

## This week and looking ahead

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Monday	08.30 Morning Prayer (St Mary's) 19.45 PCC (St Mary's)
Tuesday	08.30 Morning Prayer (St Mary's)
Wednesday	08.30 Morning Prayer (St Mary's)
Thursday	08.30 Morning Prayer (St Mary's) 11.00 Holy Communion (St Mary's)
Friday	08.30 Morning Prayer (St Mary's)

### Dates for your Diary

The Rector's Tea Party will be held in Liz Gordon's beautiful garden on Sunday, 9 June.

In order to celebrate our environmental awareness, there will be a meat free Harvest Supper on Saturday, 12 October.

Further details regarding these two events to follow.

For more information see notices in and outside the church or under 'Church Calendar' on [www.wallingfordcofe.org.uk](http://www.wallingfordcofe.org.uk) and [www.marylemore.co.uk](http://www.marylemore.co.uk)

## Services next week – Sunday 24 March

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*Servicewarden this Sunday is Val Wolsey*

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Leonard's
10am	All Age Communion (CW)	St Mary's
6.30pm	Sung Evensong (BCP)	St Leonard's

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## Sunday 17 March 2019



**St Mary's & St Leonard's  
Wallingford**  
*open to God, open to all*

Welcome to our services today

The Second Sunday of Lent

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*Servicewarden this Sunday is Sue Hutchinson*

**8am Holy Communion (BCP)** **St Leonard's**  
Celebrant: Revd Kevin Beer

**10am Parish Communion (CW)** **St Mary's**  
Celebrant: Revd Kevin Beer

644 *God is love: let heav'n adore him*

775 *Seek ye first*

806 *There's a wideness in God's mercy*

Anthem *Turn thy face from my sins – Attwood*

488 *Church of God, elect and glorious*

**6.30pm Sung Evensong (BCP)** **St Leonard's**

Officiant: Revd John Hutchinson

621 *Dear Lord and Father of mankind*

Responses Ferial

Psalm 135.1–14

Canticles: Set C

Anthem *Turn thy face from my sins – Attwood*

135 *Take up thy cross, the Saviour said*

823 *Who would true valour see*

**Join us for refreshments after our morning service**

Collect, readings and prayer

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### Collect

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Readings

Main service: Genesis 15.1–12, 17–18; Philippians 3.17–4.1; Luke 13.31–35

Evensong: Psalm 135 1–14; Jeremiah 22.1–9, 13–17; Luke 14.27–33

### Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Prayers

Those being married. Those being baptised. Those who are sick: Peter Shelton. Those who have died.

## From the Team Rector

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### Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held on Sunday 7th April after the 10 am service. We have already started preparing for this by compiling our new Church Electoral role which we have to complete every six years. This APCM will also mark six years since Roger Morgan has been our Churchwarden and so he will not be eligible to stand again. Roger has done a great job and he has kindly agreed to carry on with much of the work which he does on the PCC Standing Committee. So this time we are looking for someone who is able to be more involved with the smooth running of services. Please may I therefore encourage you to start thinking about who might take on the role? Is it something you could do?

### Lent Plastic Challenge

I hope you are finding the challenge thoughtful. Here's a prayer which I hope you will encourage you.

#### A prayer for giving up single use plastics

Gracious God, we apologise for where we have seen this planet as disposable, and have not considered the impact of living in ease. Where life may have been made simpler for us by plastics, help us to see that it has made daily living more complicated for someone else. Where we cannot see the immediate consequences of our actions, would you open our eyes to the responsibility we have to keeping life clean and life giving for others. Help us to give up convenience for greater compassion. With each choice we make to change God, may we make room for you to change our hearts. In your name, Amen.

#### Lent Plastic Challenge – Week 3: bathroom



Many consider their bathroom as one of the most important parts of their home! It's where many people start their day – using the toilet, brushing teeth, showering etc! It's good news that our Lent Plastic Challenge for week 3 is all about the 'Bathroom'. Many bathroom products such as shampoo, deodorant, hand soap, toothbrushes etc involve a fair bit of plastic. Personal care products can be more challenging to avoid plastic packaging.

Our world offers us so many temptations and challenges. Perhaps you are finding the Lent Plastic Challenge experience difficult? What inspired you take part in this challenge and what is it really about for you? How is this lenter lifestyle challenge helping you to focus on your relationship with God and his creation?

Paco's top tips to minimise plastic in the bathroom are to buy in bulk and to explore taring – when you take your own container to a shop and fill it with what you need. Why not give 'Just Trading' a visit this week – where you can put your 'bathroom' taring into action.

If you'd like to share your thoughts about the challenge or need further information please speak to Emma Cross: [emmarcross@hotmail.com](mailto:emmarcross@hotmail.com) or 01491 837815.

## Notices

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### Sharp Memorial School for the Blind

We are delighted that £298 was raised for the Sharp Memorial School for the Blind from the cake sale. As usual, we had a wonderful selection of lovely home-made cakes Many, many thanks for providing and for buying the cakes.

#### 'The Fellowship' – 25 March

Following our very enjoyable birthday lunch in February, our next meeting will again be held at the home of Mary Vallance at 2.30pm (837321). Please make every effort to be there as we shall need to discuss and draw up a programme for the following year. Thank you, Kathy Dunn.

#### From Rhonda

Dear Church family, At the next All Age Eucharist 31 March it is Mothering Sunday. We as a church are again planning on distributing small posies of flowers during the service.

As in previous years we are inviting some of our local Brownies to help us with this. The plan this year is for the posies to be made up on Friday 29 March, 6.30pm in the Guide Hut at Fir Tree Junior School. We would be very grateful for gifts of daffodils, crocuses etc and greenery. These can be brought to St Mary's for Friday 29 March during the day.

**TEAM HELP – Friday 29 March** We are also in need of a team of helpers to transport the flowers from the church to the guide hut on the Friday in time for our 6.30 start and then assist the Brownies in the making of the posies. We then need to transport the flowers to the Old Post Office. **AND Sunday 31st March** We also need helpers in carrying the posies in buckets from the Old Post Office and then helping to arrange them in baskets. Time to be confirmed on this. For more information and or to offer help please contact Rhonda on [stmarychildren2@gmail.com](mailto:stmarychildren2@gmail.com) or let David or Wendy know.

Thank you in advance.

#### Fundraising Group for Sue Ryder

A fundraising group in support of the expert care that Sue Ryder provide is being set up. The first meeting is taking place on the Wednesday 20 March in the form of an informal chat at the Old Post Office between 1-2pm, where people will get a better understanding of what it entails.

**ELGAR'S KINGDOM BY BENSON CHORAL SOCIETY** is coming up soon at 7.30pm on Saturday 30 March. You don't get to hear this piece that often - it's on a massive scale so seize the opportunity. Please note particularly the venue this time is the Oratory School Chapel in Woodcote, where we haven't sung for many years. The school has Elgar connections through its founder John Henry Newman who wrote the poem 'The Dream of Gerontius' which in Elgar's setting established his choral recognition a few years earlier. Tickets are £18 or £15 (reserved) or £12 (unreserved). You can get them online at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/benson-choral-society> which is very simple and you don't pay a booking fee, or call Stephanie on 01865 407395. Need a lift? Ask Roger Morgan or call him on 837494.