



## Pews News for St Lawrence's, Bourton with Clapton & the Rissingtons

Welcome to our Service of Holy Communion. As we look towards the season of Advent we celebrate today that Jesus Christ is King; and we give thanks for the gifts of God and how God has provided for us at St Lawrence. We hope you will stay for refreshments after the service. There is an opportunity to receive personal prayer at the end of the service.

**Today: Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – Christ the King**

Lectionary Readings: Ephesians 1: 15-end Matthew 25:31-end

**8.00am Communion (BCP), Bourton**

**9.30am Communion (BCP), Little Rissington**

**11.00am Matins (BCP), Wyck Rissington**

**11.00am Communion (CW), Bourton**

**6.00pm Evensong (BCP), Great Rissington**



### The Week Ahead at Bourton

Tues	7.00pm	Alpha, Bourton
Wed	9.00am	Open the Book, Bourton Primary
Wed	7.30pm	Bell practice, Bourton
Thurs	7.45am	A Call to pray, Bourton
Thurs	9.00am	BumbleBeez, Bourton
Thurs	7.30pm	Christmas Singers, Bourton
Friday	9.15 pm	Friday Blessings, Riverside Cafe

### Next Sunday: 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017

**9.30am Morning Worship, Clapton**

**9.30am Communion (BCP), Great Rissington**

**11.00am Communion (CW), Little Rissington**

**11.00am Advent Family Service, Bourton**

**3.30pm Service of thanksgiving, Bourton**

**6.00pm Communion (CW), Bourton**

## **The Collect for Christ the King**

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

OR

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. Amen

OR

**Stir up**, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded, through Jesus Christ our Lord, AMEN.



We had a wonderful Advent Party at St Lawrence yesterday. Thank you for all those who helped to make it a success.

Whilst the children were running around here having a great time, a small group of us were reflecting on the gift of the Holy Spirit during our Alpha Away Day. We give thanks for all those that provided for us at the Upper Farm, Clapton on the Hill and for Rev David Cook's wisdom and guidance.

## CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS

PLEASE JOIN US on

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – *Blockley Brass Band*. Please join us for Christmas stalls and refreshments **4-6pm**. *Concert 6-7pm*, St Lawrence's. Further Info contact Steph Hemming

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December** *A Fabulous evening of Christmas Opera and Musical Theatre*. Hosted by Richard Coxon **7.30pm**, St Lawrence's. To book tickets- Call 01451-820211 or email: [info@richardcoxon.co.uk](mailto:info@richardcoxon.co.uk) or pay at the door.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**CHRISTMAS SINGERS** We will meet on Thursdays, **30 Nov, 7 Dec, and 14 Dec - 7.30-9pm** to prepare for our Carol Service.

**THANKSGIVING & REMEMBRANCE** St Lawrence's. **Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec, 3.30pm**. An opportunity for those who are grieving to reflect through words, prayers and the lighting of a candle. Please take an invitation and share with those whom you know have experienced loss.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2-3pm** *Carols on the Green*. This year the school choir will lead the Bourton Churches together. Please come and join us.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 9am. Breakfast Church with Christingle**, St Lawrence's. A fun service for families please share !

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 10-12pm.** LWL: *Living With Loss* .

Coffee, Chat & Christmas cake, St Lawrence's. An opportunity for those who are bereaved to meet each other, to hear about the course and make suggestions for the future.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December. 6.00pm Carols by Candlelight** Offer to bring mince pies is appreciated.

## NOTICES

**A call to pray...**a few of the congregation feel called to pray for the life of both St Lawrence and the Benefice. This includes the interview process next week, for the minister appointed and for all those who continue to serve our churches in the interim. Please join us on **Thursdays 7.45 - 8.15am, St Lawrence's**

**Toy Service...** please support the Salvation Army annual Christmas toy collection. They are asking us to donate new, boxed, (unwrapped) good quality toys. Please bring your toys to the 11am Communion service on 10th December and they will be accepted during the service. There will also be a collection point in St Lawrence's Church leading up to the service.

**Vacancy...** the interviews for the post of Rector is this Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

**Please pray for our Parish Reps.** There is a lot of responsibility on them at this time and ask that they will know God's peace. Please support them as they discern together with Patrons, Archdeacon and Area Dean who is to lead us in the future. Please continue to pray that God's call will be heard by a minister who has the gifts needed to lead us in the future.

**Watch this space... If you haven't done yet** Please sponsor Steve (form in porch) he has shaved his head to raise money for 'SAM'S.' The Sam Pilcher trust helping children who are suffering with cancer.

**Rectory Field...** The gate has a combination lock in place. The field will still be open for Church use. Authorised vehicles will have permission to park. If this affects you, please speak to our wardens or curate. *If you use the Field please ensure you shut and lock the gate behind you and do not leave the code visible.*

**Bumblebeez,** would you think about serving coffees, chatting to the parents or occasionally doing the craft? This would help enormously.

**Breakfast Church** has seen resurgence of families and is also an area where we would really value your help perhaps with leading a craft? If you think you could help even if it's occasionally. Please contact Michelle

**Christmas Services** *We Need Your Involvement & Encouragement* Let's share our faith and build community. There are posters across the village and lots of invitations in church for our coming events: **Advent service, Service of Thanksgiving, Christingle Breakfast Church, and Christmas services**

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