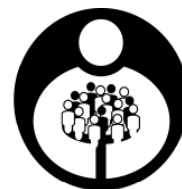


Update



The Parish of Cogges

St. Mary's Church Cogges

making Christ known by word and deed...

Week beginning Sunday 21st February 2010
(1st Sunday of Lent)



To Everyone
Worshipping With
Us Today!



Next Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am Church Breakfast, St James
11.00 am Morning Worship, St Mary's

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.



Today

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



Reading Today
Romans 10: 8 – 13
Luke 4: 1 – 13

Deeper

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



In the week ahead :

Monday
9.15 am Praying Parents, The Priory
Tuesday
10.30am Admin Meeting, The House
1.30pm Toddler Group, St Mary's
Wednesday
9-9.45am Blake Assembly
Thursday
10.00 am Prayer meeting, The Office

Jigsaw not on at half term, restarting on the 28th February.

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!

Annual Meeting – thank you to everyone who took part in the Annual Meeting on Thursday evening. We would be very grateful for your feedback – any comments, good or bad, about the meeting. Please send them either to Andrew Sweeney or Harvey Leach via the office or by email. Thank you. Malcolm Harper

The Besom in Witney – our next open prayer meeting is on Friday 26th February at Elizabeth's home, 35 Riverside Gardens, Witney OX28 4DD, from 9.15am for a 9.30am start. Everyone is welcome. Contact@witneybesom.org



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OUR MINISTERS

Andrew Sweeney and
Andrew Pritchard have
their 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





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 24th 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. If you wish to be notified by email when the sermons have been updated on the web, please email either the church office or Les Curwood with your request.

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(22nd-24th 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 27th 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)



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 21st March. Thank you.



Ladies' Link Lunch

The next lunch is on Thursday 4th March at 12 Noon at *The Windrush*, Burford Road. NB.

Judy Poole (Tel 705432) is the contact person this month.



Adventure Plus

At A+ we have a Directors and Team Day on

Friday 26 Feb including lunch. Is there

anyone who would help with preparing and serving the lunch? Please contact A+ 703308

Great Awakenings 27 June – 3 July

Wycliffe Hall Summer School 2010 is sure to be an exciting week as we revisit revivals of the past and look at God's call for our lives today. Oxford tours, excursions and a lovely concluding banquet are combined with a week of study, worship and a chance to engage with Wycliffe staff. A tremendous opportunity for all! For more details visit www.wycliffe.ox.ac.uk Early bird prices end 8 March.



Witney Inter-Church Singers will lead a service of Holy Communion at High St Methodist Church at 6pm on Sunday February 28th. The music will range from an anthem by Haydn to modern worship songs. Everyone is welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Feb 24 th	Junior Church meeting in the Church 8 pm
Feb 27 th	Espresso Breakfast – Speaker Baroness Cox
Feb 27 th	Witney Fair Trade Market 10.30am to 4pm
Feb 27 th	Men's event - England v Ireland 6 nations rugby
Feb 28 th	Joint Evening Service of Holy Communion at High St Methodist Church at 6pm
March 3 rd	Open to God
March 5 th	Women's world day of Prayer 1.45pm & 7.30 pm, St Mary's
March 10 th	Open to God
Mar 13 th	Men's event - Kick around in the park
March 17 th	Open to God
March 20 th	Marriage Lunch
March 20 th	Ray Burley – Classical Guitar
March 24 th	Open to God
May 15 th	Men's event - Walking weekend in the Breacons
Jun 19 th	Men's event - Wild Camping for Kids
June 27 th	Andrew Pritchard's Ordination
July 3 rd	Summer Fete 3pm Madley Park Home
August 1-7	New Wine
October 17 th	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.



Beauty for Ashes – a day for women.

Saturday 13th March 10am-4pm, The Manor School, Abingdon. Organised by Christ Church, Abingdon this event offers worship, speakers, prayer ministry and breathing space and is an opportunity to be challenged, encouraged and refreshed by God. £10 per person including lunch. Call 01235 539172.



and finally, a poem written by a child in a Middle East country - surely an encouragement for us to go on praying for our brothers and sisters knowing that they do value our prayer and action.

I never thought that some out there
Would even care
If I get to learn or not
Or if I pay a lot.
I never thought that some would pray
For me to know God, every day.
The least I can do is to say thank you in
Words that rhyme,
Honestly, thanking you is not a waste of time.