

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 sides person will be happy to help if you have any questions. All those Baptised and over the age of 7 are welcome 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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Church Wardens St Laurence Church: Jo Anderson 712650; Chris Ryalls 712029; St James' Church: David Brazier 714712; June Margerrison 714554; St Mary's Church: Robert Cronk 713813.

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 in the St Alban Chapel after receiving communion

St James' Church Great Horwood

11am Come and Share All Age Eucharist Service

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

Every Wednesday St Laurence Church 12 noon Said Eucharist

St Mary's Church Addington - Sunday 23rd September 4pm Harvest Festival

BENEFICE PRAYERS - If anyone would like a name to continue to be on the list please let Andrew or a Church Warden know.

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.

REGULAR EVENTS ST JAMES CHURCH & 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

DIARY DATES: Quiz 10 November - Further details later. We would like to organise another **Barn Dance, Wine Tasting** and **Beetle Drive** – dates to be arranged. The Social Committee could do with some help. Any volunteers or suggestions, please contact Judy on 715484.

PARISH PICNIC – Sunday 22 July (*second date change*): Winslow Arboretum 12.30 pm. Please bring food for a shared picnic, your own drinks/cutlery/crockery, etc., and something to sit on. We will finish about 4.00 pm with a short Act of Worship. Open to all – bring friends, family, dogs and anyone else!

HOLIDAY LUNCH CLUB – (for children) the dates for the Summer Holidays are Tues 31 July, Fri 3 August, Tues 7 August, Fri 10 August, Tues 14 August, Fri 17 August, Fri 24 August, Tues 28 August, Fri 31 August, Tues 4 Sept. We need volunteers to man each session either to set up, welcome, serve, cook, play with children or a little bit of all of these from 11-2.30pm. If anyone would like to get involved but can't commit to any of these dates but can make some dishes at home, pasta bakes or desserts mainly, please let Jo know 712650.

CONFIRMATION – 30TH September 4pm – anyone who is interested in being confirmed please speak with Rev. Andrew.

READINGS Sunday 15th July : 7th Sunday after Trinity

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Gospel - Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.