



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

Pews News

Welcome to our service today. We hope you will join us for refreshments afterwards and if you would like to receive personal prayer please come to the chancel after the service.

22 July 2018

Readings for Today:

2 Corinthians 5:14-17, John 20:1-2, 11-18

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 Week Ahead

Mon 7.30-9.00pm	Bell Ringing , <i>Great Rissington</i>
Tues 10.00am	Spanish Classes , <i>Bourton</i>
Tues 10.00am	Coffee, Cake & Chat (<i>St John's, Great Rissington</i>)
Tues 2.30-4.00pm	Social Event for those living with loss , Bourton (see diary)
Wed 2.00pm	Walking Group
Wed	[No Bells, Bourton]
Wed 7.30pm	Skittles , Guiting Power
Thur 7.45am	A Call to Pray , Bourton – <i>All are welcome to join us</i>
Thur 8.45am	BumbleBeez , <i>Bourton</i>
Thur 7.30-9.00pm	Visiting Ringers , Bourton
Fri 9.15am	Blessings group , <i>Riverside – Please join us if you can</i>

Next Sunday: 29th July 2018

Please join us for our Benefice Communion Service: 11.00am Benefice Communion (CW) at Wyck Rissington (This will be Michelle's last Service with us)

6.00pm Taizé Service with U3A Recorder Group & Choir, Bourton

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Rev Christopher Etherton, revc.etherton@uwclub.net, 798651, *days off Mon & Tues*

Collects for 8th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or)

Almighty God, whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body and called her to be a witness to his resurrection: forgive our sins and heal us by your grace, that we may serve you in the power of his risen life; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

DATES FOR DIARY

Every Tuesday, 10 – 12 noon

Coffee, Cake & Chat at St John's, Great Rissington

(If you require a lift to and from, call Jenny (824290) or Jane (821216))

Tuesday, 24 July, 2.30 – 4.00 pm – Tea and scones in St Lawrence's – a Social event and an opportunity to meet others who live with loss. All welcome – Please invite friends and neighbours across our villages in the next few weeks.



Wed 10th October at 7.00 pm – Licensing of Rev Rowena King as Rector. Everyone is invited. Please put the date in your diary.

Sunday 25th November 6pm - Confirmation Service. Bishop Robert will be leading a confirmation service at Great Rissington for both children and adults. If you know of a child or if you would like to discuss confirmation yourself, please speak to Michelle, David or Christopher. Children's confirmation classes will begin on alternate Friday evenings in the autumn, breaking for half term.

NOTICES

Benefice Service at Wyck Rissington on 29 July (11 am) will be Michelle's last Sunday. A presentation will be made at the Benefice Service – please speak to Robert for further details.

Market Close - Sadly as I have not received any offers to share leadership with me, I propose to suspend this Service until our new Rector comes, when we can decide what happens in the future. *Heather*

Parking – Please try to restrict parking on the church drive to unloading and disabled parking. The rectory field will still be available for parking before services. Please speak to a Warden regarding access.

Message from Curate....

Thank you for your on-going prayers and support. Although my ministry here will end in a few weeks' time, the Diocese has made arrangements for me to continue living in Phoenix House. This is a real blessing to have their support and gives me a base over the summer, whilst I visit parishes, discern my future, and look forward with anticipation to what the coming months reveal.

With Love to you all in Christ, Michelle

Bon Voyage!

Our best wishes go with John and Valerie Backman as they move to Derbyshire to be nearer their family. Thank you, both, for all you have done for our Benefice over the last ten years or so.



UPDATE ON PAGE 5...

We'll
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YOU!



Bon Voyage Benefice Bash...

We will be holding a farewell party for Michelle on
Saturday 11th August,
at Jim and Helen's Coach House, Upper Farm, Clapton.

Michelle has expressed her wish that we consider the timings so that they might allow everyone throughout the Benefice to come and join in. We are planning to have the day on an informal come and go basis.

For those preferring to join Michelle during the day,
Afternoon Tea will be available
anytime between 3.30 and 6pm,
whilst for those of you wanting to join her in the evening
a Carved Buffet will be available from 7.00pm onwards.

For catering purposes please may we ask you to indicate your choice of afternoon or evening by signing the sheets available at the back of the church **by the end of July.**

For any further details, please contact Christine or Robert.

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<http://www.bourtonparishchurch.co.uk/pew-news>

Pews News – Please submit items for **Summer Pews News** by 5pm on Wednesday 25th July, thank you! dshakeshaft@btinternet.com





"...pray in the Spirit on all occasions

with all kinds of prayers and requests..." Ephesians 6:18

Thank you to everyone - We did it - 24 hours of prayer! Every slot was covered in prayer by one or more. Praise God.

Thank you to each and everyone of you who gave your time to pray; some from your home, some from your holiday on beautiful remote shores, some from Church, some from your allotment, some on your journey into and from work. Wonderfully, there were many times when we had prayer in Church and people praying 'remotely' at the same time. In addition, people from other churches were upholding us in prayer as we prayed, including as far away as Cornwall and Rich from the Prayer 24/7 team too.

Many prayers and scripture words were placed on the prayer board during this time and some of you have texted me words that were given to you. If you were given words, or a piece of scripture or a picture and they are not on the prayer board in the prayer room and are happy to share it, please could you email or text them to me? I will then collate them so that we can share them with our church family.

A big shout out and thank you too, to Christine and Robert for helping with the keys & logistics, thank you to the Spanish Club for moving to the mezzanine to free up the prayer room and to Gill for producing the flyers/inserts at short notice and Doreen for the Pews News, again at short notice.

It was a truly remarkable team effort that was undoubtedly pleasing to our Lord. Feedback so far is that people didn't want to leave, were encouraged, found the experience moving, positive, powerful and were excited. What will flow from this...

I will sign off with a piece of scripture that was given from Psalm 52:

***"But I am like an Olive Tree flourishing in the house of God,
I trust in God's unfailing love for ever and ever"***

With love
Debs

18 July 2018