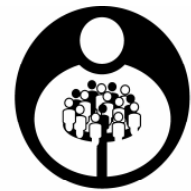




# Update



St. Mary's Church Cogges  
*making Christ known by word and deed...*

The Parish of Cogges

**Week beginning Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2010**  
**(Sunday before Lent)**



To Everyone  
Worshipping With  
Us Today!



Next Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.30 am Service of the Word, St James  
11.00 am Family Baptism, St Mary's  
7.30pm Deeper (Our identity in Christ)

If you are new to the church we'd like to get to know you and help you to find out more about us. If you would like to find out Who's Who in the Church look in the Green book on the Shelf by the door. Please fill in a welcome card from the shelf by the main church door and hand it to one of the clergy. Please also sign the visitor's book on the table at the door.

If you would like to Gift Aid your giving today, there are envelopes available on the shelf by the church door or from Jen Osman t. 704577.



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**Reading Today**  
2 Corinthians 3: 12 - 4: 2  
Luke 9: 28 - 36



In the week ahead :

**Monday**

9.15 am Praying Parents, The Priory

**Tuesday**

9.00am Admin Meeting, The House

1.30pm Toddler Group, St Mary's

**Wednesday**

9-9.45am Blake Assembly

6.30 pm Ash Wednesday Service, North Leigh

**Thursday**

10.00 am Prayer meeting, The Office

Jigsaw not on at half term, restarting on the 28<sup>th</sup> February.

Ash Wednesday Service 17<sup>th</sup> February  
This year it will be held at North Leigh at 6.30pm

**PRAYER FOCUS FOR FEBRUARY**

The Anglican Church in Baghdad

For protection and safety for all who live and work near it.

The Vicar Andrew White  
The Congregation

The Humanitarian work- hospital, shelters, schools.

Doctors, Nurses, teachers and other workers and volunteers.

For the repair work after the bombing in November 2009, that there will be funds to do this despite the increase in bombings etc. in Baghdad.

Celebrating Lent at St Mary's Cogges –  
Open to God

Lent (the 40 days up to Easter) is a time for all of us as a church family to take some time to stop and listen to God – for ourselves, our loved ones, our church, our communities, our nation and our world. We want everyone to be involved.

There will be two opportunities for us to gather together to worship, pray and learn together on Wednesday evenings – 3, 10, 17, 24 March 8-9.30pm in Church (starting with drinks & cakes) and on Thursday mornings – 4, 11, 18, 25 March 9.15-10.30 in Church (starting with drinks & cakes). Children are welcome!

**WE NEED HELP !**



There are so few names on our lists of sidesmen (or women), welcomers and coffee makers that we are having to ask the same people to do duties more often than we would like. If you feel that you could help us with any of these valuable services please let the office know on 779601 or [office@coggesparish.com](mailto:office@coggesparish.com) Thank you

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**OUR  
MINISTERS**

Andrew Sweeney is on holiday this week.

Andrew Pritchard has his day off on Friday



In order to protect Miri's off duty days please be aware that her working days are as follows:

Sunday and  
Tuesday to Thursday



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- February 17<sup>th</sup>** Ash Wednesday Service at North Leigh
- February 20<sup>th</sup>** Prayer Ministry Training
- February 24<sup>th</sup>** Junior Church meeting in the Church 8 pm
- February 27<sup>th</sup>** Espresso Breakfast –  
Speaker Baroness Cox
- February 27<sup>th</sup>** Witney Fair Trade Market  
10.30am to 4pm
- Feb 27<sup>th</sup>** Mens event - England v Ireland  
6 nations rugby
- March 3<sup>rd</sup>** Open to God
- March 5<sup>th</sup>** Women's world day of Prayer  
1.45pm & 7.30 pm, St Mary's
- March 10<sup>th</sup>** Open to God
- March 13<sup>th</sup>** Leaders Retreat Day
- Mar 13<sup>th</sup>** Mens event - Kick around in the park
- March 17<sup>th</sup>** Open to God
- March 20<sup>th</sup>** Marriage Lunch
- March 20<sup>th</sup>** Ray Burley – Classical Guitar
- March 24<sup>th</sup>** Open to God
- May 15<sup>th</sup>** Mens event - Walking weekend in the Breacons
- Jun 19<sup>th</sup>** Mens event - Wild Camping for Kids
- July 3<sup>rd</sup>** Summer Fete 3pm Madley Park Home
- August 1-7** New Wine
- October 17<sup>th</sup>** Confirmation Service at 6pm



### Sound and Vision Desk' Volunteers Required.

Two or three more people are urgently required to help and operate the sound and / or vision desk during the 11.00 am morning service and some evening services. Training will be given. If you are interested please ask Les Curwood or anyone at the sound/vision desk for details.

