

## NOTICE BOARD

### Golden Oldies

In Weston:

Golden Leaves lunch on Nov 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 at the Village Hall.

Reaching Out. Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30 am in the Oxford Arms, Kirtlington. Excellent coffee and homemade cakes.

### All Souls

Most of our churches have an All Souls' service on 5<sup>th</sup> November, a time to remember your loved ones, especially but not only those who have died this year, and come and light a candle in their memory.

### Remembrance

The **Chesterton** Young Families Remembrance Service starts the ball rolling, by taking place on 5<sup>th</sup> November.

See the front page for the timings of the services in each village on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November.



### Calling musicians

We are hoping to organise a small band to help with some of our Christmas services. If you play an instrument and would like to join in please contact Juliet Neal on [Juliet.earp@gmail.com](mailto:Juliet.earp@gmail.com)

### Looking ahead to December

2<sup>nd</sup> Dec: Cantores Concert at **Kirtlington Church** in the evening.

3<sup>rd</sup> December: Chesterton Young Families Advent Service  
1600 Advent Children's Musical Event at **Kirtlington Church**  
A very informal Advent children's service with a rehearsal the previous afternoon.  
More details to follow.

9<sup>th</sup> December: Big Breakfast in **Weston**

24<sup>th</sup> Crib services. See next Vital Info or website for details and get your families and neighbours' families at the ready!



The café takes place 9.15 - 10.45 in **Kirtlington church** every Wednesday in term-time, with freshly-brewed coffee, home-made cakes, and, for the young families, craft activities, toys, a story-time and singing. All ages welcomed!

Merry Opera is doing an intriguingly different performance of Handel's Messiah at **St Edburg's Church Bicester** on 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. Tickets from <https://www.merryopera.co.uk/themerrymessiah>

## RECENT EVENTS

### Chesterton St Mary's Harvest Supper

John Floyd, the Head of Bruern Abbey School, hosted our Harvest Supper. His marvellous chef, Neil, cooked very tasty jacket potatoes with a good choice of toppings, followed by chocolate brownies and fruit crumble with custard, accompanied by a 'welcome' glass of wine. This treat in the atmospheric setting of the lovely old building was a joy for nearly 60 locals and a very welcome boost to the church finances. Hearty thanks, John!



### News from Weston

Harvest lunch at the end of September was very successful with 32 attendees and we raised £100 after expenses.

Golden Leaves relaunched in early October with 34 attendees.

Our stewardship/fund raising campaign launched in mid September with an all-village mail drop. At the time of writing we have increased our annual income by £900 through monthly pledges and also received one-off donations of nearly £1400. We won't know the final impact until the end of November because people have made direct donations to the bank account. (WELL DONE WESTON!)

The church has applied to be a village hub on the installation of broadband in the village. We are giving thought to how this will enhance the church's functionality and the interaction with the community.

# 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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# November 2023

## Services

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November

0930 Middleton Stoney	All Souls' Service
1100 Bletchington	All Souls' Service
1100 Chesterton	Family Service
1600 Chesterton	All Souls' Service
1600 Wendlebury	All Souls' Service
1800 Kirtlington	All Souls' Service
1800 Weston	All Souls' Service

### All Souls

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November

0945 Middleton Stoney	Remembrance Service
1045 Bletchington	Remembrance Service
1045 Chesterton	Remembrance Service
1045 Kirtlington	Remembrance Service
1045 Weston	Remembrance Service
1800 Kirtlington	Holy Communion

### Remembrance

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November

0930 Bletchington	Holy Communion
0930 Middleton Stoney	Holy Communion
0930 Wendlebury	Morning Worship
1100 Chesterton	Morning Worship
1100 Kirtlington	Morning Worship
1100 Weston	Holy Communion

### 2 before Advent

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November

0930 Kirtlington	Holy Communion* (said)
1800 Chesterton	Stir-up Service (with Akeman Community Choir)

### 1 before Advent

\*Indicates Prayer Book service

Akeman Benefice vital information