

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.

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 Holy Communion BCP 26th November 11.15am

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 Fuller, Storm, Benedict, Steve and Charlotte, Nick and Sue, Luke Dale, Tom Holdsworth, Tim Stickland, Sophie, Rebecca, Lilly, Emily, Morag. From the **Memorial Book** we remember Patricia Matthews, Charles Clark, Hilda McSweeney, Joyce Reardon, Jack Nuttall, Robin French

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 26th November – Christ the King
St Laurence Church Winslow
 9.30am Sung Eucharist
St James' Church Great Horwood
 8am Holy Communion BCP
 11am Come and Share Service
St Mary's Church, Addington
 11.15am Holy Communion

Sunday December – Advent Sunday
St Laurence Church Winslow
 8am Holy Communion BCP
 9.30am Sung Eucharist
 6pm Benefice Candlelit service to celebrate Advent
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 in each month
CHOIR PRACTICE – Fridays 6.30pm-Juniors; 7.30pm-Adults

A NEW BIBLE STUDY GROUP in Winslow will be starting on 16th January, and will continue to meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month, at 10.30am. If you are interested speak to Jo Anderson who will pass your name to the leader.

Children's Society Collecting Boxes - available in the children's corner. Please encourage your child to fill the box with small change to help those children less fortunate than themselves at Christmas. Boxes can be returned at the Crib and Christingle services on Christmas Eve and at other services up until Sunday January 21st. Contact **Angela 714678**

"ROYAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BELLS" – at their practice on the evening of Monday 20th, the bellringers rang all 8 bells in their tribute to the Queen and Prince Philip's 70th anniversary. *Ring for weddings and special occasions is always rewarding – why not be part of the band?* Contact Jan Lewis Tower Secretary W715106 or any bellringer to arrange an introduction to the wonderful world of bells!"

CHRISTMAS FAIRS - Thursday 30th November, 5.30-8pm & Saturday 2nd December, 10am-noon in the St Laurence Room. Please could you help by contributing: bottles, tombola prizes, children's raffle prizes, filled jam jars (worth 50p for children, £1 for adults). Please see Annette Hatton if you require empty jam jars. Contributions to Barbara Capstick, 21 Park Road (714592) or left at back of the Church. Thank you in anticipation of your support. **URGENT: TOMBOLA ITEMS (TOILETRIES, STATIONERY ETC; BOTTLES – ALCOHOLIC OR NON-ALCOHOLIC, FILLED JAM JARS FOR ADULTS (£1) AND CHILDREN (50P).**

WEEKLY GIVING ENVELOPES - New sets are now available at the back of the Church. Please sign the nearby sheet against the number taken. (The same number as previous year please!). If you wish to join the scheme do see Terry

WINSLOW BENEFICE MOTHERS' UNION = 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence 25th November – 10th December 2017 is once more supporting this International Event by collecting items for Aylesbury Women's Aid Hostel. Women's and children's nightwear, toiletries, small toys would all be welcome, duvets and pillows etc. are also acceptable. If you would like to help. Contact Angela 714678.

THANK-YOU'S

1. To all who supported the **CANCER CARE COFFEE** in September. I am delighted to let you know that we raised £540.20 for the "Wooden Spoon" Cancer Care and Haematology Unit at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. Thank you once again and God Bless you. *Nicola*
2. To all who helped in so many ways with last week's **QUIZ**. Thanks to the question master, lasagna makers, barmen, washers up, all the Social Committee, and all those who joined in, we raised over £890. Well done and thank you. *Judy*

READINGS 26th November - Christ the King

Ezekiel 34 : 11-16, 20-24

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Ephesians 1 : 15-end

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gospel: Matthew 25 : 31-end

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'