

# MIDWEEK SERVICES

Thur 15<sup>th</sup> Feb

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| 8.00am  | Morning Prayers & Bible Study | St Michael's, Aldbourne |
| 10.00am | Holy Communion                | Holy Cross, Ramsbury    |

## NOTICES

- ❖ **SPARKLERS PLUS** – at 10.00.am on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February** in St. Michael's Church, Aldbourne, half term session for children and the adults who care for them.
- ❖ **PALM CROSSES** – all churches are asked to collect last year's palm crosses and deliver them to the team office by Monday **12<sup>th</sup> February**.
- ❖ **THE KNITTING GROUP** – will meet on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February** from 2pm at 55a High Street, Ramsbury. All welcome. Enquiries Estrid Eyles (520789).
- ❖ **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKES** – **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February** from 2.30-4.00pm in the Church Rooms, Back Lane, Ramsbury. Free, but donations to Holy Cross Church welcome.
- ❖ **PRAYERS FOR LENT** – for the second year in a row, the Diocese of Salisbury has produced a daily collection of readings and prayers for Lent. This is now available in booklet form at the back of each church or a feed on the *PrayerMate* app. *Praying Together* contains a short scripture reading, prayer reflection and suggested action for each day between Ash Wednesday (14<sup>th</sup> February) and Easter Day (1<sup>st</sup> April). This simple pattern can be followed in as short a time as five minutes or as much as half an hour. It can be used by individuals or small groups, at home or in Church. To access the **PrayerMate** app you need to select the app and once in press **Add** then under ready-made content, select **Church life** and then select **UK Churches** and then select **Diocese of Salisbury Praying Together**.
- ❖ **CAKE & COMPANY** – plans are underway to provide additional care and activities for the lonely (of any age) and the elderly in the Whitton area. The proposal is to work as "Churches Together" to provide "café-style" refreshments, "light touch" spiritual input and activities to anyone who wishes to come. The plan is to start in June, running on Monday mornings from 10.30-12noon in Aldbourne Methodist Hall. Initially it will be twice monthly on the first and third Mondays. If you feel you can help or have ideas for activities there is an open planning meeting on **27<sup>th</sup> March** at 2pm at 55a High Street, Ramsbury. All are welcome. More details can be found on the leaflets in Church
- ❖ **ADMIN SUPPORT IN THE TEAM OFFICE** – Daphne Blount, our current Team Administrator is due to retire on 31<sup>st</sup> March after nine years. The Whitton PCC, a registered charity, is seeking an administration services provider to deal with a range of administrative, document design, information management, procurement and other related office activities for the Whitton Team churches. The work would be in support of, primarily, the Team Clergy and churchwardens. Our experience is that this generally requires around 10 person-hours a week and our preference is for these services to be provided on-site, at our office in Ramsbury. If this is something that interests you and you would like more information, please contact Simon Weeden (revsimonweeden@gmail.com) or the Team Office (teamoffice@whittonteam.org.uk).

Deadline for Notices: 10.00am Thursday

Contact the Team Office ([teamoffice@whittonteam.org.uk](mailto:teamoffice@whittonteam.org.uk)/01672-520963) about forthcoming church events, or people to be added to the prayer list.

Office hours: 9.00am-1.00pm Mon & Thurs

Website: [www.whittonteam.org.uk](http://www.whittonteam.org.uk)

# WHITTON BENEFICE

Aldbourne, Baydon, Chilton Foliat, Froxfield, Ramsbury with Axford

## SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – Sunday before Lent

*Ps 50: 1-6/2 Kings 2: 1-12/2 Corinthians 4: 3-6/Mark 9: 2-9*

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|---------|----------------|--------------------------|
| 8.00am  | Ramsbury       | Holy Communion (BCP)     |
| 9.30am  | Baydon         | Morning Prayer (CW)      |
| 9.30am  | Froxfield      | Holy Communion (CW)      |
| 9.30am  | Ramsbury       | Informal Morning Worship |
| 11.00am | Aldbourne      | Matins                   |
| 11.00am | Chilton Foliat | Holy Communion (Order 1) |

Please pray for those who are sick or in pain, especially **Rolf Mitson**.

We remember those who have died in faith, especially the family and friends of **Yvonne Wilkes** and **Donald Wilmot**, those whose faith is known only to God and we remember all those, the anniversary of whose death falls this week.

## 14<sup>th</sup> February – Ash Wednesday

*2 Corinthians 5: 20b-6:10/Matthew 6: 1-6/16-21*

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| 10.00am | Ramsbury | Holy Communion & Ashing |
| 7.30pm  | Baydon   | Holy Communion & Ashing |

## Next Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

*Ps 25: 1-9/Genesis 9: 8-17/1 Peter 3: 18-end/Mark 1: 9-15*

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| 8.00am  | Chilton Foliat | Holy Communion (BCP)     |
| 9.30am  | Baydon         | Informal Morning Worship |
| 9.30am  | Froxfield      | Matins                   |
| 9.30am  | Ramsbury       | Holy Communion (CW)      |
| 11.00am | Aldbourne      | Holy Communion (CW)      |
| 4.00pm  | Ramsbury       | Evening Prayer (BCP)     |

**Please take this leaflet home with you**

## 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – Sunday before Lent

### OLD TESTAMENT - 2 Kings 2: 1-12

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the Lord has sent me to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "so be quiet." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the Lord has sent me to Jericho." And he replied, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho. The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," he replied, "so be quiet." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." And he replied, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on. Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied. "You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not." As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.

### NEW TESTAMENT - 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ

### GOSPEL - Mark 9: 2-9

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

