

BEAT THE JANUARY BLUES
JOIN US FOR A FILM NIGHT!

FREE
ONE NIGHT
ONLY



DRINKS
&
NIBBLES

Friday 26th January
Kirtlington Village Hall
7:00pm for 7:30pm start!

For those interested (no obligation)
there will be a 5 session Lent series based on the film

For any accessibility needs, to register interest or to secure a number of seats:

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THE GREATEST SHOWMAN

All are invited to a special showing of the film **The Greatest Showman**, inspired by the story of PT Barnum, the entrepreneur and creator of the circuses. It is a musical with many memorable songs and stars Hugh Jackman.

There will be drinks and canapés at this (free) film night.

Reserve your places in Kirtlington Village Hall at 7pm on 26th January with Joanna Clifford at joannaclifford.akeman@gmail.com or with Maggie Darby at maggiedarby.akeman@gmail.com

ADVENT

Our villages have all been busy in Advent, with concerts, parties, and lights, as well as carols and crib services.

In Kirtlington, at Rise and Shine Christmas hats and jumpers were much in evidence as all ages ate and sang together, and the Oxford Arms coffee morning was entertained by the Kirtlington School year 6s singing carols to them.



After Chesterton's well-attended carol service Kerala plum cake was on offer, to support Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza, which is run by the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem.

FROM NOW ON in Lent

During Lent 'The Greatest Showman' will be the starting-off point for weekly groups meeting in homes in every village, where film clips and brief Bible passages will lead into discussion times, and the chance to chat, reflect and pray together. The resource material is called "From Now On", and the course 'explores ways in which themes of faith, hope and redemption run through all our lives.' The groups will take place at a variety of times and on different days, so that there should be a time that suits everyone. If you are interested please contact Maggie or Joanna, contact details above. We hope that this will be an opportunity for some new folk to join us for something a bit different, and for us all to get to know and support one another better in a sociable and informal environment.

GARETH'S SABBATICAL

Gareth will be on sabbatical from early January to early April. During this time he will not be responding to emails or telephone messages. All enquiries should be directed to other members of the ministry team or the churchwardens, if appropriate. If you are unsure whom to ask, please contact our administrator, Julie Andrews, at enquiries.akeman@gmail.com

In Wendlebury 35 wreaths were made in preparation for Christmas and over 160 people came to the lovely Wendlebury Community Choir Christmas concert over 2 days.





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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 7th January Baptism of Christ

0800	Chesterton	Holy Communion* (said)
0930	Bletchington	Morning Worship
0930	Middleton Stoney	Morning Worship
0930	Wendlebury	Holy Communion
1100	Kirtlington	Holy Communion
1600	Weston	Evensong*

Sunday 14th January Epiphany 2

0930	Kirtlington	Holy Communion* (said)
1100	Chesterton	Holy Communion
1100	Weston	Morning Worship
1600	Kirtlington	Evensong

Sunday 21st January Epiphany 3

0930	Bletchington	Holy Communion
0930	Middleton Stoney	Holy Communion
0930	Wendlebury	Breakfast Church
1100	Chesterton	Café Church
1100	Kirtlington	Café Church
1100	Weston	Holy Communion

Sunday 28th January Candlemas

1030	Wendlebury	Holy Communion
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*Indicates Prayer Book service

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All services in M-S are in the village hall