

FROM ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH WORTHING....FEBRUARY 2022

Before we truly step into February, let's catch up with what happened to the run up to Christmas and New Year! So here we go:

Considering we all were and still are dealing with Covid and restrictions, Worthing was very pleased to welcome parishioners and other visitors to St Margaret for what is turning out to be our annual Christmas theme event.

At the end of November, we held a successful "In the Spirit of Christmas" wine tasting & beer sampling event. Coupled with Christmas wreath and decoration demo, our Christmas Raffle and Guess the weight of the cake competition, there was, dare I say, a *merry* time had by all!

Christmas Carol Service on the 19th December concluded with prize giving. Christmas Cake weighing in at 907g was won by John in neighbouring Swanton Morley and with raffle prizes galore, winners from North Elmham & Worthing, were Adam & Jo, Leeders, Gary & Tracy, Katie & Tom, Liam & Karen, Elaine & Andy, and Mike. Thank you all for coming to the event on the 27th November, and for everyone who also took part in the raffle. A tremendous result which raised £182.13 *Thank you.*

Moving on, with Easter arriving quite late this year and also, planning for the Platinum Jubilee, remember to watch out for events happening in Worthing. We shall of course start with our Traditional Easter Sunday Duck Race on the 17th April, and we hope to return to the usual format – subject to Covid.

In the meantime, our Sunday services for the month are:

13th February 10.30am Traditional Holy Communion Service, led by The Rev'd Sally Kimmis

And

On the 27th February, after receiving such positive and encouraging feedback from past visitors when we trialled "Iona," our Lay Licensed Minister Norman Johnson will take the lead for another Iona Community morning starting at 10.30am followed by refreshments.

And before someone asks "what is Iona Community type service?" Norman has kindly put a few words together to answer that question.



"We have at St Margaret's Worthing recently held morning praise based on liturgies from the Iona community. These are services which are still fairly formal, and look back to the Celtic Christianity of our ancient heritage.

The Iona Community is an international, ecumenical Christian movement working for justice and peace, the rebuilding of community and the renewal of worship. It was founded in Glasgow in 1938 by Rev'd George MacLeod who was driven by a belief that faith is grounded in action. If you would like to experience this form of service then watch for the next one in Worthing news."



We hope you are able to join us.

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