

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

These are very important events in the life of our churches: an opportunity for all our congregants to find out what has been going on and vote in those who serve on their PCCs. Do take part.

Bletchington 25 April 1930 in church
Chesterton 27 April 1930 in church
Hampton Gay 3 May 1930 at Manor Cottage
Kirtlington 24 April 1830 in church
Middleton Stoney 16 May 1930 in village hall
Wendlebury 3 May 1800 in church
Weston 2 May 1830 in village hall (with canapés)

For any updates on this information or any other it is always worth looking on the benefice website, www.akemanbenefice.org.uk
Email the Rector akemanbenefice@gmail.com to ask to be put on the mailing list. Information is sent out weekly.

Thank You

At a Rise and Shine coffee morning in March presentations were made to Gemma, gifts given, and hearty thanks expressed for all her committed and creative work as Children and Families' Coordinator. In return Gemma gave certificates of achievement to the dedicated Rise and Shine team! We wish her all the very best as she moves on into the next stage of their family life.



Rise and Shine continues, every week in term-time, 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. The dates for April are 19th and 26th.

Things to look out for in April:

WALL-BUILDERS REQUIRED!

You are invited to help Wendlebury Church rebuild their drystone wall! This is a very enjoyable and useful skill (especially for other church members who might need to rebuild theirs!).

Saturday 1st April 0900-1300 - just bring sturdy shoes and thick gloves.

GOLDEN LEAVES LUNCH at Weston Village Hall on **Tuesday 4th April** at 12.30 £6, or £7.50 with a glass of wine. Please book: Peter Driver 01869 350569 Eric Bohm 01869 352006

CONCERT: The music group Sirinu presents 'Music For A Grand House', a concert of Elizabethan music at St Giles Church Bletchington on **Saturday 22 April** at 7.30pm. Tickets £15 to include refreshments. Proceeds in aid of the church. Please contact Judith 07422965136 or Fiona 07990513006

Our next **DEANERY WALK** (Pilgrim Paths) will take place on **Sunday 23 April**. It is a circular walk from Islip to Islip via Oddington and Noke. Meet Islip Church at 1330. There will be tea on return, followed by a short choral evensong (½ hour) at 1730.

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 canapés, accompanied by Shelley van Loen 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

TS ELIOT'S "HYACINTH GIRL". A talk from the renowned Eliot scholar, Dr Lyndall Gordon, in Kirtlington Church, **Friday 26th May**, evening. Tickets: £20 in advance, £25 on the door. Proceeds to the Church Restoration Fund.

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.

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 2 April Palm Sunday

1000	Bletchingdon	Palm Sunday procession and service. Meet on the green or at church if wet.
1100	Chesterton	Family service

Thursday 6th April Maundy Thursday

1900	Chesterton	Holy Communion
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Friday 7th April Good Friday

1000	Bletchingdon	Family Service (with hot cross buns)
1400	Middleton Stoney	An hour at the cross
2000	Kirtlington	Sung Compline with Hexachord choir

Sunday 9th April Easter Day

0800	Chesterton	Holy Communion
0930	Bletchingdon	Family Communion
0930	Middleton Stoney	Family Communion
0930	Wendlebury	Family Communion
1100	Chesterton	Family Communion
1100	Kirtlington	Family Communion
1100	Weston	Family Communion

Sunday 16 April Easter 2

1100	Chesterton	Morning Worship
1100	Weston	Morning Worship
1800	Kirtlington	Evensong

Sunday 23 April Easter 3

1030	Kirtlington	Holy Communion (benefice)
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Sunday 30 April Easter 4

1030	Bletchingdon	Holy Communion (benefice)
1600	Middleton Stoney	Pet Service