

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

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A warm welcome to worship today as we continue our journey through Lent and travel with Jesus on the road to the cross. As we travel we reflect on, and pray for, the brokenness of ourselves and the world.

17th March 2019

Readings for Today – Genesis 15:1-12,17,18, Luke 13:31-end

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

The Week Ahead

(Lent Groups are meeting now, but only the one in St Lawrence will appear in this list each week)

Mon 8.30am	Morning Prayer, Great Rissington
Mon 12.30-2pm	Churches Together Lent Lunch, Bourton (at St Lawrence's)
Mon 7.30pm	Annual Church Meeting - Bourton
Tues 10.00am	Coffee, Cake & Chat (St John's, Great Rissington)
Wed 10.00am	Communion, Bourton
Wed 10.40am-noon	Lent Group in Meeting Room, Bourton
Wed 2.00pm	Walking Group, Bourton
Wed 2.30pm	**NO Service at Market Close this week**
Wed 7.30pm	Bell Ringers, Bourton
Thur 7.45am	A Call to Pray, Bourton – all welcome
[Thur	No Bumblebeez on 21 & 28 March. Meet again on 4 April]
Thur 7.30-9pm	Bell Ringing, Great Rissington
Fri 9.00am	Blessings Group, Riverside Café – all welcome

Next Sunday: 24th March 2019

8.00am	Communion (BCP), Bourton
9.30am	Communion (BCP), Little Rissington
11.00am	Matins (BCP), Wyck Rissington
11.00am	Communion, Bourton
6.00pm	Evensong (BCP), Great Rissington

CLERGY:

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

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

Collects for Lent 2

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Churches Together – Lent Lunches

Please join us at St. Lawrence's between 12.30-2pm (hosted by....)

Monday, 18th March (Baptist Church)
Monday, 25th March (Little Rissington)
Monday, 1st April (Cur: ve)
Monday, 8th April (Roman Catholic Church)



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 27th April, 18th May, 15th June, 20th July, 17th August and 21st September.

All welcome. Please bring your own tools if possible.

Pancake Party – Thank you!

Thanks to all who came to help, particularly Helen Adams and all her team making their yummy pancakes. Those who came seemed to enjoy themselves and we were able to invite them to the Children's party at the end of the month, and show ourselves as a friendly welcoming bunch.

Christine Morphew



Living with Loss – Thank you!

Ann Grinnell would like to thank all those ladies who kindly made soup for the Living with Loss group – their help was much appreciated.

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?

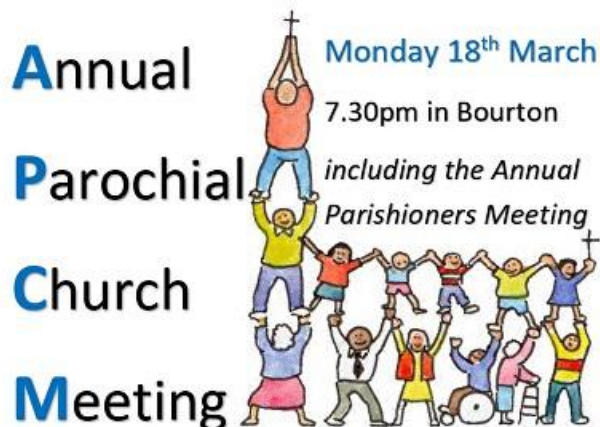
The Churchwarden is a leadership role within the church community, supporting the incumbent and representing the laity. As such they need to be actively involved in the life and ministry of the church.

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.



CHURCH WATCH

We shall start the Church Watch season in April this year. Regulars should get their letter and their dates within the next week. There are a few slots not filled at present, so if you are interested in joining the team please contact me.

Mike Marshall 01451 820 866



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

St Lawrence Church
invites you to an



Easter Party

Saturday 30th March

3.00-5.00pm

for all primary school-aged children



Join us for games, fun, food & craft



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

Thank you

Our Churchwardens are:

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