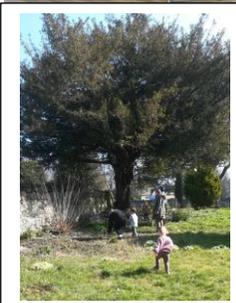


There were about 45 people at Chesterton's Big Breakfast on Saturday 15th March. It was a lovely social occasion for those who came to indulge in a 'full English', and raised £350 for St Mary's Church funds.



Rise and Shine children made seed balls and distributed them around the Kirtlington churchyard. Also painted tiles for insect homes. We anticipate lots of wild flowers in the summer enjoyed by well-housed insects!

The Benefice initiative to acknowledge Earth Hour saw several families switching off electric power and enjoying candlelight. WWF's annual Earth Hour started in 2007, to encourage awareness of our use of finite resources. The editor's candlelit bath was delightful but not photogenic.



Card game by Wendlebury family



Scrabble in Kirtlington



In Kirtlington, Mothering Sunday posies at the ready

Also in Chesterton, every pupil at Chesterton School took part in the Easter-themed Prayer Spaces. 200 children and a wonderful team of 13 helpers over the 3 days.

SPRING EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

"JONAH MAN JAZZ" A musical for children



SATURDAY 26 APRIL - 2pm
KIRTLINGTON CHURCH
Performance at 4pm

All children 5-13 welcome!
Just come along and learn the songs!
Tea and cake at 3.30.

Adults invited to come for 4pm.

AGAPE SUPPER on Maundy Thursday

There will be a special meal (cooked by our very own Peter Driver!) with reflections, to celebrate Maundy Thursday, at Middleton Stoney Village Hall on Thursday 17th April at 7.30 pm. If you are in a Lent group sign up with your host; if not, please email Paul at paulclifford.akeman@gmail.com

The Green Corner Happy Earth-loving Easter!

There are lots of wonderful Easter eggs out there that don't cost the earth. Try Cocoa Loco, (organic, fairtrade and funky,) or the Real Easter Egg from Meaningful Chocolate Company, which comes with the Easter story. Oxfam shops are a good source of these and other good Easter treats, or you could try the Co-op or, online, Ethical Superstore, which has a wide range and the delivery is extremely speedy and reliable! Other brands and shops are available (!), for fairtrade, organic, or vegan, products which are packaged in recyclable materials. And tasty, for a lovely Easter celebration.

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Services

Sunday 6th April

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

Lent 5

Holy Communion*
Breakfast Church
Morning Worship
Family Service
Holy Communion
Morning Worship

Sunday 13th April

1030 Weston Procession of palms and Holy Communion

Palm Sunday

Friday 18th April

1000 Bletchington
1200 Middleton Stoney
2000 Kirtlington

Good Friday

Family Service
An Hour at the Cross
Sung Compline

Sunday 20th April

0930 Bletchington
0930 Middleton Stoney
1100 Chesterton
1100 Kirtlington
1100 Weston
1500 Bletchington

Easter Day

Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Holy Communion
3 at 3 Family Service

Sunday 27th April

1000 Chesterton

Easter 2

Benefice Holy Communion

*Indicates Prayer Book service

ACCC is the Akeman Church Community Choir

Wendlebury Church is closed for refurbishment. Parishioners are warmly invited to the services in other churches across the benefice.

Akeman Benefice vital information