

Remembering loved ones and friends is so important. He will not let your foot slip – he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord watches over you – the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm – he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

January

Neil Webster	5.1.2013	Norman Sturch	20.1.2003
Kenneth Stanton	6.1.2005	Sarah Braughan	22.1.2004
Peter Jeffery	6.1.2019	Patricia Cox	22.1.2010
Alma Spatcher	7.1.2006	Henry Hodding	22.1.2006
Raymond Lane	8.1.2020	Edith Jeffery	22.1.2013
Henry Paxton	11.1.2018	John Christie	22.1.2020
Rose Oliver	13.1.2008	Margaret Horwood	25.1.2006
Doris Thorne	14.1.2012	Cecilia Ward	25.1.2005
Florence Braybrook	15.1.2004	Raymond Smith	25.1.2021
Ann Morris	16.1.2005	Ann Crosft	26.1.2021
Pamela Turner	16.1.2005	Herbert Osborne	27.1.2015
Audrey Cowley	17.1.2011	Pamerla Barnes	27.1.2021
Joyce Edwards	17.1.2014	Dorothy Hipkiss	28.1.2009
Cynthia Smith	18.1.2019	Albert Barnes	30.1.2021
Alan Stevens	18.2.2019	Cynthia Sparrow	31.1.2021
Ellen Sands	21.1.2018		

February

Stephen Ayris	01.02.2014	Josephine Holbrook	16.02.2021
Bernard Smith	01.02.2009	Phyllis Chambers	17.02.2008
Philip Wray	02.02.2015	Richard Lines	17.02.2020
Joyce Osborn	05.02.2010	Linda Woodford	18.02.2015
Stephen McMullen	06.02.2015	Alan Stevens	18.02.2019
Gladys Jeffs	10.02.2016	Stephen McMullen	20.02.2015
Susan Richardson	10.02.2019	Lionel Sturch	21.02.2022
May Angell	12.02.2004	Leonard Davenport	25.02.2015
Robert Callingham	12.02.2005	Marion Fleetwood	25.02.2007
Mollie Edmunds	12.02.2019	James James	27.02.2004
Alan Downing	14.02.2004	Gordon Knibbs	27.02.2017

The Lenborough Lantern

Parishes of Adstock, Gawcott, Hillesden & Padbury

February 2024



St Cecilia's, Adstock



Holy Trinity, Gawcott



All Saints, Hillesden



St Mary's, Padbury

Lenborough Benefice Information

Churches

Adstock: St Cecilia Church End, Adstock MK 18 2HY

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Church Warden: Mr Martin Burke

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Assistant Warden: Mrs Beverly Maggs

Hillesden: All Saints, Church End, Hillesden, MK18 4DB

Church Warden: Mrs Heather Lines

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Padbury: St Mary The Virgin, Church Lane, Padbury, MK18 2AJ

Church Warden: Mrs Kay Bradley

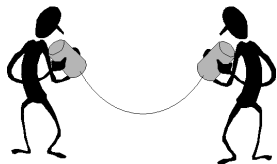
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Point of contact for Lenborough Benefice

The point of contact for urgent matters is:

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Deadline for your diary!



If you have anything you would like to contribute to the **March edition**, please let me have it by **Friday, 1 March**

All contributions welcome. 01280 812965

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Caring for the environment becomes increasingly important.

Plastic is a hazard in our churchyards and we all know of the dangers of 'plastic soup.' Oxford Diocese has strict rules which can be seen on the church noticeboards. Do read them and perhaps pass the information on to any other people you know who look after plots.

Plastic flowers will be removed to prevent them getting caught up in the mower or strimmer.



Buckingham Deanery

Ash
WEDNESDAY



You are invited to celebrate

**Holy Communion,
including the imposition of Ashes,**

at

St Mary the Virgin, Padbury

14 February 2024 @ 12 noon

**The celebrant is Revd Asa Humphreys,
Parish Development Adviser (Buckingham)**

After the service,

*a Ploughman's Lunch, tea, coffee, etc will be served,
giving a great opportunity for fellowship*



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A Church Near You is the Church of England's church-finder tool

Benefice records only include those whose funerals, interment of ashes or Celebration of Life services were held in the Benefice.

However, **NOBODY** needs to be excluded. If you would like a name recorded that is not yet in the records, let me have the name and date you want remembered and it will be added to the list.

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Benefice Dates for your diary

More information on everything in next month's Lantern

Holy Trinity, Gawcott, will be holding a special
Holy Communion Service including the
distribution of Palm Crosses on

24 March at 10.30 am



Lenborough Benefice Agape Thursday, 28 March

St Mary's Church, Padbury at 7 pm



The Agape Meal provides Christian fellowship, remembering the many meals that Jesus shared with his disciples. We share a simple, traditional meal, based around a **lamb tagine**, accompanied by **grapes, cheeses, nuts, apricots and other fruits, olives, pita, hummus, breads etc.** It is an incredibly moving evening, thought provoking and poignant but although perhaps a strange way to describe it, really enjoyable. **The food is delicious.**

Easter Day

Easter Day is on 31 March this year, slightly earlier than the last few years.

