

Learning Through Lent

Wednesdays at 7.30pm

A series of 4 workshops on the subject of prayer – a talk, followed by questions and the chance to participate in different types of prayer, all in Kirtlington Church

Week 1: 8th March

led by the Rev'd Anthony Buckley, vicar of St Michael at the North Gate, Oxford, author of The King and the Story-teller and Letters from Henry: Songs for a Brighter Morning and many other books.



Later weeks: to include Paula Clifford, and Hazel Brazil from St Mary Magdalen Church in Oxford

For further information about the workshops, await emails or look at the Akeman Benefice website, www.akemanbenefice.org.uk

**Another suggestion for Lent:
the Diocesan
Come and See programme**



Every day, Monday to Saturday, during Lent, an email comes with a Bible reading, a brief reflection on it and a 'pause' suggestion. On Sundays there is instead a short video from Bishop Steven exploring the theme for the week in a bit more detail. Based on the Beatitudes. A really helpful way to help us meditate during Lent.

It is not too late: you can sign up and catch up on the website <https://oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see>

Other things to look out for in March:

Joint service with our Swedish Parish by Zoom - 19th March at 6pm

Passiontide Service at Weston with Akeman Church Community Choir - 26th March at 6pm

Palm Sunday Procession at Bletchington - 2nd April. Meet on the green at 10am.

And every week in term-time: **Rise and Shine café**, with wonderful home-made cakes and coffee, plus toys, story and song for the children, chat and cheer for all ages. Wednesdays, 9.15 to 10.45am

Looking further ahead:

A candle-lit reception will be held in Kirtlington on the eve of the coronation, 5th May, 7-10pm in St Mary's Church, with fizz, drinks and canapes, accompanied by Shelley van Lowen and the Palm Court Strings. £40 pp, apply to Ann Mowat 01869 350525 or Gill Summerfield 01869 351537.

Weston on the Green Village Hall is hosting a **Eurovision party**, with a special Ukrainian theme, on 13th May. Local Ukrainian families are warmly invited to attend. The food is free but please also note that booking is required: westonvillagehall@live.co.uk

Looking even further ahead: Swedish Visit

25 people from our Swedish link parish of Monsterås och Fliseryd will be visiting from 15-19 September. Do make a note of these dates, and do your best to be around, so we can assure them of a hearty welcome.

Looking back:

Chesterton had a very successful Big Breakfast in February: 60 attendees enjoying a hearty breakfast and the proceeds going to the church. Well done Chesterton!

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Contact details

Do feel free to contact a member of the ministry team if you would like to chat over anything, or a churchwarden if you would like information.



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Services

Sunday 5 March Lent 2

0800	Chesterton	Holy Communion
0930	Bletchingdon	Holy Communion
0930	Middleton Stoney	Breakfast Church
0930	Wendlebury	Holy Communion
1100	Chesterton	Family Service
1100	Kirtlington	Holy Communion
1100	Weston	Morning Worship

Sunday 12 March Lent 3

1100	Chesterton	Holy Communion
1100	Kirtlington	Holy Communion

Sunday 19 March Lent 4

0930	Bletchingdon	Breakfast Church
0930	Middleton Stoney	Holy Communion
0930	Wendlebury	Morning Worship
1100	Chesterton	Morning Worship
1100	Weston	Holy Communion
1600	Kirtlington	Evensong

Sunday 26 March Lent 5

1000	Wendlebury	Holy Communion
1800	Weston	Passiontide Evensong