

FEBRUARY 2018

4 th February	9.45am	Family Service at Saxmundham Primary School
	11.00am	Morning Worship at St Mary & St Peter's, Kelsale
	6.30pm	Holy Communion at St John's, Saxmundham
11 th February	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary & St Peter's, Kelsale
	11.00am	Morning Praise at St John's, Saxmundham
	6.30pm	Evening Worship, St John's, Saxmundham
15 th February	7.00pm	Kelsale cum Carlton PCC meets in Kelsale Methodist Church Room
18 th February	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary & St Peter's, Kelsale
	11.00am	Holy Communion, St John's, Saxmundham
	6.30pm	Evening Worship, St John's, Saxmundham
25 th February	9.30am	Holy Communion, St John's, Saxmundham
	9.45am	Connections CAD service at Saxmundham Primary School
	11.00am	Holy Communion at St Mary & St Peter's, Kelsale
	6.30pm	Evening Worship, St John's, Saxmundham

MARCH 2018

2 nd March	4.00pm	Messy Church in Kelsale Village Hall
4 th March	9.45am	Family Service at Saxmundham Primary School
	11.00am	Messy Morning Praise at St Mary & St Peter's, Kelsale
	12.00pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting for Kelsale cum Carlton
	6.30pm	Holy Communion at St John's, Saxmundham
11 th March	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary & St Peter's, Kelsale
	11.00am	Morning Praise at St John's, Saxmundham
	6.30pm	Evening Worship, St John's, Saxmundham
18 th March	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary & St Peter's, Kelsale
	11.00am	Holy Communion, St John's, Saxmundham
	6.30pm	Evening Worship, St John's, Saxmundham
25 th March	10.00am	Holy Communion at St Mary & St Peter's, Kelsale
PALM SUNDAY		
31 st March	9.30am onwards – decorating both churches in the Parish for the Easter celebrations	

NEWS AND EVENTS

EASTER

Easter Day falls this year on 1st April. Between Palm Sunday and Easter there will be a series of events. The Palm Sunday service on 25th March will be a Benefice Holy Communion at 10.00am at St Mary & St Peter's, Kelsale. On Saturday, 31st March we will be decorating the churches for the Easter celebrations. On Easter Sunday itself there will be a Benefice Easter Communion service at 10.00am at St John's Church, Saxmundham, and an Easter Communion service at 6.30pm at St Peter's Church, Carlton.



SOLOS LUNCH

A reminder that on the third Sunday each month a lunch for anyone living on their own is held in St John's Church Hall, Saxmundham to which everyone is welcome. February will be on 18th February, and the next one will be on 18th March. The meals generally start at about 12.30pm. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Jan Wolton on 602687.

MESSY CHURCH

On Friday, 2nd March we will hold our next Messy Church in the Village Hall for young families. This is held every two months on a Friday – future dates for 2018 are: 4th May, 29th June, 31st August, and 2nd November. We spend an hour or so on crafts (which is where the mess comes in), followed by a story and finishing with a communal meal. We have also recently acquired the services of our own Prof Lightbody who will work with the youngsters on a scientific project at each session. All are welcome, and for more information please contact Jenny Bridson (602582) or Elizabeth Masterton-Smith (604402). Every Messy Church is followed by a special Messy Praise service at 11.00am on the Sunday immediately afterwards.



Happy New Year!

Early in March we will be holding our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), at which we report on our activities during 2017, our statutory responsibilities as a charity and to fulfil our mission in Christ in the parish of Kelsale cum Carlton, and our plans for the future. This meeting will take place in Kelsale church at 12.00 noon following our morning worship.

If you are on the civil parish electoral roll you are eligible to vote in the election of Church Wardens, and if you are on the Church electoral roll you are able to elect members of the Parochial Church Council.

The community has placed a heavy responsibility on our shoulders as we are custodians of two buildings of great historic and architectural importance: St Mary & St Peter's, Kelsale is listed as Grade I, and St Peter's, Carlton as Grade II*. This places a very substantial financial burden on a small group within the parish and can, if we are not careful, divert us from our mission.

We need to remain open to the parish for worship on a regular basis as well as for the usual 'hatch, match and despatch' events. This requires hard cash and our very small regular congregation are faced with a mounting burden in just covering the regular costs faced annually, which at present amount to about £26,000 per annum. If we are to remain available to the parish we need more people to help us with our work with their time and a little money.

If you are interested in finding out more about what we get up to during the year under review, or in helping in any way at either of our churches, please do come along to the APCM on 4th March (details overleaf) or contact any one of our congregation.

Elizabeth Masterton-Smith
Church Warden

David May
Hon Treasurer