SPECIAL FAMILY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

St Mary's Padbury

lead by Canon Alan Hodgetts from Winslow.

9.30 am

After the service, there will be hot 'breakfast butties' for those who like a brunch, plus pastries, etc, an Easter Egg Hunt & treats for the children.

More information next month



Next steps

The lighter evenings are on the way, Spring is just around the corner. For the church, although the importance of worship and prayer always takes priority, between now and Easter, each parish will be holding its APCM. What does that acronym stand for - the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**? Parish Electoral Rolls are also revised. There are strict diocesan guidelines as to what has to be done and without an incumbent to 'hold our hands', it's up to each PCC (Parochial Church Council) to make the necessary arrangements.

This is the chance for parishioners to hear about their parish activities over the past year and have their say on the future. It is also when new PCCs are elected. Have you ever considered offering to join your PCC? It is not an onerous task but think what would happen without volunteers.

Parish Electoral Rolls are revised to coincide with the APCM. These are registers of people in each village, over the age of 18 who have been baptised and now worship in the church, not necessarily attending every service, of course, but attending habitually throughout the year. Others not living in the village, may also join the Electoral Roll if they are regular attendees of the church. People only join the Electoral Roll if they wish to. Notices about the Roll will be displayed on each church's noticeboard.

It sometimes feels as if we live in a world where we demand that 'they' do something but who are 'they' - yes, all of us.

As I am sure you realise, each church relies heavily on its volunteers - if it wasn't for the lay members, the church would really struggle. It also depends entirely on donations from the public for its finances. Some people both do and give a great deal, many more do and give what they can. There is no pressure on anybody but might there be **SOMETHING** that you could do? In Lenborough we are lucky to have a core of people who just 'get on' with things but each church is in desperate need of **MORE HELP**. We need to show the Diocese of Oxford that Lenborough Benefice is alive and well. We do that by having strong teams in each parish, who will help to do all the many things that are needed. Many hands make light work!

Please don't feel that any pressure is being put on you but if you think you could help in any way, speak to your churchwarden or contact the editor!



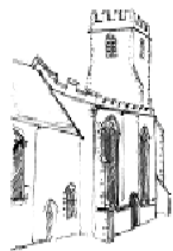
No dates of APCMs are available yet, they will be published in the next Lantern.

Around the Benefice

St Cecilia's, Adstock

It's been a quiet January. We were pleased to welcome Revd Ron Bundock at the start of the month to take our service. Then John Hamilton LLM led our morning worship on 21 January. In February, it's the turn of the ladies with Revd Jaqueline Dove taking our 9 am Holy Communion on 4 February, and Revd Cathy Pearce our 10.30 am Morning Worship on 18 February. Neither has been to us before so it will be interesting to hear what they have to tell us.

Mothering Sunday falls on 10 March this year. That is the second Sunday of the month when we are not scheduled to have a service. There will be Holy Communion, Common Worship, at 10.30 am at St Mary's, Padbury that day, where it is the tradition to distribute Mothering Sunday posies. Everyone will be most welcome.



Details of Easter services will be in the next edition of the Lantern.

Our January coffee morning was well attended and gave everyone a chance to catch up after the festive season. The next one will be on 15 February. Do come along. We would love to see you.

All Saints, Hillesden

We had discussions with Revd Val Plumb earlier about setting up a benefice website to provide a central repository of information and to help with day-to-day administration. We hope very much to have Val back with us as soon as possible once she recovers, but in the meantime please check with Heather for available dates for any functions or other events you may be planning.



We are still looking for a replacement treasurer for the PCC. Please let Heather know if you would be willing to take on this role, which is not an onerous or time-consuming task but some knowledge of what a balance sheet looks like would be useful!

A meeting with the church architect is planned for next month to go through his last inspection report, determine immediate priorities for a daunting list of repairs and establish what we can undertake with the money available to us in the restoration account.

Starting on 1 February, Thursday afternoons

from 2 - 3.30 pm

we are running an

ALPHA COURSE

A chance to explore the basics of the Christian life through a series of talks on video and discussions – over tea and cake!! If you are interested come along – with a friend perhaps? – for more information phone Sue on 813346.



Holy Trinity, Gawcott

will be hosting

Deanery Lent Evensong

on

Sunday, 10 March

Time to be confirmed



Let us pray ...

Do you remember this prayer from school days? It is simple and seems to go straight to the point? In a quiet moment, perhaps read it to yourself or even out loud if you can, then think about the importance of these words.

Prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola

“Teach us, good Lord,
to serve thee as thou deservest;
to give, and not to count the cost,
to fight, and not to heed the wounds,
to toil, and not to seek for rest,
to labour, and not to ask for reward,
except that of knowing that we are doing thy will.”
Amen



Holy Trinity, Gawcott

As the Benefice starts the lengthy process of appointing a new vicar, members of Gawcott Church have been working to produce our part of a profile of the Benefice and its churches**but we would really like some feedback from YOU as to what you feel are the particular needs of this community which the church could do to help. please email your ideas to sueambrose@icloud.com**



In the meantime.....we carry on with..

two lay-led informal services and one service of Holy Communion at 10.30 am each month.....(1st Sunday Café Church...all ages, with coffee and croissants, lively songs, a thought-provoking message, a time to be still and think , 3rd Sunday “Care and Share” informal discussion on various aspects of our Christian life, 4th Sunday, Holy Communion taken by a visiting Priest.

The **Monday Lunches** are going down well. Served at 1 pm they are a good opportunity to meet up with friends or make new ones. No charge but donations gratefully received.



The old building has been having its ups and downs.....mostly downs with rain leaking through the roof and water damage to the walls. We carry on regardless!!!! BUT..... it is continuing to be very expensive. We have already spent thousands of pounds in repairs. Now the plastering and, in the Spring, the re-decorating.

All expenses of running the church and the upkeep of the building and the churchyard are the responsibility of the local church-goers. Any financial help would be gratefully received.

The Big Church Cleaning Party will be held on Thursday 22 February at 10.30 am. Please come along to help (make the coffee if you aren't fit!). IT REALLY MAKES LIGHT WORK OF CLEANING UP AFTER THE PLASTERS IF WE ALL CHIP IN!

St Mary the Virgin, Padbury



All the Christmas, Advent and Epiphany decorations have been put away for another year. It seems amazing that Lent is almost upon us. However, just before we say goodbye to the Christmas season, children from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are having their own special **Candlemas Service** at St Mary's on Friday, 2 February. It is hoped that this will be a memorable occasion for them. Childhood memories are so special, aren't they.

We continue welcoming visiting priests to take services in St Mary's. This month, **10.30 am Holy Communion on 11 February** will be conducted by Revd Jacqueline Dove.

You will see details of other special services on pages 10 and 11.

All through the winter, the Prayer Garden has continued to have colour, as do the planters in front of the porch. The church is always clean and tidy ready to welcome visitors. We should be proud of our churchyard, too. Our grateful thanks go to the people who, without being asked, give so much time to keep everything as we would want.

For details of the **Deanery Ash Wednesday Service**, see page 11 - do join us.

Mothering Sunday is on 10 March, when at the 10.30 am Holy Communion Service, the usual Spring posies will be distributed. A big thank you goes to those who make up these pretty little bunches of flowers.

Easter Lilies

At St Mary's Church it has become the custom to decorate the Church for Easter with white lilies that have been donated in memory of loved ones. Anyone is welcome to participate. If you know of friends or neighbours who might like to have lilies in memory of those now departed, perhaps you would be kind enough to pass on this information


To remember someone special to you, please give their names, together with a donation, either to:

Grace Tearle, The Gables, Main Street, 813600 or
Jenny Shields, 8 West Furlong, 814474



The names will be displayed in Church during the Easter period and you are welcome to go into Church at any time for a few moments of reflection.

Schedule of Services for February 2024

Date	Readings	Adstock		Gawcott	Hillesden	Padbury
4 February 2nd Sunday before Lent	Proverbs 8. 1, 22-31 Psalm 104. 26-end Colossians 1. 15-20 John 1.1-14	9 am Holy Communion <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> Rev'd J Dove		10.30 am Café Sunday	10.30 am Holy Communion <i>Common Worship</i> Rev'd J Shields	10.30 am Village Praise (Café Church)
11 February Sunday before Lent	2 Kings 2,1-12 Psalm 50 1-6 2 Corinthians 4.3-6 Mark 9.2-9	No Service		No Service	No Service	10.30 am Holy Communion <i>Common Worship</i> Rev'd J Dove
14 February Ash Wednesday	Isaiah 58.1-12 Psalm 51.1-18 2 Corinthians 5.20-6,10 Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21					12 noon  Deanery Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes Rev'd A Humphries
18 February 1st Sunday of Lent	Genesis 9.8-17 Psalm 25.1-9 1 Peter 3.18-end Mark 1.9-15	10.30 am Morning Worship <i>Service of the Word</i> Rev'd C Pearce		10.30 am Care and Share		9 am Holy Communion <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> Rev'd J Shields
25 February 2nd Sunday of Lent	Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22. 23-end Romans 4.13-end Mark 8.31-end			10.30 am Holy Communion <i>Common Worship</i> Rev'd M Stanton-Saringer	No Service	No Service
3 March 3rd Sunday of Lent	Exodus 20.1-17 Psalm 19.7-end 1 Corinthians 1.18-25 John 2.13-22	9 am Holy Communion <i>Book of Common Prayer</i>		10.30 am Café Sunday	10.30 am Holy Communion <i>Common Worship</i> Rev'd J Shields	10.30 am Village Praise (Café Church)

Every effort will be made to keep to the scheduled services and readings but there may sometimes need to be changes.