

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. **Items for pew sheet to** churchoffice71@gmail.com

Below are the times of the Church Services. Sometimes the services and/or times are changed, especially around festivals and other significant events. Please check the Winslow Parish New, Focus – Great Horwood or Church Notice Boards for any changes.

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 16TH DECEMBER 5PM SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS
Followed by very tasty refreshments!

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

ST LAURENCE CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY to clear away ivy and generally tidy up on Saturday 24th November from 10.00am. All offers of help appreciated.

A DAY AT ST MICHAELS PRIORY MILTON KEYNES – 24th November - about Thomas Merton (1915-1968) who was a Trappist monk who sought God in the silence and penance of a monastery, yet reached out to the world in his writing, social criticisms and engagement with other faiths. He was a man of contradictions and fallibilities but filled with a sense of the mercy and love of God. If you are interested in attending, please speak to Jo Anderson on 712650.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – Thursday 29th November from 5.00pm and Saturday 1st Dec from 10.00am. WE NEED donations for the cake stall, either cake or savouries. Please give any contributions to Angela Bowe or drop off at 21 Park Road. Thank you!

GET FIT FOR CHRISTMAS NOW! – Please pick up a pack of Christmas Cards to deliver round the town. If everyone can take one pack - or double up for the longer roads (and end up at the pub maybe) - a fun time will be had by all. They all need to have been delivered by the **9th December**. Many thanks.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY candle collecting boxes are now available in the children's corner. Please encourage your child to fill a box with small change for children in the UK who have little at Christmas and return the box at the Christingle or another service on Christmas Eve or soon after. Thank you. Contact Angela 714678

QUIZ Very many thanks to all who supported last Saturday's quiz in whatever way; either helping or participating. Thanks to all of you we raised £642.50!

2019 DIARIES available at the back of the church. Please help yourself to one.

BENEFICE CANDLELIT SERVICE FOR ADVENT - Sunday 2nd December - St Laurence Church 6.00pm. All are most very welcome.

READINGS Sunday 18th November – Second Sunday before Advent Hebrews 10 : 11 - 14 and 19 - 25

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

GOSPEL: Mark 13 : 1 – 8

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.