

Some extra news and appeals from the Church.

Did you know that we now have **two extra services every month**? The first is **Sung Evensong** which is held in St Peter's Church, Shaldon at 6pm on the third Sunday of every month.

The second is the beautiful service of **Compline**, or night prayer, which is held in St Andrew's Church, Stokeinteignhead at 6pm every third Tuesday in the month.

Both of these services are open to all. If you have never been to a service of either Sung Evensong or Compline please do come along and give it a go. Sung Evensong is very traditional and includes an address and Compline is more meditative – a quiet service for the end of the day (with no address!).

We are looking for people to become **Friends of St Nicholas Churchyard**. You do not have to come to church to join this group – simply to either give a little time once a month to help with maintenance (such as keeping gravestones clear of ivy) or gardening in the churchyard or to commit to giving a regular amount each month towards the upkeep of the churchyard. St Nicholas churchyard is open to everyone who lives in Shaldon and Ringmore, churchgoers or not, and those of any faith, but it is currently only our regular churchgoers who contribute to the cost. We are very grateful to those who make individual donations and to our Councillor, Chris Clarence, who also contributes on an annual basis, but we are still in the unfortunate position of having a shortfall every year. If you feel that you can help in any way, please do contact Reverend Annie Church on 01626 873173 or revannie@hotmail.co.uk.

We are in urgent need for someone to take over the advertising for this magazine and also someone to look after the finances, although this can be the same person. If you are connected with the church it would be an advantage but is not a necessity. Expert handover and advice will be given. If you are able to help, please contact Reverend Annie Church on 01626 873173 or revannie@hotmail.co.uk.

Living Nativity – a new initiative! This year we shall meet outside the Clipper Café (seating area) where Christingles will be given to the children after a short explanation. We then move to Sunny Patch for the first part of our Nativity story and a Christmas Carol, then on to the Village Green (where we are hoping to collect our shepherds) for the shepherd's story and a carol. We then move to St Peter's church for the next instalment of the story and

another carol before crossing Bridge Road and moving to King George V field to welcome the three Kings and finally to the back of the Shipwrights where we shall find our stable.

If you prefer not to do the whole walk then please join us at any point along the route ie Sunny Patch, Village Green, St Peter's Church, King George V field and Shipwrights Arms.

Please bring torches and, if raining, umbrellas! It would be lovely if anyone – large or small – would like to dress up accordingly, especially as angels (bearing in mind that it might be cold, perhaps wings and halo's will suffice).

I would like some volunteers to be the Shepherd's waiting on the Green and to be the three Kings. Most importantly we shall need a Mary and a Joseph!

All volunteers can be either adult or child – or both!! We can meet a week or so beforehand to practice and talk through the event for those who want to take part as specific 'characters'.

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Ollie Stephens will be giving a **Big Christmas Concert** again this year in St Peter's Church, Shaldon and, if it is as popular as it has been in the last 2 years, it will be a sell-out – so get your tickets early!!!

The concert is on Thursday 20th December. Tickets are priced at £10.00 each and are available from Bradley's Estate Agents or the London Inn. All ages are welcome – under 16's admitted free with a paying adult! Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Bring your own bottle.

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