

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

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Welcome to worship as we gather on our journey to the cross. We remembered on Ash Wednesday our own human frailty, and as we travel through Lent we will be reflecting on how we meet God particularly in and through our human weakness.

**10th March 2019**

Readings for Today – Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Luke 4:1-13,



<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Communion, Bourton</b>
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Family Service, Little Rissington</b>
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Communion (BCP), Wyck Rissington</b>
<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Communion, Bourton</b>
<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Youth Group, Bourton</b>

## The Week Ahead – Lent Groups begin

(See separate list for spaces – only the Group meeting in St Lawrence will appear in this list each week)

<b>Mon 8.30am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer, Great Rissington</b>
<b>Mon 12.30-2pm</b>	<b>Churches Together Lent Lunch, Bourton</b>
<b>Tues 10.00am</b>	<b>Coffee, Cake &amp; Chat (St John's, Great Rissington)</b>
<b>Tues 12.30-2.30pm</b>	<b>Living with Loss, Bourton</b>
<b>Wed 9.00am</b>	<b>Open the Book, Bourton</b>
<b>Wed 10.40am-noon</b>	<b>Lent Group in Meeting Room, Bourton</b>
<b>Wed 2.00pm</b>	<b>Walking Group, Bourton</b>
<b>Thur 7.45am</b>	<b>A Call to Pray, Bourton – all welcome</b>
<b>Thur 8.45am</b>	<b>BumbleBeez, Bourton</b>
<b>Thur 7.30-9pm</b>	<b>Bell Ringing, Great Rissington</b>
<b>Fri 9.00am</b>	<b>Blessings Group, Riverside Café – all welcome</b>
<b>Sat 9.30am</b>	<b>Churchyard Working Party, Bourton</b>

## Next Sunday: 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019

<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Communion, Clapton</b>
<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Joint Rissington Communion, Little Rissington</b>
<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Informal Service, Bourton</b>
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Communion, Bourton</b>

## CLERGY:

Rev Rowena King; [revrowena@gmail.com](mailto:revrowena@gmail.com), 01451 821282, day off **Friday**

Rev Christopher Etherton; [revc.etherton@uwclub.net](mailto:revc.etherton@uwclub.net), 798651, days off **Tues & Thurs**

## Collects for Lent 1

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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)*

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Churches Together – Lent Lunches

Join us for lunch at **St. Lawrence's** each week between **12.30-2pm** (hosted by...)

Monday, 11th March (St. Lawrence's)  
Monday, 18th March (Baptist Church)  
Monday, 25th March (Little Rissington)  
Monday, 1st April (Cur:ve)  
Monday, 8th April (Roman Catholic Church)



## Lent Groups

The Lent Groups will be 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.

If you haven't signed up for a course and would like to join in, please speak to the host directly.

Spaces are still available for:

**Tuesday 7.30pm** – Upper Rissington (Christine Morphew at 3 Avro Road). Rowena will be travelling from Bourton so speak to her if you need a lift.

**Tuesday 7.30pm** – Alan & Linda Robinson's on Rissington Road

**Wednesday 10.40am - 12 noon** – John Wilson (St Lawrence Meeting Room, BOTW)



Churchyard working parties will be held on the 3rd Saturday of the month, starting at 9:30 am, except for April due to the Easter weekend, when we will gather on 27th April. Dates will therefore be **16<sup>th</sup> March (next Saturday!)**, 27th April, 18th May, 15th June, 20th July, 17th August and 21st September.

All welcome. Please bring your own tools if possible.

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.**

**Nomination forms for Churchwarden and PCC members are now available in the porch.**

**Bourton and Clapton Annual Church Meeting – Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm - Bourton**

**Annual**

**Parochial**

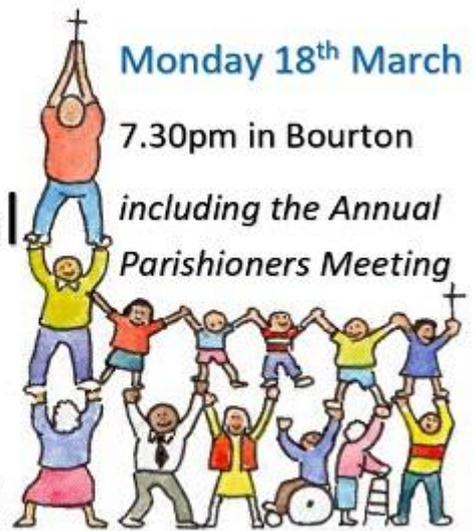
**Church**

**Meeting**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

**7.30pm in Bourton**

*including the Annual Parishioners Meeting*



**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**



***Easter Party***  
***St Lawrence Church***

*For all primary school-aged children*

*Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> March : 3.00 – 5.00pm*

*Join us for games, fun, food and craft*

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Please speak to Gill Willett if you are willing to help on 30<sup>th</sup> March, or perhaps provide some food. There is a sign-up sheet for this.

Thank you

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**Our Churchwardens are:**

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