



Monthly Update

March 2019

Day and Date	Time / Event	Theme / Readings	Prayers are asked for...
Sunday 3 rd March Sunday next before Lent	(No 9.30am Service) 4.00pm Family Service	Luke 9:28-43a The Transfiguration 	The Ridgeway Community Church; residents of Church Lane; Police, Probation Service; Village Organisations; Deanery Synod and Team Council Members
6 th March ASH WEDNESDAY	8pm Holy Communion with Ashing at St Leonard's, Wallingford		God's grace and mercy on all people, as we remember we are dust, and to dust we shall return.
Sunday 10 th March Lent 1	8am HC St James' ----- 9.30am Parish Communion	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13	United Reformed Church, Aston Tirrold; residents of Monks Mead; The Village Shop and all who work there; Our Flower Arrangers
Sunday 17 th March Lent 2	9.30am Parish Communion	Genesis 15:1-12,17-18 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35	The Free Church, Brightwell cum Sotwell; residents of Bell Lane, Wellsprings; The Villager, those who publish and distribute it; Our Church Cleaners and those who maintain the churchyards
Sunday 24 th March Lent 3	8am HC St James' ----- 9.30am Family Communion	Isaiah 55:1-9 Luke 13:1-9	Our own churches of St Agatha's & St James'; residents of Slade End, Sotwell Street; Stuart England & Gillian Phillips after their wedding yesterday at Bosham; Brightwell Supporting Refugees; Our Congregation
Saturday 30 th March Sunday 31 st March MOTHERING SUNDAY	2-3pm Posy Making, for... 9.30am (*BST) Family Worship	 Colossians 3:12-17 John 19:25b-27	Cholsey Free Church; residents of Mackney & Mackney Lane; Mothers, Grandmothers, Stepmothers; Our Sacristan and Servers
Sunday 7 th April Lent 5	4pm Family Service	John 12:1-8	St Mary's Church, Cholsey; residents of West End, Old Nursery Lane; Wallingford Community Hospital, Medical Practices & staff; Our Bellringers and Sidespeople

Weekly activities:

- Bellringing Practice - Tuesdays, 7.15-9.00pm
- Morning Prayer - Wednesdays at 9.15am followed by Coffee Morning
- Choir Practice - Fridays at 7.15pm

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Church News:

Ash Wednesday and Lent

March sees the season of Lent starting on Ash Wednesday 6th March, observed in a Team Service of sung Holy Communion with the imposition of ashes at 8pm in St Leonard's, Wallingford. This gives us an opportunity to stand back a little from the usual routine of our lives and take some time to think a little more carefully about our relationship with God and others. Journey through the Lent & Easter seasons by:

- signing up to Bishop's Steven's Pilgrim emails: www.churchofengland.org/pilgrim
- join the **Churches Together Lent meetings** on Wednesday lunchtimes at St John's RC Church from 13th March, 12.30pm, as we explore "The Mystery of God" together.

Emmaus Group meeting in Brightwell on the following dates:

- Mar 7th at Anchorage
- Mar 21st at Anchorage
- April 4th at Plus Four

Electoral Roll 2019 - a completely new Electoral Roll has to be produced this year. This means that everyone who wishes to be included on the Electoral Roll for St Agatha's & St James' for 2019 needs to complete a new form. Those entitled to have their names on this roll have to be 16 years of age or more and they must reside in the parish or be regular worshippers here. The enrolment forms are available at the Welcome Desk and should be returned to Mike Drury, our Electoral Roll Officer by Sunday 17th March 2019.

Pathways Magazine

The Diocese have replaced the Door newspaper with with a new quarterly magazine called "Pathways". Copies are free and will be available at the back of church.

VIVE LA FRANCE is the final concert in Anita D'Attellis' Wallingford Winter Recitals. She is joined by violinist Giles Wade and cellist Jackie Johnson to play some French gems including the splendid Fauré Trio. There has been some wonderful music-making and this will be no exception! This is on Saturday 9 March in St Mary's at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12 in advance – easiest to get them on line from www.anitapiano.com/wrw2019 or pick them up at the Town Information Centre. Proceeds to the St Mary's Tower Fund.

Dates for your Diary:

- **Thursday 25th April, 7.30pm – Annual Parish Church Meeting**
- **Saturday 18th May – 2-4pm – Church Spring Fair (Brightwell Manor)**

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