

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 are welcome to receive communion as well as all children over the age of 7. 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 Eucharist 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 - Sunday 20th May 6pm Sung Eucharist

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:**

Ewan Stewart, Marie Claire, Roy, Storm, Benedict, Steve and Charlotte, Luke, Rebecca, Lilly, Emily, Morag, Jamie, Ruth, Molly, David.

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 20th May Pentecost

St Laurence Church Winslow

8am Holy Communion BCP

9.30am All Age Sung Eucharist

St James' Church, Great Horwood

11am Parish Eucharist

St Mary's Church, Addington

6pm Sung Eucharist for Pentecost

Sunday 27th May : Trinity Sunday

St Laurence Church Winslow

9.30am Said Eucharist

12.30pm Baptism Willow Hayde-Watts

St James' Church, Great Horwood

11am Come and Share All Age Eucharist

11AM DEANERY EUCHARIST SERVICE AT WHITCHURCH

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

PCC ST JAMES' CHURCH - Chris Finnemore (sec), Russell Margerrison (treasurer), Ian Lamberton, Sue Brazier, Janthea Brigden, Valerie Porritt, Andrew Grimditch

PLEASE NOTE: DEANERY SERVICE ON TRINITY SUNDAY - 27th May 11am at Whitchurch. Also Said Eucharist 9.30am Winslow.

DATA PROTECTION ACT: The principles of the new Data Protection Act are similar to the old. The main implication is that organisations cannot use an individual's data or indeed hold the details of an individual without permission. Each different use of the data requires a separate permission. The contact details that the Church is collecting is to enable us to contact people about Church matters and will not be used for any other purpose or shared with any other organisation or individuals other than the Incumbent, Church Wardens and Office staff. Organisers of rotas will need to obtain written permission from individuals on the rota in order to be able to include those individuals contact details on the rota. Similarly, if sending e mails to a group of people they must be blind copied so that individual e mail addresses cannot be seen. Many thanks, Chris and Jo

PLANT SALE: 8 High Street, Great Horwood (opposite church) Monday 28th May 10-12 noon. Refreshments available.

CHOIR CONTRIBUTIONS - Every Friday the choir members are ask to make a voluntary contribution of £1 towards Church heat. With their latest gift, the total raised over the past 8ish years is now £3450! Well done and thank you.

DIARY DATES: Please put these dates in your diaries. **Progressive Supper** June 30th. **Picnic** July 30th. **Quiz** 17th November. Further details will appear as each event gets closer. The Social committee could do with some help. We would like to organise another **Barn Dance**, but need a caller. Also another **wine tasting**, but need an expert!! Any volunteers or suggestions, please contact Judy; 715484.

WINSLOW CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP STORE HOUSE closing - free car boot or small donation of baby and children's good clothes/toys: 8th June 12-5; 9th June 9-1pm – Winslow Youth Centre, Avenue Road.

COFFEE MORNING - on the first Saturday of St Laurence Week, 9th June, there will be a coffee morning from 10.00 to 12.00. If anyone would like to help please see Barbara Capstick. Also, any offers of Cakes to serve with coffee, any unwanted gifts for the gift stall (toiletries, stationery, in date food, ornaments etc) would be very much appreciated. Please give to Barbara or leave at the back of the church. Thank you.

TALK BY JULIAN HUNT on the Hubbard's of Addington and Seven Gables on Sunday 10 th June in the St Laurence Room at 3 pm followed by tea and homemade cakes which is included in the price. Tickets are £5 and can be reserved by signing the list at the back of the church or seeing Barbara Capstick. Please pay on the day at the door. All monies raised are for St Laurence Church

READINGS: Sunday 20th May Pentecost

Acts 2 : 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Romans 8 : 22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Gospel: John 15 : 26 – 16 : 4b-15

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.