

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

Pews News

Welcome to our communion service as Rev David Cook will be leading and Drew McGreevy will be sharing God's Word. We hope you enjoy our time of fellowship; please stay afterwards to share refreshments. If you would like to receive personal prayer please come to the chancel after the service.

Ascension Sunday 13th May 2018

Readings for today: Acts 1.1-11: Luke 24: 44-53

(In Bourton = Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26 & John 17:6-19)

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

WEEK AHEAD (Christian Aid Week)

Mon	7.00pm	Episcopal Visitation with + Rachel, Bourton
Tues	10.00am	Spanish classes, Bourton
Wed	10.00am	Communion, Bourton
Wed	2.00pm	Walking group, Bourton
Wed	7.30 pm	Bell practice, Bourton
Thurs	7.45am	A Call to Pray, Bourton
Thurs	8.45am	BumbleBeez, Bourton
Thurs	12.30pm	Funeral John Davidson, Bourton
Fri	All Day	Interviews for Rector
Fri	9.00am	Blessings group, Riverside
Fri	5.30pm	Wedding Rehearsal, Bourton
Sat	2.00pm	Wedding Luke Hammond & Iza Wisniewska, Bourton



Next Sunday: 20th May

9.30am	Communion (BCP), Clapton
11am	Joint Rissingtons Communion Service (CW), Little
11am	Morning Worship, Bourton
6pm	Communion (CW), Bourton

The Collect for Ascension Sunday and 7th Sunday Easter

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

UNDERCOVER CLERGY

CHARACTERISTICS OF POTENTIAL NEW VICARS VISITING UNANNOUNCED DURING A VACANCY



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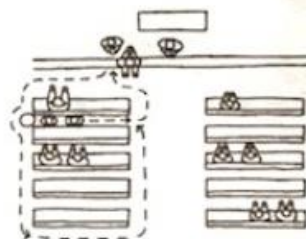
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TAKING AN UNUSUAL
INTEREST IN THE STATE
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APPEARING EVASIVE
WHEN ASKED QUESTIONS



UNDERSTANDING HOW
THE COMMUNION ONE-WAY
SYSTEM WORKS

Vacancy...as we continue in vacancy the Parish Reps have shortlisted and interviews are on the 18th May. Please commit to pray over the next few weeks for all those involved in the discernment process, as they seek to appoint a Rector with the vision, gifts and call to lead us into the future.

Christian Aid Week... May 13th to May 19th. As in previous years we are organising a House-to-House collection. We are short of collectors in the new housing area. If you are able to offer any help with this national event supported by churches across the country, please contact Janet Turnbull 01451 822037: janeteturnbull@gmail.com.

Christening Workshops (Baptism Training event)... May 17th, 7.30pm, Cirencester. There are still a lot of places available and already some booked from within the Benefice. At a recent meeting we identified that there are a lot of us who are involved in Children's ministry and it would be great for those with an interest in engaging with our baptism families to go along. If you are interested please speak to Michelle or book a place; <https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/event/baptism-training-event-cirencester/>

Pews News...to help with administration deadline, for articles for pews news each week by Wed 5pm michellep-b@hotmail.com

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 one of the booklets and prayer diaries today.

A Message from Michelle...as my curacy draws to a close please pray as I discern my future and God's call on my life. I will keep you informed of any updates in the coming months. The Benefice service at Wyck Rissington on the 29th July will be my last Sunday.

CLERGY:

Rev Michelle Porter-Babbage michellep-b@hotmail.com 01451 821635. *Day off Friday*

Rev Christopher Etherton revc.etherton@uwclub.net 01451 798651 *retreat 7th-10th May.*

Rev David Cook cookdcm@gmail.com 01451 810561

WARDENS: Robert Nelmes; rjnelmes1@gmail.com 01451 821060

Christine Morpew;chris.morpew7@gmail.com01451 822277

DATES FOR DIARY

Monday 14 May, 7pm... Bishop Rachel *Episcopal Visitation Service*, for the North Cotswold Deanery in St Lawrence's, Bourton.

NB. Cakes needed please! Any contributions for our sweet toothed deanery colleagues and hard working wardens will be very much appreciated. Please bring contributions of cake and biscuits to St Lawrence's before 6.30pm tomorrow.

Saturday 26th May... *Jonathan Veira Evening Concert*. St Lawrence's, Bourton. We have sold enough tickets to break even, but there are still many tickets to be sold to make the event a financial success and contribute towards the Piano Fund. Please consider supporting this event. Tickets £12 which includes refreshments & canapés. Please contact Sheila Owen 01451 821867

Saturday 23rd June... *St Lawrence's Summer Fete*. Please copy the date & let Robert know if you will be here. Look out for a sign up sheet at the back.

Sunday 25th November 6pm... *Confirmation Service*. Bishop Robert will be leading a confirmation service at Gt Rissington. Please copy the date and if you know of anyone who would like to talk about confirmation, ask them to contact Michelle, David or Christopher. It is our hope that confirmation classes will be held in the autumn.

Breakfast Church dates for your diary

Saturday 9th June 9-10am in Church as normal

Saturday 14th July 3.00pm

Church Family & Children's Picnic with Games

on the Rectory Field

