

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.

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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 AT ST MARY'S - Tuesday 27th March 8pm Sung Compline

EVERY WEDNESDAY 12 NOON SAID EUCHARIST ST LAURENCE CHURCH

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 those we know who are sick

Memorial Book: Roger Holland

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.

Sunday 18th March 5th Sunday of Lent

ST LAURENCE CHURCH

8am Holy Communion BCP

9.30am Come and Share All Age Service

ST JAMES' CHURCH GREAT HORWOOD

11am Parish Eucharist

Sunday 25th March Palm Sunday

St Laurence Church, Winslow

9.30am Sung Eucharist for Palm Sunday

St James' Church, Great Horwood

10.15am Procession of Palms starting

Willow Road, followed by Service in Church

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 Wednesdays

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

HOUSE GROUP – Tuesdays 8-9.30pm. Contact Jo 712650

BIBLE STUDY GROUP – 1st/3rd Tuesdays 10.30am. Led by Ann Daymond 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

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS:

St Mary's Church Addington 21st March 7.30pm at Addington Manor

St Laurence Church Winslow – 15th April 6pm in Church

St James' Church Great Horwood – 29th April 12 noon in Church

LENT LUNCHES

ST LAURENCE CHURCH every Wednesday till 21st March 12.30pm. Volunteers needed to help set up and serve the lunches and to make soup or cakes. If you can help, please sign up on the rotas at the back of the Church – contact Liz or Joyce Hill.

ST JAMES' CHURCH every Wednesday till 28th March in Village Hall from 12 noon homemade soup bread and delicious cake. All Welcome

EASTER LILIES

ST JAMES' CHURCH — if you would like to purchase a lily in memory of a loved one, please speak with Sue Brazier or June Margerrison. The Lilies help to decorate the church for Easter.

ST LAURENCE CHURCH - If you would like to donate a lily to go in the flower arrangements at Easter, please give to Liz van de Poll, or to Joyce Hill. The "In Loving Memory" list will be placed in church on the table near the south door from 11th March. Please enter the names of those you would like to be included. This list will then be displayed on the Lady Chapel Altar for Easter Sunday, and for the following Sunday.

AUCTION OF PROMISES: Following the success of two years ago, we are organising an Auction of Promises on Saturday 14th April 7pm in the Public Hall to raise funds for the Church. If you would like Tickets they are £10 to include a two course meal. For more Information speak to Jo 712650.

CHURCH CLEANING: If anyone can help Saturday 28th April 9am for pillars, windows and walls. 10am for sills cupboards, etc. Bring a brush – refreshments provided.

LEADING INTERCESSIONS I would like to run a very short training session for anyone interested in leading intercessions in Sunday services from 12 noon-1.30pm on Saturday 28th April. My hope is that we will get to the stage of having lay led intercessions on the first and third Sunday of the month. *Andrew*

CHURCH CLOCK CHIMES - There are issues with the chimes on the clock, most likely caused by the severe weather. The Clock people will be calling on route to another job and hope to sort the issue out in the next week or so. Until then no chimes but the timing is fine.

READINGS 18th March 5th Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31 : 31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Hebrews 5 : 5-10

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel: John 12 : 20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.