

### **For those of any age ....**

but especially the children:  
**Friday Club** on 9 December at All Saints' Church at 5 30pm will be a Christingle and the very popular **Crib Service** will be on Saturday 24 December, Christmas Eve, at 4pm.

### **Marcham School ....**

will end their term with a Christmas service in church on Thursday 15 December at 6 30pm to which all are welcome. We wish the boys and girls, Mrs Lesley Clark, and *all* the school staff a very happy Christmas and a safe and joyful holiday. The new term begins on Wednesday 4 January.

### **To make us think ....**

on two Sunday mornings at 10am with special speakers at All Saints' Church: on 4 December Andrew Goddard, who trains clergy in Oxford and writes widely on ethical issues, will feature in our series of *Issues for Today* with the topic "Sexual relations—anything goes?". Andrew's talk will be followed by questions and discussion.

And to give us a very different slant on Christmas, on 18 December Graeme Innes will tell us about his experiences in Moldova this time last year—and the story of two Christmas feasts.

### **Feasting for men ....**

not forgetting the stimulating talks and *always* abundant breakfasts—for men—on the first Saturdays, 3 December and 7 January, 8 30 am at the Sports, Scouts and Social Club.

### **Too busy not to pray ...**

was the title of a book a few years back. As well as prayer in all our church services and in our small groups, and privately in our homes, we meet for prayer every Thursday at church at 9 30am and, this month, on Saturday 17 December at 8 30am. If you need to pray come and join us.

### **Carols a plenty ....**

to sing and to listen by candlelight: on Friday 16 December, 7pm at St. Luke's, Garford and on Sunday 18 December, 6pm, at All Saints' in Marcham. Great for all ages to share in the Christmas message in song.

### **Celebrate Christmas ....**

at the *First Communion* at 11 30pm on Christmas Eve, that magical, candlelit start to Christmas Day itself. Then, in the morning at 10am a gentle family celebration at All Saints' and Holy Communion at 10 30am at St. Luke's.

### **Happy New Year ....**

and on a Sunday, too. Families from the parish around the world—western Australia, New York and soon to go to the Falklands with the Royal Navy—will be here for the baptism of their little children. On Sunday 1 January there will be one service, at 10am, with Communion and Baptisms.

On Sunday 8 January at All Age Worship with Baptism (10am) we will celebrate the coming of the Wise Men to worship Jesus. Holy Communion will be at 8am (All Saints') and 10 30am (St. Luke's) with Evening Prayer at 6pm.

## **All Saints' Marcham with St. Luke's Garford**

**Sundays 10am and 6pm  
Wednesdays 10am  
for Christmas and  
New Year  
variations see notes  
above**

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