

### **BIG BREAKFAST in Chesterton**

40 hungry people arrived within the first 10 minutes of the Big Breakfast in Chesterton, and about 55 partakers in all. Nearly £400 was raised. It was a lovely event with lots of chatter and friendship, and a completely exhausted team at the end!

**PALM SUNDAY** saw a pony with added donkey ears and tail leading the procession through Kirtlington to the service.



The **AGAPE SUPPER**, held for the first time in the Benefice, in Weston, was a good church family event. Around 25 people came to eat a very good meal cooked by Peter Driver. 3 Bible readings from Easter week gave us pause for thought. A loaf of bread was shared amongst us.

The three **PRIMARY SCHOOLS** held Easter services with some lovely poems, readings and dramatization of the events of Easter. Here is a song performed by children from Kirtlington:

*When I think about the cross  
When I think of Jesus,  
I'm reminded of his love,  
Love that never leaves me.*

*Who am I, that he should die,  
Giving life so freely?  
When I think about the cross,  
Help me to believe it.*

**RACE NIGHT** in Kirtlington was a great success thanks to Penny and Nico Rubio who picked up the baton after the caller was ill for a 2<sup>nd</sup> time. Penny has found a new vocation! Over £2,500 was raised.

### **APCMS**

April brings your church's annual Democratic Event when you get the chance to find out what your local church has been doing with its time and its resources and to ask questions and make comments. Support your hard-working PCCs by showing an interest and go along to the **APCM** in your village, and vote for your representatives, if you are on the Electoral Roll. If you aren't, you need to be, or you will be voiceless. Contact your warden to find out how.

The dates and times are as follows: (check these in your church in case of subsequent changes)

- 22 Apr 1900 Kirtlington
- 23 Apr 1900 Bletchingdon
- 24 Apr 1900 Weston
- 25 Apr 1900 Chesterton
- 29 Apr 1930 Hampton Gay
- 01 May 1900 Wendlebury
- 02 May 1900 Middleton Stoney

### **GARETH'S SABBATICAL**

Gareth returns from his sabbatical on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Until then 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](mailto:enquiries.akeman@gmail.com)

**Congratulations to Monica Stansfield, who moved a few years ago from Kirtlington to Bletchingdon, who is 100 on 7<sup>th</sup> April**

**Congratulations to Middleton Stoney, too, whose services are now back in the church. A great step forward!**

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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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# April 2024

## Services

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April

0800 Chesterton  
0930 Bletchington  
0930 Middleton Stoney  
0930 Wendlebury  
1100 Chesterton  
1100 Kirtlington  
1800 Weston

### Easter 2

Holy Communion\* (said)  
Breakfast Church  
Morning Worship  
Holy Communion  
Family Service  
Holy Communion  
Evensong\*

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April

0930 Kirtlington  
1100 Chesterton  
1100 Weston  
1800 Kirtlington

### Easter 3

Holy Communion\* (said)  
Holy Communion  
Morning Worship  
Evensong

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April

0930 Bletchington  
0930 Middleton Stoney  
0930 Wendlebury  
1100 Chesterton  
1100 Kirtlington  
1100 Weston

### Easter 4

Holy Communion  
Holy Communion  
Breakfast Church  
Café Church  
Morning Worship  
Holy Communion

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April

1030 Bletchington  
1800 Middleton Stoney

### Easter 5

Holy Communion  
Celtic-style Worship with ACCC

\*Indicates Prayer Book service

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