

**LENT LABOUR** has started well, with some shiny road signs in Bletchingdon and a first discussion about work, at the Faith Focus, followed by lunch.

**LENT LABOUR in March**



7<sup>th</sup> Middleton S, meet at village hall  
 14<sup>th</sup> Chesterton, meet at church gate  
 21<sup>st</sup> Kirtlington, meet on south green  
 28<sup>th</sup> Weston, meet outside pub

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

Simple lunch for all at 12.45



Bletchingdon Church has been hosting some lovely bird art from the school. Also, Operation Christmas Child have called to thank the church for the shoe boxes sent from Bletchingdon. 252,844 boxes from the UK were sent to Albania and Moldova. Judith points out that it is not too early to start collecting for this Christmas's boxes!

**MARCH's GREEN CORNER**

Our Lent Labour activities are already helping towards the greening and cleaning of our communities. In our own gardens we can help by checking the origins of any bought plants and buying peat-free compost for sowing and planting out.

Let's encourage the wildlife by planning in a variety of plants and wildlife-friendly habitats this Spring.

**Special services leading up to Easter**

**Choral Vespers**  
 in Kirtlington  
 8<sup>th</sup> March 6pm  
 With the  
 Akeman Church  
 Community Choir

Middleton Stoney 10am  
 29<sup>th</sup> March, with procession

Games  
 Music  
 Story  
 Cake  
 Craft  
 and  
 TEA

**3 - 3.45pm on  
 Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>  
 in Bletchingdon Church**

Looking ahead to April

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**THE BIG BREAKFAST IS BACK AGAIN**  
 Saturday 11th April, 9.30-11.00am  
 Chesterton Community Centre  
 Adults £10 Children £5

Full English breakfast, toast and marmalade,  
 orange juice, coffee/tea  
 Proceeds to St Mary's Church, Chesterton

**COMMUNITY**  
**coffee morning**

All Ages Welcome **TEA TOO!**

Wednesday 15th April  
 10:30am ~ 12:00pm

In St Giles' Church  
 Church Lane, Wendlebury

Including: Gluten / Dairy / Egg Free Cake  
 Level Access & Accessible WC

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## March 2026

### Services

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

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

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

1100 Chesterton  
1800 Kirtlington

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

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

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

1000 Wendlebury

#### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March

1000 Middleton Stoney

#### Lent 2

Holy Communion\*  
Morning Worship  
Morning Worship  
Holy Communion  
Family Service  
Holy Communion  
Morning Worship

#### Lent 3

Holy Communion  
Benefice Choral Vespers

#### Lent 4

Holy Communion  
Morning Worship  
Holy Communion  
Morning Worship  
Café Church  
Holy Communion  
3<sup>rd</sup> at 3 Mothering Sunday Family Service

#### Lent 5

Benefice Communion

#### Palm Sunday

Benefice Palm Sunday Communion

Akeman Benefice vital information

\*Indicates Prayer Book service