

PEWS NEWS for Bourton on the Water with Clapton & the Rissingtons

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Welcome to worship today as we hear about Jesus calling disciples not in some place special or holy but in the midst of their daily lives, reminding us that God is with us even in our ordinary moments.

10th February 2019

Readings for Today - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11



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| 8.00am | Communion, Bourton |
| 9.30am | Family Service, Little Rissington |
| 9.30am | Communion (BCP), Wyck Rissington |
| 11.00am | Informal Service, Great Rissington |
| 11.00am | Communion, Bourton |
| 5.00pm | Youth Group, Bourton |

The Week Ahead

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| Mon 11.30am | Funeral of Frederick Sprigg, Bourton |
| Tues 10.00am | Coffee, Cake & Chat (St John's, Great Rissington) |
| Tues 12.30-2.30 | Living with Loss, Bourton |
| Wed 9.00am | Open the Book, Bourton |
| Wed 2.00pm | Walking Group, Bourton |
| Wed 7.30pm | Bell Ringers, Bourton |
| Thur 7.45am | A Call to Pray, Bourton – all welcome |
| Thur 8.45am | BumbleBeez, Bourton |
| Thur 7.30-9pm | Bell Ringing, Great Rissington |
| Fri 9.00am | Blessings Group, Riverside Café – all welcome |

Next Sunday: 17th February 2019

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| 9.30am | Communion, Clapton |
| 11.00am | Joint Rissington Communion, Wyck Rissington |
| 11.00am | Informal Service, Bourton |
| 6.00pm | Communion, Bourton |

CLERGY:

Rev Rowena King; revrowena@gmail.com, 01451 821282, day off **Friday**

Rev Christopher Etherton; revc.etherton@uwclub.net, 798651, days off **Thurs & Friday**

Collects for 4th Sunday before Lent

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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.

(or)

Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength, without you we are lost: guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Future Dates for Living with Loss Meetings:



Break for half-term (19th February)

26th February

5th March

12th March



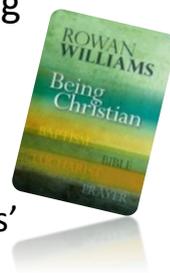
Bring and Share Lunch – Sunday, 24 February

Following the service on 24th February there will be a Bring and Share lunch to which everyone is invited. If you feel able to contribute to this please sign up with what you will bring, or speak to Sheila Owen. We are thinking of soup and cold buffet.



Book Group

Mon 25th Feb 7:30pm, in St Lawrence's - discussing Rowan Williams' book "Being Christian" - bulk book order has now gone in - please order your own copy if you would still like to join.



Electoral Roll Renewal

Everyone will have to fill out a new form to stay on the electoral roll this year as it is a renewal year.

Please collect a form at a service and return to Rowena or Maureen.



Cross your name off on the previous roll provided so we know who has collected a form.

If you can help deliver a form to some of our housebound members then also make a note to say you have done so.

The deadline is the end of February, but the earlier the better!

St Lawrence Community Vision conversations - At worship on **Sunday, 3rd March**, we will be reflecting on our community: all the things we love and all the hopes and dreams we may have for its future. Please do come along and join in the conversation and worship and share your thoughts and ideas. There will be a follow up session on **Monday evening at 7:30**, also at the church to follow up and deepen these conversations. If you can't make either of these times and would like to contribute your thoughts then please speak to Rev Rowena.

Lent Groups:

There will be Lent groups running this year, following the Diocesan 'Seeking Shapes of Living' course which explores the monastic idea of a rule of life and how it might support us today. We are looking at having both a day time and an evening group in Bourton and at least one group based in the Rissingtons. Do let Rowena or Christopher know if you would be interested in attending, or alternatively, using the resources in a current home group.

Michelle's Licensing Service – Sunday, 10th March

The coach will leave at 8:30am from the de la Hayes bus stop, arriving back at about 2:30 pm. The cost will be £12 - to be paid to Chris Willett on the day. We still have spaces for a few more people to join if they wish. Let Christine or Chris Willett know.



Christine Morphew

Bourton and Clapton Annual Church Meeting – Monday, 18 March at 7.30pm

The Bourton and Clapton APCM will be held on Monday, 18th March; as such if any group would like to submit a one paragraph report summarising their activities for 2018 for inclusion in our annual report papers could you please submit this to me, preferably by email, **by 18th February at the latest.**

Many thanks – Rowena



We are always happy to add new Welcomers to our team – there is a list in the entrance to Church if you don't get an opportunity to speak to Gill W personally.

Thank you

Food Bank – Latest News

Our February contribution to the food bank was 18kg (about 1.5 bags for life). Thanks everyone.

Last year our food bank gave out 1315 three day emergency food packs. Nationwide there was a 13% increase in need over the previous year.

There is an up to date list of food required at the collection basket by the font.

Alma

St Lawrence has traditionally had two Churchwardens, and as you all know these roles have been undertaken by Christine and Robert for a number of years. Robert will be 'retiring' at the APCM in March and it is important to appoint another churchwarden at that meeting.

What does a Churchwarden do?

The Churchwarden is a leadership role within the church community, supporting the incumbent and representing the laity. As such they need to be actively involved in the life and ministry of the church.

He or she is legally responsible for the fabric of the church and its contents. This means making sure the annual inspections are carried out for the clock, the fire extinguishers, electrical appliances, the roof and the boilers. It also means keeping the log book up to date and checking the terrier (the record of church furniture, fixtures and fittings) annually. It also involves making sure that services run smoothly by setting up on a Sunday but this could be delegated to someone else.

How a Churchwarden chooses to carry out their role within the church varies according to personality and everyone makes the role their own depending on what they think God is calling them to do and be. It can be quite demanding of time but some things can be delegated to lighten the load if necessary. If the incumbent leaves or the treasurer resigns it becomes the duty of the churchwarden to take over those responsibilities. Hopefully that will not happen!

Please give prayerful consideration to this and if you feel this could be something that you could do or know someone you think suitable, please speak to Christine, Robert or Rowena.



The High Bridge Jewellers Bourton-on-the-Water 10k race will take place on Sunday 24th February starting at 10am, half an hour earlier than last year. Bourton Road Runners ask for your patience and tolerance during any disruption caused by the closure of the roads in the inner village loop (Victoria Street, Letch Lane and Sherborne Street) and the High Street from 9:30am to 11:30am. The Rissington Road will be closed from 10am to 10.30am (eastbound) and from 10am until about 11am (westbound). You can still drive to church by using Lansdowne from the Fosse Way. This year the race is supporting Pancreatic Cancer UK and hoping to raise over £3,000.

Dave Turnbull

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