

Morning Prayer

Every **Tuesday at 0845** in Bletchingdon Village Hall, in the Coffee area.

Every **Tuesday at 1000** in Chesterton Church, followed by coffee at The Red Cow at 1030. Do join us for either of the above.

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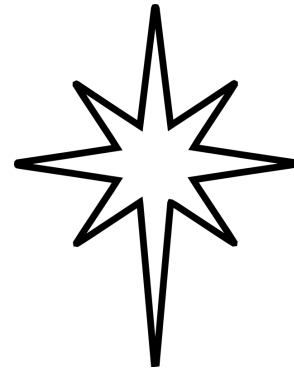
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The Akeman Benefice Bulletin

JANUARY 2019



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome to our service today. Whether you are visiting or worship here regularly, it is very good to see you. Please take this bulletin home and use it for information and prayer. It includes a full list of Sunday services taking place across the Benefice throughout the month.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Café Church - Chesterton Community Centre, on 20 January at 1500. Tea, cakes, chat, discussion and friendship. We will be visited by Bishop Colin and Brian Wood will give a testimony. This our third outing, so come along and see what it is all about. Please note change from normal time.

Sunday 27 January - United Benefice at Chesterton at 1030. This will be Brian's last service, so come along for an opportunity to say farewell to him.

Messy Church is on 27 Jan in Kirtlington Church at 1600.

Dates for 2019: Reserve 1 June in your diary now, for a lovely **Benefice Day** in the Cotswolds, being led by Jonathan Lamb, CEO and minister-at-large of Keswick Ministries, and who for many years led an international ministry to help preachers preach well. Good food and lovely countryside also in the mix!

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Christmas services. A lot of work is involved and we are very grateful to all those who led music, decorated the churches, helped lead services, did the cleaning and many other tasks besides.

We are always pleased to hear from people who would like to talk about baptism, weddings or funerals or who would like a church service to celebrate a special occasion. You are also very welcome to contact the Ministry Team if you would like to talk about matters of faith and belief.

The PCCs spent a day considering plans for the future of our benefice in October, and specific proposals will be forthcoming in the early months of this year.

Kevin Lovell, who has been part of our Ministry Team for the past two years, and is currently in training for ordination, is to be ordained in June and has accepted a title post as curate of Prestwood and Great Hampden (near High Wycombe) in Buckingham Archdeaconry. We will miss Kevin greatly and will have a chance to say farewell nearer the time.

Second Sunday is a monthly group for young teenagers. More details from Gareth or Mandy Jones (351771).

At this difficult time in our nation's life here is a prayer from House of Commons, read regularly by the Speaker's Chaplain:

"Lord, the God of righteousness and truth, grant to our Queen and her government, to Members of Parliament and all in positions of responsibility, the guidance of your Spirit. May they never lead the nation wrongly through love of power, desire to please, or unworthy ideals but laying aside all private interests and prejudices keep in mind their responsibility to seek to improve the condition of all mankind; so may your kingdom come and your name be hallowed. Amen."

SERVICES IN JANUARY

Sunday 6 January

Epiphany

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| Chesterton | 0800 | Holy Communion # |
| Wendlebury | 0915 | Holy Communion |
| Bletchington | 1100 | Holy Communion |
| Chesterton | 1100 | Young Families' Service |
| Middleton St | 1100 | Morning Worship |
| Kirtlington | 1600 | Family Service |

Sunday 13 January

Epiphany 2

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| Kirtlington | 0915 | Holy Communion |
| Chesterton | 1100 | Holy Communion |
| Weston o/t G | 1100 | Family Service@ |

Sunday 20 January

Epiphany 3

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| Kirtlington | 0800 | Holy Communion# |
| Middleton St | 0915 | Holy Communion |
| Wendlebury | 0915 | Morning Worship |
| Bletchington | 1000 | Family Service@ |
| Weston o/t Gr | 1100 | Holy Communion |
| Chesterton | 1500 | Café Church |
| Kirtlington | 1800 | Evening Prayer # |

Sunday 27 January

Epiphany 4

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| Chesterton | 1030 | UB Holy Communion |
| Kirtlington | 1600 | Messy Church |

Thursday Communion at 0930 at Kirtlington: 3, 10, 17, and 24 January

Book of Common Prayer (1662)

All other services are from Common Worship.

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