### 'Bereavement - Understanding the grieving process'

The focus of the Prayer Ministry Team training session on Saturday morning 20<sup>th</sup> February is on increasing our understanding so as to help us come alongside those who are facing major loss. There will be some spare places, so if you would be interested in coming (or if you would like to come but cannot make the date) please talk to Hilary (771809).



### FOLK, GOSPEL AND BLUES CONCERT

Would you like to help widows and orphans in Zimbabwe? (RUTENDO TRUST)

If so, don't miss out on what should be a terrific concert. Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Church Green, Witney. Tickets £7 & £6 on the door or in advance from St Andrew's Bookshop or 01993 706072. For more info please contact Ali Laithwaite on 01993 773615.



Thank you to everyone who took part in the Annual Meeting on Thursday evening. We would be very grateful for feedback -- if you have any comments, good or bad, about the meeting, please send them to Andrew Sweeney or Harvey Leach, either in a note via the Parish Office or by email. Thank you.



Please come along to Deeper at 7.30 pm next week it is entitled 'Our identity in Christ'. It is a lovely reflective, worship service.



### Junior Church

Ruth Lockwood has decided to step down from her role as the Co-ordinator of Junior Church.

Thank you very much, Ruth, for your years of ministry to the children. We are about to advertise for our youth pastor so it is timely that we look towards the future of Junior Church. Andrew invites anyone who is already involved in anyway or would like to become involved to a meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> Feb at 8pm in church. Please let the office know if you would like to attend. Thank you.



### SERMONS-ON-THE-WEB

The sermons from each Sunday morning 11:00am service, and other main services, at Cogges are now available as MP3 audio files to listen to or to download from the Cogges Parish website.

[www.coggesparish.com/sermons](http://www.coggesparish.com/sermons)

Sermons/talks available so far include :-

- The Sermon Series - Our Church (Sept - Nov 09)

- Sermons/talks for all of Dec 09 and Jan 2010

MOBILISE-putting your gifts to work. The teaching weekend (22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Jan) with Jon and Jo Soper.



### Espresso Breakfast "A Light in the Darkness: The Privilege of Making a Difference"

We are delighted that Baroness Caroline Cox will be coming to speak at Espresso Breakfast on Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. Caroline has worked to provide humanitarian relief to Christian communities in Burma, Sudan, Nigeria and Indonesia. She has travelled to some of the darkest places in the world and has seen terrible suffering and persecution, yet has stories of hope and courage to share with us.

The breakfast provides a lovely opportunity for women of all ages to get together. Do come along, enjoy some food and friendship, and be inspired and challenged!

9-10.30am in the Church Centre. Tickets £3 (must be paid for in advance please) from Judith (779021) or Lynn (779060)



### Experience something different: Summersalt.

A week's Summer holiday hosted by Saltmine partnered by Open Doors at Ashburnham Place. Features excellent bible teaching, programmes for all ages and the best in Christian entertainment, including performances by Saltmine Theatre Company. Please see Graham Warner for leaflet.



Easter is not far away, so it's time to think about lilies; you may remember the beautiful displays we enjoyed last year and we'd like to do them again. If you would like to donate £5 - the cost of a lily - in memory of a loved one, please speak to Elizabeth

Williams (773096) or Jen Osman (704577) before 21<sup>st</sup> March. Thank you.



### Fundraising Concert for Haiti

There is a fundraising Gospel Concert at Headington Baptist Church on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm. This has been organised by Tearfund supporters. Various acts are performing and Caribbean snacks and drinks are available after the event.