

## Lent Labour

This year, across our villages, we will be marking Lent with a shared project called **Lent Labour**. We will be offering a series of simple, practical sessions in each village - small tasks that help care for the places we love. Each session will last around two hours and will be open to all, with no special skills required.

After each session we will gather in church for a simple lunch of bread, soup and cheese. This shared meal will be an important part of the day - a moment to pause, to give thanks, and to enjoy fellowship together.

For those who are unable to take part in the practical work, there will also be a three-quarter hour **Faith Focus** in church, starting at 11.45, before lunch at 12.45. This will explore biblical teaching about the value of work - not only paid work, but all the everyday tasks through which we serve one another and honour God.

Meet at **10.30 for practical action**,  
or at the church at **11.45 for Faith Focus**

21 Feb	Bletchington	Meet on green opposite pub
28 Feb	Wendlebury	Meet outside village hall
07 March	Middleton Stoney	Meet outside village hall
14 March	Chesterton	Meet at church gate
21 March	Kirtlington	Meet on South Green
28 March	Weston	Meet outside pub

### FEBRUARY's GREEN CORNER

This Lent, take part in Climate Steward's Carbon Fast. Lent is a time when Christians traditionally fast and focus on God. The Carbon Fast will help you consider ways to live more simply, give you new ideas to cut your carbon footprint and invite you to focus on God and consider the whole of his creation. Beginning on 18th Feb, you'll receive a weekly email containing key facts, suggestions for how you could reduce your carbon footprint and a prayer to lead you through this Lenten season. Each week features a different theme designed to help us take climate action in manageable ways that bear witness to a God who has promised to restore all of his creation.

Find out more and sign up at

[climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast-forlent/](http://climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast-forlent/)

### Chesterton Prayer Group



About 12 people come to the Tuesday morning prayers, from several different denominations. We meet at 10am, usually in church, though in February and March at 1 Home Farm Close where it is warmer. We have an introductory prayer, a Bible reading and discussion (we're currently reading excerpts from Genesis), a hymn, followed by prayers for various people and situations, a concluding prayer and the Grace. The whole thing, including coffee and biscuits, takes about an hour.

### Looking ahead...

**Art in the Park** in Middleton Stoney, 9-17 May, as part of Oxfordshire Art Weeks.

**Open Gardens** in Middleton Stoney on Saturday 16 May. Please note these dates in your diary now!

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## February 2026

### Services

#### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February

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

#### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February

0930 Kirtlington  
1100 Chesterton  
1800 Bletchington

#### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February

0930 Bletchington  
0930 Middleton Stoney  
0930 Wendlebury  
1100 Chesterton  
1100 Weston  
1500 Bletchington  
1600 Kirtlington

#### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February

1100 Chesterton  
1900 Kirtlington

#### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

1000 Chesterton

#### Candlemas

Holy Communion\*  
Breakfast Church  
Breakfast Church  
Holy Communion  
Family Service  
Holy Communion  
Café Church

#### 4 Before Lent

Morning Worship  
Holy Communion  
Choral Evensong

#### 3 Before Lent

Holy Communion\*  
Holy Communion  
Morning Worship  
Morning Worship  
Holy Communion  
3<sup>rd</sup> at 3 Family Service  
Evensong\*

#### Ash Wednesday

Holy Communion  
Holy Communion

#### Lent 1

Benefice Communion

\*Indicates Prayer Book service