

Welcome to the Benefice of Burton & Sopley

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Epiphany - 2nd January

9.30am: Service at St Luke's, with Ruth Crossland

11.00am: Service at St Michael's, Sopley with Ruth Crossland

Covid-19 precautions

Please note that according to the latest Government advice, face coverings must be worn in all public worship gatherings. Please wear a mask at all services taking place at St Luke's and St Michael's, unless you are exempt, and keep everyone safe.

A very Happy and blessed New Year to everyone!

We start this New Year, as we start every new year: not knowing what lies ahead, but in hopeful anticipation that it will be a good one whatever that may mean for each of us.

There is extra poignancy in these times of the pandemic, when life seems so much more fragile and uncertain and even the most immediate future is unclear.

We are certain of nothing it seems and it can be hard to imagine life ahead or to make concrete plans. Yet, as followers of Jesus, we can be certain of Him. That He came to this earth, that he lived and loved and died for us. That he was crucified, rose gloriously again to life and invites us to be part of His new kingdom on earth, so that we can share in this adventurous life with Him.

This makes all the difference - the core certainty in these uncertain times:

"You go nowhere by accident. Wherever you go, God is sending you.

Wherever you are, God has put you there.

Christ lives in you and has something he wants to do through you where you are.

Believe this and go in the grace and love and power of Jesus Christ.

Amen"

- Richard Halverson, former chaplain of the US Senate.

Let us embrace the adventure, the life that this next year of 2022 brings!



Thanks to Thelma Funell for the photo

Baptism of Christ - 9th January

9.30am: Eucharist at St. Luke's, Burton with Revd. Helen Griffiss

11am: Eucharist at St Michael's Sopley with Revd. Dr. Ben Sargent