



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

## Pews News

Welcome to our service, Heather will be leading our worship today as we continue to celebrate the *New Life* given to us by the power of the Resurrection. If you are visiting and don't have to dash off, we would love you to stay to share refreshments. If you would like to receive personal prayer please come to the chancel after the service.

**15<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

### Readings for Today

Acts 3.12-19 Luke 24:36b-48

- 9.30am** Communion (BCP), Clapton
- 11am** Joint Communion Service (CW) , Wyck Rissington
- 11am** Morning Worship, Bourton
- 6pm** Communion (CW), Bourton

### WEEK AHEAD

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| <b>Mon</b>   | 2.30pm  | <b>Memorial Service, Mary Fisher, Bourton</b> |
| <b>Mon</b>   | 7.30pm  | <b>St Peter's APCM, Little Rissington</b>     |
| <b>Tues</b>  | 10.00am | <b>Spanish classes, Bourton</b>               |
| <b>Wed</b>   | 10.00am | <b>Communion, Bourton</b>                     |
| <b>Wed</b>   | 11.00am | <b>On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day, Bourton</b>     |
| <b>Wed</b>   | 7.30 pm | <b>Bell practice, Bourton,</b>                |
| <b>Thur</b>  | 7.45am  | <b>A Call to Pray, Bourton</b>                |
| <b>Thurs</b> | 8.45am  | <b>BumbleBeez, Bourton</b>                    |
| <b>Thurs</b> | 7.30pm  | <b>All Age Meeting, Bourton</b>               |
| <b>Fri</b>   | 9.00am  | <b>Blessings group, Riverside</b>             |
| <b>Fri</b>   | 7.30pm  | <b>BumbleBeez social, Mousetrap</b>           |

### Next Sunday: 22<sup>nd</sup> April

- 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 Collect for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Easter

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with, the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 for ever. **Amen**

or

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father .**Amen**

## Christ is risen... Alleluia!



**On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day...** continues this Wednesday

A reflective course which looks at the events after Easter Day. April 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> 11.am- 12.30, St Lawrence's. Please contact John & Jean Wilson 01451 820571

### CLERGY:

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Rev David Cook [cookdcm@gmail.com](mailto:cookdcm@gmail.com) 01451 810561

## NOTICES

**Memorial service...**Geoff Fisher welcomes you to attend the afternoon service of thanksgiving for the life of his late wife Mary, who died on Good Friday. This follows a private funeral at Oakley Wood in the morning. The reception will be held in church, and the family warmly extend the invitation to stay after the service for refreshments. Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2.30pm, St Lawrence's.

**Interim Minister...**after wide Diocesan consultation it was agreed with enthusiasm to appoint Rev David Cook as an interim minister for the Benefice, during the vacancy. His role will be to support the clergy and churchwardens, take services and offer pastoral support to the congregation. We feel very fortunate to have his input into the life of our churches.

**Vacancy...**the advert for the new Rector is out these next 2 weeks, followed by short listing on the 10<sup>th</sup> May and Interviews on the 18<sup>th</sup> May. It does feel a bit like "Déjà Vu", but God's timing is perfect and there are no coincidences in God's Kingdom. Please commit to pray for all involved in the discernment process. For God's call on our future Rector and for our parish reps who shoulder much of this responsibility, that they may trust in God's purpose and be able to hold lightly to the process.

**Prayers, Pudding and Prosecco...**Ascension Day, Benefice Communion service. Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm. Coach House, Upper Farm, Clapton.

**Thy Kingdom Come...**We are invited to pray with Christians around the world during the nine days between Ascension and Pentecost.

**Changed lives:** *Changing Lives* is the guiding theme this year. As the Church prays afresh for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Please take a prayer diary or booklet from the back of Church.

### WARDENS:

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## DATES FOR DIARY

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm ...** All Age informal service planning meeting. Don't worry if you can't make the meeting, but let David Cook know if you want to be involved in the future. St Lawrence's meeting room

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 7.30pm** *Against the Grain*. An evening with Christian song writer Garth Hewitt at St Matthews, Cheltenham  
[www.stmstm.org.uk/garthhewitt](http://www.stmstm.org.uk/garthhewitt) tickets £8 (£10 door )

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 7.30pm.** The Annual Arthur Dodd Lecture with *Bishop Rachel Treweek* at Harn Hill, Centre of Christian Healing. Followed by Drinks & Canapes. Free Entry

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 7.30 – 9pm...** Networking and Training Event at St Lawrence's 'Welcoming People to new housing developments' (Tea, coffee and cake served from 7.15pm).. Please book a place with Helen Wolfson; [hwolfson@glosdioc.org.uk](mailto:hwolfson@glosdioc.org.uk) by Wed 18th April.

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm...** *Classical Guitarist Concert* Tickets £12. Performance by Alan Brinley Shaw, St Lawrence's, Bourton

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 6.00pm...** Taize' evening service supported by U3A recorder group and led by John Wilson. Please join us for a evening of devotional prayer and meditation.

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm...** St Lawrence's with Clapton, **APCM**, Bourton. Please put the date in your diary. Look out for APCM Reports & Election Forms at the back of church

**Monday 14 May, 7pm.** Bishop Rachel *Episcopal Visitation* Service for the North Cotswold Deanery,

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May...** *Jonathan Veira Evening concert*. Tickets £12 which includes refreshments & canapés. St Lawrence's, Bourton. Please contact Sheila Owen 01451 821867

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June...** *St Lawrence's Summer Fete*. Please copy the date & let Robert know if you will be here