



Monthly Update

March 2026

(Services at St Agatha's unless otherwise stated)

Day and Date	Time / Event	Theme / Readings	Prayers are asked for...
Sunday 1 st March Lent 2	9.30am Family Service	John 3.1-17	The Ridgeway Community Church; residents of The Street, Brightwell; Sotwell Hill House, Westgate House Nursing Home and Mariot Court; Deanery Synod and Team Council Members.
Sunday 8 th March Lent 3	9.30am Parish Communion at St James'	Exodus 17:1-7 Romans 5: 1-11 John 4: 5-42	United Reformed Church, Aston Tirrold; residents of Bakers Lane, Datchet Green, Five Acres; for those who work for S.O.D.C., Parish and Town Councils; our flower arrangers
Sunday 15 th March Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	9.30am Family Communion	Exodus 2:1-10 John 19: 25b-27	The Free Church, Brightwell cum Sotwell; residents of High Road, Sires Hill; Social Services; Village Sporting Activitiest; our mother church and all who nurture us.
Sunday 22 nd March Lent 5 "Passion Sunday"	9.30am Family Communion	John 11:1-45	St Agatha's & St James', Brightwell cum Sotwell; residents of Wantage Road & NW Wallingford; Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Brownies; our church cleaners and those who maintain the churchyards.
Sunday 29 th March Lent 6 Palm Sunday	Team Service 9.30am Palm Sunday Procession and Passion Reading St James' - St Agatha's	Matthew 26:14 - 27.66 or Matthew 27:11-54	St Mary's Church, Cholsey; residents of Church Lane; T our teachers and school support staff; our church cleaners and those who maintain the churchyards; our congregation.
Maundy Thursday	7pm The Last Supper	Exodus 12:1-4,11-14 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17,31b-35	Our friends at the Brightwell Free Church and all Christians gathered to share this blessed meal
Good Friday	The Final Hour 2pm St Mary's St Mark's Passion 7pm St Mary's	 Readings TBC	"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."
Sunday 5 th April Easter Sunday	6.30 am Easter Vigil St Leonard's 9.30 am Family Communion	 Acts 10: 34-43 John 20:1-18	St Mary Magdalene, Crowmarsh Gifford; residents of Little Martins; the Police and Probation Service; village organisations; Our Sacristan and servers.

Mid-week activities:

Tuesdays: 7.30pm Bellringing Practice
Wednesdays: 9.00am - Morning Prayer in the Parish Room
10am-Noon – Coffee & Cake in the Parish Room

World Day of Prayer 2026:



Please join us for **The World Day of Prayer** on **Friday 6th March** at 3pm at St Agatha's. The World Day of Prayer is an international, women-led, ecumenical movement. This year, the service – "I will give you rest, come" – has been written by the women of Nigeria and we are delighted that Fr Dominic who is Nigerian and is the Roman Catholic Priest in Wallingford will be with us for this service. See www.wwdp.org.uk for more information.

Lent 2026:

Come and See

Come and See is a free online experience to explore spirituality and find out more about the Christian faith. Please subscribe to get the full resources here:

www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see/

Maundy Thursday

Our friends from Crowmarsh Church and Brightwell Free Church join us on Maundy Thursday to share the evening meal and worship with us at St Agatha's. If you would like to attend please sign up on the sheet provided at the welcome desk in St Agatha's.

Bible Study

The Brightwell-based **Emmaus group** meets in the village at **2.30pm fortnightly**. Contact Mina Barrett (mina.gb@icloud.com) to find out more.

Giving:

All donations to the mission and ministry of our church are very welcome: the majority of our members use the Parish Giving Scheme as it is the most efficient way of reclaiming Gift Aid - new forms are available at the welcome desk. We also accept hard cash!

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