

## EASTER ACROSS THE BENEFICE



On Palm Sunday, a procession and service in Weston. Not exactly a 'humble donkey' but 4 legs good!



On Maundy Thursday, an Agape Supper in Middleton Stoney with readings from Bonhoeffer to help us reflect

On Good Friday, an interactive family service in Bletchingdon, a meditative hour at the cross in Middleton Stoney and a sung Compline in Kirtlington

On Easter Day, celebrations everywhere, including using the newly-installed organ at Middleton Stoney! He is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!



Kirtlington Easter Garden



Dry stone walling at Wendlebury

### JONAH MAN JAZZ

14 children sang beautifully after a 90-minute rehearsal, and a good audience enjoyed the lively performance. Well done all concerned.



## SPRING EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

### Middleton Stoney Festival Weekend.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May CONCERT

Wine and Canapes 6.30

Music and words 7.15

Tickets, £20, £10, free

<http://www.tickettailor.com/events/allsaintschurchmiddletonstoney>

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May FESTAL EUCHARIST

11am. The Bishop of Oxford will rededicate the church.

Good news! The Woodstock Youth Work Trust has appointed a Schools Chaplaincy Worker who will be working alongside the ministry team in Bletchingdon and Kirtlington Schools (being feeder schools for Marlborough School Woodstock). We look forward to getting to know Libby Hawkness-Smith and working with her.

### Gigantic sponsored readathon!

BeSpace is the organisation that runs Prayer Spaces in schools and provides the resources for ours. A sponsored readathon between 10am and 4pm on 21<sup>st</sup> June in Kirtlington Church aims to raise £1,000 for BeSpace so it can continue and grow. You can choose a children's book for £5, you can come along to listen, or simply sponsor the 6-hour reading marathon.

[www.justgiving.com/page/paulandjoannasreadathon](http://www.justgiving.com/page/paulandjoannasreadathon)

More information from Paulclifford.akeman@gmail.com

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> May Bicester foraging walk, 3pm, meeting at Emmanuel Church Bicester. More info from [Biclip.PilgrimPaths@gmail.com](mailto:Biclip.PilgrimPaths@gmail.com)

### The Green Corner Have you visited Bicester Green yet?

It is a not-for-profit hub focused on sustainability through repairing, repurposing and reclaiming. Donated items are reconditioned and sold at affordable prices in the shop on Sheep Street. Locals can rent tools for home projects through the Library of Things, commission wood pieces crafted from reclaimed materials, bring things into the repair workshops or pop into the new Repair Cafés to learn and connect while getting things fixed. Volunteers from Bicester Green have made a plaque in Garth Park and a handcrafted gate for St Edburg's Church.

Visit 16 Sheep Street or check out [www.bicestergreen.org.uk](http://www.bicestergreen.org.uk).

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# May 2025

## Services

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May

0800 Chesterton  
0930 Bletchingdon  
0930 Middleton Stoney  
1100 Chesterton  
1100 Kirtlington  
1100 Weston  
1600 Hampton Gay

### Easter 3

Holy Communion\*  
Morning Worship  
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Young Families Service  
Holy Communion  
Café Church  
Evensong\*

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May

0930 Kirtlington  
1100 Chesterton  
1800 Bletchingdon

### Easter 4

Morning Worship  
Holy Communion  
Benefice Evensong with ACCC

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May

0930 Bletchingdon  
0930 Middleton Stoney  
0930 Wendlebury  
1100 Chesterton  
1100 Weston  
1500 Bletchingdon  
1800 Kirtlington

### Easter 5

Holy Communion  
Holy Communion  
Morning Worship  
Café Church at church  
Holy Communion  
3rd at 3 Family Service  
Evensong

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May

1100 Middleton Stoney

### Easter 6

Festal Communion and  
Rededication of Church

### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May

1900 Weston

### Ascension

Holy Communion

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\*Indicates Prayer Book service

ACCC is the Akeman Church Community Choir