

## Morning Prayer

Every **Tuesday at 0845** in Bletchingdon Village Hall, in the coffee area and also **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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## The Akeman Benefice Bulletin MARCH 2020



**Welcome to our church. 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.**

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Lent:** If you haven't yet joined a small group for Lent there is still time: no need to miss out on the experience altogether. See the **Travelling Together** card in church or on the website. Decide what time suits you best then RSVP to the person leading the group, or check with Bob Wilkes or Joanna Clifford which groups still have room.

**Tuesday 2pm Bletchingdon**

**Wednesday 2pm Kirtlington**

**Wednesday 7pm Wendlebury**

**Thursday 1.30pm for young parents  
(with crèche) Kirtlington**

**Thursday 7pm Chesterton and Kirtlington**

The course will run for 6 weeks.

The funeral for **The Reverend Mike Stokes** will be in **St Mary's, Chesterton, on Monday 9 March at 12 noon.**

## Akeman Church Community Choir:

More info from [enquiries.akeman@gmail.com](mailto:enquiries.akeman@gmail.com)

**15 Mar 1500 KT Rehearsal 1800 Service**

**05 Apr 0845 MS Rehearsal 1030 Service**

**03 May 1430 BD Rehearsal 1730 Service**

Do just turn up if you'd like to sing.

**Kirtlington Church** gets its Spring Clean on **Saturday 21 March**. Come along at **1000** to practise some Keep-Fit for spring! Dusters and refreshments provided.

**Celebrate Mothering Sunday** at the United Benefice Holy Communion service to be held at **Weston** on **Sunday 22 March at 1030**.

**Messy Church** will be on **29 March**, and will be Easterly! 1600-1730, Kirtlington Church.

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS** take place in March. Please check church notice boards for local details.

**Sue Macready**, our Benefice Treasurer, will be stepping down at the end of March. She has managed this role for 15 years and has done a sterling job. We are all hugely grateful for her magnificent service and unfailing humour!

Come along to support the **Red Velvet Cupcake Coffee Morning** for **Alexandra House of Joy** on **Thursday 2 April** at **Bletchingdon Sports and Social Club**, from **1000-1200**. This is to mark the anniversary of Alexandra Scott-Hunter's 48<sup>th</sup> birthday. This Chesterton-based charity is hoping to build a house for disabled adults to have somewhere to go during the day, as there is no provision at present in Oxford. Any information or help offered, please contact Kathy O'Connor on 01869 350651 or [vincekathyoc@googlemail.com](mailto:vincekathyoc@googlemail.com).

**PALM SUNDAY – 5 APRIL at 1030**

Procession of Palms at **Middleton Stoney** with the Akeman Church Community Choir. Gather at the gates to Middleton Park at 1030 (park at church and walk back).

**Prayer for Lent**

Lord, open our eyes to your presence, open our ears to your call, open our hearts to your love; that we may give ourselves to you and walk before you as children of light; through him who is the Light of the World, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**SERVICES IN MARCH**

# Book of Common Prayer

**Sunday 1**

Chesterton  
Wendlebury  
Bletchingdon  
Chesterton  
Middleton St  
Kirtlington

**Lent 1**

0800 Holy Communion #  
0915 Holy Communion  
1100 Holy Communion  
1100 Young Families' Service  
1100 Morning Worship  
1600 Family Service

**Sunday 8**

Bletchingdon  
Kirtlington  
Chesterton  
Weston o/t Gr

**Lent 2**

0800 Holy Communion  
0915 Holy Communion  
1100 Holy Communion  
1100 Family Service

**Sunday 15**

Kirtlington  
Middleton Stoney  
Wendlebury  
Bletchingdon  
Chesterton  
Weston o/t Gr  
Kirtlington

**Lent 3**

0800 Holy Communion#  
0915 Holy Communion  
0915 Morning Worship  
1000 Family Service  
1100 Chesterton Praise  
1100 Holy Communion  
1800 Evensong # *with Akeman Church Community Choir*

**Sunday 22**

Chesterton  
Weston o/t Gr

**Lent 4 Mothering Sunday**

0900 Holy Communion  
1030 UB Family Service

**Sunday 29**

Chesterton  
Wendlebury  
Bletchingdon  
Chesterton  
Middleton St  
Kirtlington

**Lent 5 Passion Sunday**

0800 Holy Communion #  
0915 Holy Communion  
1100 Holy Communion  
1100 Young Families' Service  
1100 Morning Worship  
1600 Messy Church

**THURSDAY** Holy Communions at Kirtlington at 0930: 5, 12, 19 and 26 March