

Welcome to St John's Church-Elmswell

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10.30am Harvest Festival

If you are visiting or have recently moved to Elmswell and are here for the first time, a warm welcome to you. We invite everyone to stay on after the service for tea and coffee in the church room.



Sunday 25th September 2016

Collect (*special prayer for today*)

Harvest Thanksgiving

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; and we thank you for the harvest.

May we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

There will be a Retiring Collection this morning for the work of **tearfund**. Please place your donations in the basket at the back of the church. See photo of Moses on reverse of this notice sheet. Tearfund is active in Ogonora - Eastern Uganda, where Moses lives.



Notice Board

Grace, Dylan, Annabel and Callum raised £200 by completing the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust cycle ride on the 10 September and would like to say a big 'Thank You' to everyone who generously sponsored them.

Operation Christmas Child appeal. Over the next few weeks we are encouraging people to pack medium shoeboxes full of goodies for a needy child abroad. We will be collecting packed shoeboxes at our special Mission Focus services on 6 November. These will then be taken to the drop-off point in Ipswich ready to be sent abroad to make a child's Christmas. Explanatory leaflets are at the back of church.

The week ahead

This evening 7.00pm CYFA meets at the Rectory - "A man of authority" (Mark 1: 40-2:17)

Monday 26 September 10.00am to 11.15am Coffee Break at the Rectory, for more information please speak to Lisa (tel. 01359-240512).

Tuesday 27 September There will not be a choir practice this evening.

Saturday 1 October 8.30am Men's breakfast in the church room. The speaker will be Andrew Caldecott from Christian Vision for men. If you would like to attend, please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 4 October 7.00pm Choir practice in the church room.

Saturday 8 October 5.00pm Deanery confirmation service at Cockfield Church. All are invited to support the 6 members of our congregation who are being confirmed.

Looking Further Ahead

Friday 21 October 11.30am Ladies' lunch at the Wesley Hall, School Road. If you would like to attend, please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

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Next Sunday... 9.30am All Age Service with Music Group
11.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)