

Services this week: -

MARCH

DATE

23 Mon
24 Tues
25 Wed **The Annunciation of Our Lord**
26 Thurs
27 Fri
28 Sat
29 +Sun **THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

PRAYER FOCUS

Coscote EH
Cromwell Drive EH
Fieldside EH
Great Mead EH
Harwood Road EH
Higgs Close EH

(Ezekiel 37.1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8.6-11, John 11.1-45)

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers, including the following:-

Sheila Brassell (B)	Rob Allin (H)	Jane Joslin (H)
Sarah Harris (B)	Herbert Cannon (H)	Nick Martin (H)
Nadia Lear (B)	Joan Cox (H)	Emma Wolf (H)
Eva Stott (B)	Debbie Edmondson (H)	Douglas Collins (NM)
Lynda Trueman (B)	Eric Ferguson (H)	Jacque Gibson (NM)
Brenda Paddon (U)		Jonathan Slade (NM)

Please pray for those who have died recently

Jean Cherrill (SM)	Diana Elliott (B)	Peter Adby (AT/H)
Muriel Stanley (H)		

And for those whose anniversary of death is this week

Ivor Jones	James Mitchell	Vic Hartley
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All weekday and Sunday services are cancelled until further notice, including Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Day.

The churches in the Benefice which are normally open during the day will OPEN every day as usual for private prayer and reflection.

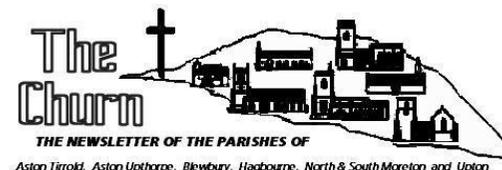
The Churn and Readings for the current week will be available in Church for collection.

If you would like to receive an electronic version, please contact Dawn at office@churnchurches.co.uk

We might occasionally arrange events that will not involve close contact, please keep an eye on the website for details.

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Mothering Sunday

Introduction and Call to Worship

Christ spoke these motherly words about Jerusalem: "How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings". Let us rejoice this Mothering Sunday that Christ also feels this tender, protective, motherly love for each one of us too.



Prayer Focus - Families, pram service, family services & Mothers' Union.

BENEFICE OFFICE - 01235 850267

Bookings for Weddings, Baptisms etc. should be made at the Benefice Centre in Blewbury on Saturday mornings between 9am and 11am, when someone is always available. No appointment is necessary.

You can contact the clergy on: -

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The Benefice Administrator, Dawn Saunders, is in the office from 12pm – 4pm Monday & 9am – 5pm Tuesday to Friday.

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25 Wednesday	19.30	Climate Change Lent Group: Online
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1 Wednesday	19.30	Climate Change Lent Group: Online
8 Wednesday	17.00	Reading the Psalms: St. Michael's B



Light a candle of hope

on Sunday at 7pm: Churches Together have issued a national call to prayer and suggested people light a candle in the window of your home as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer. They ask for prayers for all in leadership, making decisions about the containment of the COVID-19 virus; for those working in health and social care; for those most vulnerable, whether elderly or those with underlying health conditions.

"Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you" 1 Peter 5:7

EASTER CARDS

Many of us will not be meeting up with our wider families and friends over the Easter period but you may want to send them Easter greetings. Revd Louise has some Easter cards for sale at 75p each, with a small profit going to MU funds. There are two designs: one (tulips) which simply says "with love at Easter" and the second (daffodil background) which has words of Easter blessing and a quote from Matthew 28; 2 "He is not here for He is risen as He said". Please phone 07837 009 730



We are currently going ahead with Reading the Psalms aloud for Holy Week

Everyone attending this event must adhere to Government guidance on social distancing.

St. Michael's Blewbury - Wednesday 8 April, 5-8pm

Drop in to listen or read.

Sunday services: we cannot gather but can watch on our televisions or on our computers/mobiles. Oxford Diocese will be streaming a service from Christ Church, Oxford, where Bishop Stephen will preside and preach at 10am. They are yet to advise the link.

Songs of Praise: at 1.15pm this Sunday afternoon BBC1 will broadcast a programme especially for Mothering Sunday which includes a feature about Mothers' Union "Ministry of Cake" in hospitals.

Prayer for Mothering Sunday

Revd Louise writes: This has been written by Mothers' Union, a worldwide Christian organisation offering care to families of all faiths and none. Having lost my own mum fairly recently, this day is quite painful. I have found it helpful to read some of the first part of this prayer in the past tense.

Dear God,

**We thank you for mothers and carers everywhere,
and for all they do to help us grow up well.
We thank you that they love us and show us
how to stand on our own two feet.**

**We pray that mums will feel really special today;
that they will know how much we love them
and how much you love them too.**

**Most of all, we thank you, God,
that you are our heavenly parent
who loves us and helps us all to grow well
and make the very best of life. Amen**



Climate Change Lent Group

If you would like to join this group for its last sessions on Wednesday 25 March and 1 April, please contact Maranda on maranda@ccow.org.uk or ring 01235 851763, and she will email you a link to join in.

