

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.

Rev. Andrew Lightbown - rector@winslowbenefice.org.uk Phone 01296-712564

Church Wardens - St Laurence: Jo Anderson 712650; Chris Ryalls 712029; **St James':** David Brazier 714712; June Margerrison 714554; **St Mary's:** Robert Cronk 713813. **Items for pew sheet to churchoffice71@gmail.com**

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 & 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 & Share All Age Eucharist Service

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

Every Wednesday St Laurence Church 12 noon Said Eucharist

St Mary's Church Addington –

SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS – SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 5PM

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.

BELL RINGING PRACTICE - In St James Church
7.30pm Mondays

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 - In St Laurence Church
7.30pm Mondays

BIBLE STUDY GROUP – 1st/3rd Tuesdays 10.30am - led by Ann Daymond. Contact Jo for details – 712650

HOUSE GROUP – Tuesdays 8-9.30pm. Contact Jo
TODDLER TIME – Wednesdays in Church 10-11am, with refreshments

ST LAURENCE ROOM - open for coffee 10-noon
Wednesdays

IN TOUCH GROUP – 2-3.30pm, 1st Thursday of month – an informal group basing discussions around themes or aspects of Church life, after which we enjoy a cup of tea. Anyone interested is welcome. Contact Anne Newham 714330

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER – 8pm, last Thursday of the month in the St Laurence Room, starting with refreshments. Contact Jo for details

DAILY PRAYER – Fridays 9.15-9.30am, in church

CHOIR PRACTICE – Fridays 6.30pm-Juniors; 7.30pm-Adults

HARVEST LUNCH SUNDAY OCTOBER 6TH – a shared lunch in the St Laurence Room from 12.30pm. Bar and raffle. Please just turn up with a plate of food to share. For more information, call Judy on 715484

CHRISTMAS FAIR 2019 - There will be a meeting on Tuesday 8th October 10am at 21 Park Road, to discuss St Laurence Church Christmas Fairs. All are very welcome. If you are unable to come and would like to help or have any ideas please can you let Barbara Capstick know.

OCT 13TH 6PM - CHORAL EVENSONG: Dr Paula Gooder is preaching on “The Kingdom of Heaven is like...” All are welcome!

CURRY NIGHT AT BLUE MONSOON - On Thursday 7 November at 7pm, cost £20 per person plus drinks. It's a set menu but Blue Monsoon give us back £10.00 per head towards Church funds. Please book your place with Jo 712650

QUIZ – SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER in Winslow Public Hall, 6.45pm for 7pm prompt start. Tickets are £10 to include a two-course meal. There's a bar and a raffle too! Tickets available in Church or from Judy - 01296 715484.

READINGS: Sunday 6th October – Patronal Festival – James the Apostle

"God invites us to become, in the rabbinic phrase, his 'partners in the work of creation'. The God who created the world in love calls on us to create in love. The God who gave us the gift of freedom asks us to use it to honour and enhance the freedom of others. God the ultimate Other, asks us to reach out to the human other... Life is God's call to responsibility." - **Rabbi Jonathan Sacks in 'To Heal a Fractured World'**

"If serving is below you, leadership is beyond you." - **Anon**

Acts 11:27 – 12:2

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:20-28

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. And he said to her, ‘What do you want?’ She said to him, ‘Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.’ But Jesus answered, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?’ They said to him, ‘We are able.’ He said to them, ‘You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.’

When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, ‘You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.’