



The Benefice of Bourton on the Water with Clapton & the Rissingtons

Pews News

Welcome to our Church Family Service

We hope that you have all had a very Merry Christmas and we wish you a Happy New Year. We welcome Rev Sheila Rosenthal who is leading our worship today. We also welcome Stephenie Rose Cooper our Diocesan link visitor from San Jose, California.

We hope you will join us after the service to share refreshments. There is an opportunity for personal prayer in the chancel.

Readings for Today: Sunday 7th January 2018

Genesis 1: 1-5, Acts 19: 1-7; Mark 1:4-11 (or Matthew 2:1-11)

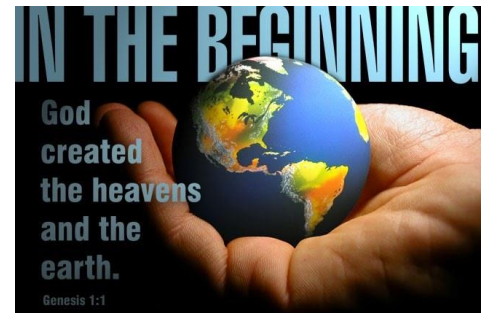
9.30am Morning Worship, *Clapton*

9.30am Communion (BCP), *Great Rissington*

11.00am Lessons & Carols, *Little Rissington*

11.00am Church Family Service, *Bourton*

6.00pm Communion (CW), *Bourton*



The Week Ahead

Wed	7.30pm	Bell Practice, Bourton
Thur	7.45am	Call to pray, Bourton
Thur	8.45am	BumbleBeez, Bourton
Fri	9.15am	Blessings group, Riverside
Sat	9.00am	Breakfast Church, Bourton



Next Sunday: 14th January 2018

8.00am Communion (BCP), *Bourton*

9.30am All Age Informal Service, *Little Rissington*

9.30am Communion (BCP), *Wyck Rissington*

11.00am All Age Informal Service, *Great Rissington*

11.00am Communion (CW), *Bourton*

The Collect – Epiphany

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**



(or) Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Collect - Baptism of Christ (First Sunday of Epiphany)

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



(or) Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

NOTICES

Vacancy of Rector...we will be resuming the process of appointment in the late spring and interview in May 2018. We hope to have someone in post late summer. Meanwhile please pray diligently for the future and all those involved in supporting our churches as we continue into the vacancy.

Funeral...the civil service for Sharon Laws will be at Cheltenham Crematorium on the 11th January at 12.00pm. Due to the large numbers that are likely to attend the invitation is to family and close friends only. Whilst the funeral is taking place you might like to join some of the Church family in prayer in St Lawrence's.

PEWS NEWS; We need someone to take this on after Christmas. If you feel able to help or would like to share this role with one other, please speak to Michelle

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...





DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursdays 7.45 - 8.15am A call to pray for the life of St Lawrence's and the Benefice and the discernment process for post of Rector during the vacancy. Please join us each week at St Lawrence's.

Tuesday 23rd January 2018, 12.30- 2.30pm Ladies Who Lunch: *Living With Loss*. An eight week course (break for half term) which is an opportunity for those who are bereaved to meet each other and share the pain of loss. If you know of anyone who may benefit from this course please pick up an invitation.

Wednesday 24th January 2018, 7.30pm Re-scheduled Skittles Christmas Dinner, Farmers Arms, Guiting Power. Please see Robert Nelmes for details.

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