



Pews News for the Benefice of Bourton on the Water with Clapton & the Rissingtons



Welcome to our New Years Eve Benefice Communion Service today.

We hope that you have all had a very *Happy Christmas*. The Christmas Services across the Benefice have been wonderful. You have all worked so hard throughout the last year and done an amazing Job. I hope

you have all had some time to rest and enjoy Christmas and all its blessings with family and those you love. If you are visiting today please stay after the service to share refreshments and there is an opportunity for personal prayer in the chancel. Happy New Year!

Readings for Today:

Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3; Luke 2:15-21

The Week Ahead

Tues	12.30pm	Funeral of Mavis Taylor, Bourton
Wed	10.00am	Communion, Bourton
Wed	1.30pm	Funeral of Ernie Joynes, Bourton
Thur	7.45am	Call to pray, Bourton
Thur	8.45am	BumbleBeez, Bourton
Fri	9.15am	Blessings group, Bourton

Next Sunday: 7th January 2018

- 9.30am Morning Worship, Clapton
- 9.30am Communion (BCP), Great Rissington
- 11.00am Communion (CW), Little Rissington
- 11.00am Church Family Service, Bourton
- 6.00pm Communion (CW), Bourton



CLERGY:

Rev Michelle Porter-Babbage, michellep-b@hotmail.com, 821635, day off Sat

Rev Christopher Etherton, revc.etherton@uwclub.net, 798651, days off Thurs & Friday

The Collect - 1st Sunday after Christmas

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

or

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

A Big Thank you

I know that many of you don't feel the need to be thanked because you do it graciously for God and for the life of our churches. But it is still important that we recognise the part you all play in the life of our Benefice!!!

Many hands really do make light work. There are many of you with obvious gifts and others who don't recognise the gift they are to one another. You quietly get on with it, visiting those alone or in need. Our lay ministry can sometimes go unnoticed. There are those who prepare the rotas and those rostered. Those who sit on PCCs, run groups, set up before services, serve coffee, buy milk, move chairs, open and lock our churches, clean & arrange flowers and so much more. If you think you may have gifts that aren't utilised and you'd like to be involved in something 'New' this New Year – this is a time for new beginnings. This may mean that you have to step back to allow something else to flourish. Perhaps this is the opportunity to hold that thought in prayer, think and chat it through...



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