



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

## Pews News

**Good morning** & welcome to our Church Family Service - we welcome Rev Sheila Rosenthal who is leading our service today. We are pleased that Sunday club is recommencing and will be held in the Meeting room. We hope you will stay behind to share refreshments. If you would like to receive personal prayer please come to the chancel after the service.

### Readings for Today: Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Colossians 1:15-20, John 1:1-14; Luke 2:21-40, Matthew 3

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



### The Week Ahead

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| <b>Tues</b> | 12.30am | <b>Ladies who Lunch: <i>living with loss</i>, Bourton</b> |
| <b>Wed</b>  | 7.30pm  | <b>Bell Practice, Bourton</b>                             |
| <b>Thur</b> | 7.45am  | <b>Call to pray, Bourton</b>                              |
| <b>Thur</b> | 8.45am  | <b>BumbleBeez, Bourton</b>                                |
| <b>Fri</b>  | 9.15am  | <b>Blessings group, Riverside Cafe, Bourton</b>           |
| <b>Sat</b>  | 9.00am  | <b>Breakfast Church, Bourton</b>                          |

### Next Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018

- 10.00am 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*

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## ***Collect for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent***

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen**

*(or)*

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**



## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**Tuesdays 12.30- 2.30pm.** Ladies Who Lunch: *Living With Loss.*

*An eight week course (break for 20<sup>th</sup> Jan). An opportunity for those who are bereaved to meet others who share the pain of loss. If you know of anyone who may benefit from this course please give them an invitation.*

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 3.30pm – 5.00pm** Children's Pancake Party, St Lawrence's

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm** *Ash Wednesday.* Benefice Service of Ashes. St Lawrence's. Bourton.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 12.30pm** *Lent Lunches*, Bourton Churches Together, St Lawrence's Bourton

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 10.30am**, Woman's World Day of Prayer, Bourton Churches Together.

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 'Copy the Date' Jonathan Veira.** Evening concert, St Lawrence's, Bourton. More information to follow.

## CHILDREN'S WORK

Many of us express a desire to have more children attending our services and being a part of church life.

One way to engage with young families is through the work of our baby and toddler group and get involved. This also builds relationships between Church and our local families. Thursday morning **Bumblebeez** in Bourton is growing, but Linda often sets up alone and the weekly coffee rota can be difficult to cover. **It would be great if we could increase the numbers on the coffee rota** and have a few more also willing to chat to the families and there to help set up and clear away. There is a *signup sheet* for March in the porch or speak to Linda for more information.

One way which speaks volumes and ensures a very warm welcome is if we are expectant and prepared for Children at all times, with books and toys always available. We used to have a Children's corner and so we need to think what might replace that in the future. Children are excited by our reordered Church and we need to extend the welcome as much to them as we do to adults.

Parents especially with young families still avoid Church because they are anxious of a Church culture which assumes that 'children should be seen and not heard.' We have a wonderful modern church and we need to show that our attitudes to children are modern too. Let us seek to show by *our faith and love in action* that we are a Church that has a real heart and mission to welcome and encourage new families to join us.

Any ideas would be very much appreciated. Please speak to Michelle  
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# **St Lawrence's Church**

would love you to join us  
at our

# **PANCAKE PARTY**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 3.30 -5pm**

**Come and help us make a giant pancake tower  
and learn what Shrove Tuesday is all about!**



## NOTICES

**A Call to Pray** Please join a small group of us as we pray diligently for the life of our Churches during the vacancy and God's guidance on a minister who has the gifts and vision to lead us in the future. **St Lawrence's Thursdays 7.45 - 8.15am.**

**Ladies Who Lunch: *Living With Loss*.** If you would like to offer to help make soup and a pudding or be willing to help with setting up and clearing away during the eight week course we would be very grateful for the help. Please sign the sheet at the back of Church or speak to Michelle

**Market Close:** We have a regular service of songs and praise on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 2.30-3.00pm followed by tea and biscuits. This is a wonderful ministry to the residents and members of our church family. Heather has lead this for many years and would value the support of a wider team. If you feel this is something you feel you could be involved with please speak to Michelle or Heather

**PEWS NEWS:** We need a small team to take this on. If you feel able to help or would like to share this role with one other please speak to Michelle

**Pilgrimage to Ethiopia** On the trail of the Ark of the Covenant with Rev'd David Cooke 13<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> September 2018. For enquiries call 01451 810561 e-mail: [cookdcm@gmail.com](mailto:cookdcm@gmail.com)

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