

BENEFICE NEWS SHEET

St Laurence Winslow; St James' Great Horwood with Singleborough; St Mary's Addington

OUR ASPIRATIONS: HOLINESS, HOSPITALITY AND HEALING

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE TODAY - If you are here for the first time, please introduce yourself to those around you and to the clergy. If you have pre-school children please feel free to use the children's area. A sidesperson will be happy to help if you have any questions. All baptised Christians of any denomination are invited to receive communion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, when you come to the Altar rail, please leave your arms down by your side.

Rev. Andrew Lightbown - rector@winslowbenefice.org.uk Phone 01296-712564

1st Sunday of month St Laurence Church Winslow

8am Holy Communion BCP

9.30am Sung Eucharist

St James' Church Great Horwood

11am Parish Eucharist

2nd Sunday of month St Laurence Church Winslow

9.30am Sung Eucharist

6pm Evensong

St James' Church Great Horwood

10.30am Breakfast followed at 11am Come and Praise

3rd Sunday of month St Laurence Church Winslow

8am Holy Communion BCP

9.30am Come and Share All Age Sung Eucharist followed by breakfast

St James' Church Great Horwood

11am Parish Eucharist

4th Sunday of month St Laurence Church Winslow

9.30am Sung Eucharist with (optional) Laying on of hands with prayer for healing after receiving communion in the St Alban Chapel

St James' Church Great Horwood

11am Come and Share All Age Service

5th Sundays of the month – 9.30am Matins St Laurence Church; 11am Parish Eucharist St James' Church

St Mary's Church Addington – varied services advertised weekly:

NEXT SERVICE 25TH FEBRUARY AT 6PM BCP HOLY COMMUNION WITH HYMNS

BENEFICE PRAYERS - We pray for all three communities of Winslow, Great Horwood and Addington. As part of Christians Together, we join with St Albans and the Winslow Christian Fellowship to pray for: Ewan Stewart, Marie Claire, Roy Fuller, Storm, Benedict, Steve and Charlotte, Nick and Sue, Luke Dale, Tom Holdsworth, Tim Stickland, Sophie, Rebecca, Lilly, Emily, Morag, Jamie, Ruth. From the **Memorial Book**: Ian Holmes; Christopher Whitehouse; Rosetta Keadle; Ruby Hill

There is a **PRAYER BOWL** on a desk just outside the St Alban Chapel – Prayer cards are in the desk drawer. Cards are collected at regular intervals by Rev. Andrew/Father Anton and those mentioned on the cards are prayed for.

14th January – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany St Laurence Church

9.30am Sung Eucharist

6pm Evensong – Theme: Reconciliation

St James' Church Great Horwood

11am Come and Praise preceded by breakfast 10.30am

Sunday 21st January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany St Laurence Church

8am Holy Communion BCP

9.30am Come and Share All Age Service

St James' Church Great Horwood

11am Parish Eucharist

REGULAR EVENTS ST JAMES CHURCH AND GREAT HORWOOD
On the 2nd Sunday of each month FOOD is followed by our COME AND PRAISE SERVICE!!! This service starts at 11am with bacon and sausage sarnies beforehand at 10.30am..... delicious. You could then join in with the Music Group by playing your own instrument or by playing the percussion instruments supplied. The Service always includes fun activities in which you can take part.

GREAT HORWOOD TODDLER GROUP – every Monday in Village Hall from 1.30-3pm. £1.50 for 1st child, Additional children = 50p. A small friendly group – tea/coffee/juice available.

GREAT HORWOOD VILLAGE HALL – OPEN FOR COFFEE every Wednesday 9.30-11.30am with 'pop up' post office. All welcome.

REGULAR EVENTS AT ST LAURENCE CHURCH

BELL RINGING PRACTICE – St Laurence Church 7.30pm Mondays

ST LAURENCE ROOM open for coffee 10-12 noon every Wednesday

TODDLER TIME – Wednesdays in Church 10-11am + refreshments

HOUSE GROUP – Tuesdays 8-9.30pm. Contact church warden for details

BIBLE STUDY GROUP – 1st/3rd Tuesdays 10.30am starting 16th January. Contact Jo for details.

IN TOUCH GROUP – 2pm, 1st Thursday of month – an informal group basing discussions around themes or aspects of Church life, after which we enjoy a cup of tea and finish about 3.30ish. Anyone interested is most welcome. Contact: Anne Newham 714330

CHOIR PRACTICE – Fridays 6.30pm-Juniors; 7.30pm-Adults

FRIENDS OF ST LAURENCE 100/200 CLUB – 2017 has been very successful period for the Friends. Total contributions to St Laurence Church general Funds amounted to £1260. After 8 years of Stewardship I will be retiring, however, Mr George Hooper has kindly agreed to take care of the 'Friends' in the future. Changeover will take place in February. With the regular contributions of the members during the 8 years of my Stewardship, the total donations to the church have amounted to £8800. Many thanks are extended to all past and present 'Friends' who have supported this wonderful result. There are still membership numbers available and ensure the continued success of the Club, George will be very pleased to welcome you. *Jean Dale*

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY HOME COLLECTING BOXES - Please could we have all home collecting boxes and any lingering candle collection boxes by **Sunday 21st January**? They can be given to a member of the committee during any church service, at Time for Toddlers, or handed to anyone doing the St. Laurence room Wednesday Coffees before then. Sadly, please **do not** leave them in church unattended as the church is open in the daytime. Ring **Angela** on **714678** if you would like your box collected. Thank you

LENT COURSE: during Lent there will be three study evenings focussing on prayer led by Rev. Andrew Lightbown and Rev. Daphne Preece. The dates are 22nd February, 1st March, 15th March. More information will follow shortly.

QUIZ organised by **Christians Working Together** and supporting the Holiday Lunch Club for children. Saturday 10th February 6.30pm for 7.00 start. Tickets £10, to include a hot supper. Licensed bar and raffle. Tickets or more information from Judy or Jo

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Friday 2nd March 1.15pm. St. Laurence Room. This year the service is planned by the women of Suriname. The service will be preceded by a hot lunch based on Suriname cuisine.

READINGS 14th January

1 Samuel 3 : 1-1

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

Revelation 5 : 1-10

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.' Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

Gospel: John 1 : 43-end

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'