

ST. MARY MAGDALENE



DUNTON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

**June
2017**

Dunton's Big Weekender

VILLAGE SONGS OF PRAISE **Sunday 18th June at 5.00 pm.**

Have you chosen your favourite hymn yet?

The top 5 receiving the most nominations will be included in the service. In the service, prayers will be said giving thanks for the many groups and organisations in the village and for the many ways in which our village life is enriched by those who serve the community.

Email your choice to Lindsay at lindsay.dew@btinternet.com by June 1st.

Fun & Games at Dunton Community Garden for Dunton's Big Weekender **Sat 17th June 2017 12pm-4pm**

Bring a picnic or buy lunch to enjoy in the garden

Ploughman's lunches, drinks, cakes & Maynard's Ice Cream on sale

Lots of toys and games available for the young and young at heart!

(Ploughman's takeaways also available to have with your drinks at the March Hare)

Ploughman's Order (or turn up on the day and risk disappointment!)

Please order by Midday Weds 14th June

(phone 01767 313898 or e mail info@duntongarden.org).

We may not be able to cater for special dietary requirements after this date.

Your Church Needs You !

The Church's Annual Meeting was on 29th April when a review of the activities that took place during 2016 were covered. There were many positive aspects to the report including the church's engagement in community activities. This review includes the presentation of the annual accounts.

The annual running costs of the church are roughly £100 per day for 365 days of the year. The main areas of cost are our contribution to the Diocese with the Parish Share (that also includes part of Lindsay's stipend or salary), utilities such as oil, electricity and insurance. During 2016 we also donated nearly £1,600 to various charities.

Receipts to the church are largely dependent on the generous donations of our congregation and visitors. Some might be surprised to know that we do not get any grants from the Church of England or the Government towards our daily running costs. We also work very hard to generate funds from other activities such as fairs and concerts. Donations have declined over the past year for various reasons and the bottom line is that in 2016 we had a financial deficit of nearly £4,000.

This deficit relates solely to our day-to-day costs. Some of you will have noticed that essential repairs to the exterior of the church were carried out in 2016 at a cost of nearly £37,000. St Mary Magdalene Church is some 800 years old and is a grade II* listed building.

The drainage and rainwater disposal was in a poor state and led Historic England to classify our church as 'at risk'. The costs of this work were not met from church funds. We were fortunate to receive grants from a number of sources, not least from the Friends of the Church who work hard to raise fund to support us. We have also received a commitment for further repairs from the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust.

However, this does not address the shortfall in receipts for our running costs. Whether you come to Church or not, if you feel you can help, either by a regular standing order or one off donation these would be warmly received.

If you can help in any way, please contact our Treasurer, David Mowbray by email at catbells54@gmail.com or telephone 01767 601157. It should be emphasised that all contact with the Treasurer is entirely confidential and no other church officers are aware of individual donations. Many thanks.



St. Mary Magdalene at the heart of the Village

SUNDAY CLUB

Our next club is on
Sunday 11th June
(Note change of date)

We meet in church at 1:55 pm – ready for
a start at 2:00 pm, and mums or dads
collect their children at 4:00 pm

It only costs £2 per child of which 50p
goes to the charity chosen by the
children. For practical reasons, we do
need to know how many children are
coming, so please book your child /
children in as soon as possible, at least
2 or 3 days before the club.

So – Can we look forward to seeing you?

Here are the details to book your place:
Please contact
kathryn.arden1@btinternet.com
or Tel: 01767 310437

Any general enquiries, please contact
me: Stan Short 01767 315777



SERVICES

4th June

9.30 am

Family Eucharist &
Christening

11th June

8.00 am

Holy Communion
followed by
Continental Breakfast

6.00 pm

Deanery Evensong

18th June

5.00 pm

Village Songs of
Praise

25th June

10.30 am

Sunday Praise

Services and Events may be subject to change. For up to date information check Dunton village news in the Biggleswade Chronicle or contact either the Vicar or Churchwarden

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Churchwarden: Shirley Tant
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You can also keep up to date with Church news on the website at www.dewbenefice.com



Dunton Folk @ Magdalene's

The next folk concert is 17th. June featuring Tim Edey

Tim, now a name on the world stage in his own right after seventeen years of hard work, is rated by many to be one of the world's finest ever Melodoean and Guitar players in the folk & contemporary scene today!

Originally from Broadstairs in Kent and of Irish descent, Tim honed his style learning from his father Richard a fine guitarist and listening to Ed Boyd, Steve Cooney and Django Reinhardt. He has lived in Ireland and now resides in Perthshire, Scotland where he is based with his family from where he tours all over the world.



Tim's live solo shows are a stunning mix of world music inspired instrumental virtuosity and passion with a strong Celtic theme, to audience – chorus lines and above all a highly entertaining night of musical genius.

St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Dunton

Tickets: Simon 01767 310 424 Website: duntonfolk.co.uk

SUMMER FAYRE

This year's Summer Fayre will be held on
Sunday, 9 July. Doors open at 11.30am.

Refreshments include a BBQ, Cream Teas and Maynards ice cream.

There will be lots of games and stalls run by both church and village community groups, including our famous homemade cake stall and raffle with a range of prizes!

For those of an artistic nature there will be an art competition open to all ages. The theme is 'My Idea of Heaven'. Entries should be A4 size, with name and age, if under 18, on the back with prizes for each age group.

There will be something for all the family so come along and join the fun. A warm welcome is guaranteed and entry is FREE!

For more information on the competition or to have a stall at the Fayre please contact Barbara Mowbray on 01767 601157 or catbells54@gmail.com