour of continuing with tithing for charity the money given to the churches. Tithing is not a new concept; it was used in Jesus' time and in the early church, to look after the poor widows and orphans. The church has a duty to tithe to those less fortunate than ourselves.

A vote was taken on the charities to be adopted for next year. They will be:

International	Christian Aid
National	Samaritans
Local	CSL. new church build

POPPY COLLECTIONS – Oake, Hillfarrance, Hillcommon & Heathfield Area.

The final total for this year is £1017.37.

Many thanks to all those who gave generously to the appeal, and my personal thanks to the committed band of local collectors who once again gave their time to knock on doors. A very worthwhile total was achieved.

Gillian Andrews – Voluntary Area Organiser

Church Ladies Night Out!

Ladies, please join us on Saturday January 28th at 7pm at The Orchard, Hillcommon. To book your place call Ally Gabell (433125) by January 14th latest.

OAKE CAROL SINGING

We shall be singing carols round the village on Wednesday December 21st, meeting in Oake Close (church end) at 6pm. We shall sing as we make our way round Oake Close, through the village and to the whist players in the village hall.

Please join us to sing and to collect donations for SURE which supports cancer treatment at Musgrove Park hospital.

All are welcome. Please bring a torch. Carol sheets will be provided.

Sue 401043 and Gill 461943

Carols around the villages!

On Sunday December 18th you will have three opportunities in joining in singing some of your favourite carols and taking part in a short act of worship.

This special event kicks off with "Carols for all" in the school playground in Oake at 4.00pm. Cotford St Luke will pick up the baton with "Carols round the Christmas tree" at 5.00pm on the Church land. The final event is "Carols on the green" in Hillfarrance at 6.30pm.

Please join us to swell the chorus for these outdoor celebrations!

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Blessings at
Christmas and for
the New Year



Church Diary for December 2011

Thursday 1st		
2.00pm	Toddler Church	Community room, CSL
Friday 2nd		
9.00am	Prayer Group	Forge House, Oake
5.30pm – 7.30pm	Frost Fair – come and buy your Christmas gifts at (in aid of LwT Uganda)	Hillfarrance Church
Sunday 4th		
8.30am	Holy Communion	Oake
10.00am	Family Communion	CSL Community hall
6.30pm	Evensong	Hillfarrance
Monday 5th		
7.30pm	Advent meditation	Dibley
Thursday 8th		
2.00pm	Toddler Church	Community room, CSL
Friday 9th		
9.00am	Prayer Group	1 Court Farm, Hillfarrance
Sunday 11th		
8.30am	Holy Communion	Heathfield
10.00am	Family Praise	CSL hall
	Family Worship with the baptism of Alistair Thomas	Hillfarrance
Monday 12th		
7.30pm	Advent meditation	Dibley
Wednesday 14th		
1.00pm	Church lunch (fully booked)	Hillfarrance
5.00pm	Midweek prayers	Shuttle House, Hillfarrance
Thursday 15th		
2.00pm	Toddler Church	Community room, CSL
Friday 16th		
9.00am	Prayer Group	23 Venn Close, CSL
Sunday 18th		
8.30am	Holy Communion	Hillfarrance
10.00am	Christingle – please bring an orange!	CSL hall
4.00pm	Carols for all	Oake, Bradford and Nynehead school playground (in school hall if wet)
	Please bring a torch or lantern	CSL church land
5.00pm	Carols round the Christmas tree	CSL church land
	Please bring a torch or lantern	
6.30pm	Carols on the Green	Hillfarrance
Monday 19th		
7.30pm	Advent meditation	Dibley
Wednesday 21st		
6.00pm	Village carol singing – meet at Oake Close nearest the church	Oake
Friday 23rd		
4.00pm	Come to the Manger (living Nativity)	Oake
	Don't forget your tinsel or tea towel!	
Saturday 24th		
4.00pm	Christmas Eve Come to the Manger	CSL hall
	Don't forget your tinsel or tea towel!	
11.30pm	Midnight Communion	Hillfarrance
Sunday 25th		
10.00am	Christmas Day Family Communion	Heathfield

Church Diary for January 2012

Sunday 1st		
6.30pm	Benefice Carol Praise - <i>This service will be followed by mince pies, mulled wine and a short service of Holy Communion for those who wish to stay</i>	Oake
Thursday 5th		
2.00pm	Toddler Church	Community room, CSL
Friday 6th		
9.00am	Prayer Group	Forge House, Oake
6.00pm	Family Disco	CSL hall
Sunday 8th		
8.30am	Holy Communion	Heathfield
10.00am	Family Praise	CSL hall
	Family Worship with the baptism of George Snell	Hillfarrance
Monday 9th		
7.30pm	Discussion group	Dibley
Wednesday 11th		
3.00pm	Messy Church	Oake, Bradford and Ninehead School
5.00pm	Midweek prayers	<i>Venue to be confirmed</i>
Thursday 12th		
2.00pm	Toddler Church	Community room, CSL
7.30pm	Leadership Council	Dibley
Friday 13th		
9.00am	Prayer Group	1 Court Farm, Hillfarrance
Sunday 15th		
8.30am	Holy Communion	Hillfarrance
10.00am	Something on Sunday	CSL hall
	Holy Communion	Oake
Monday 16th		
7.30pm	Discussion group	Dibley
Wednesday 18th		
3.00pm	Messy Church	Oake, Bradford and Ninehead School
Friday 20th		
9.00am	Prayer Group	23 Venn Close, CSL
Sunday 22nd		
8.30am	Holy Communion <i>followed by full English breakfast</i>	Hillfarrance
10.00am	Family Praise	CSL hall
6.30pm	Evensong	Oake
Monday 23rd		
7.30pm	Discussion group	Dibley
Wednesday 25th		
3.00pm	Messy Church	Oake, Bradford and Ninehead School
Thursday 26th		
2.00pm	Toddler Church	Community room, CSL
Friday 27th		
9.00am	Prayer Group	Forge House, Oake
Sunday 29th		
10.00am	Benefice Family Communion	Heathfield