
NOTICES

- ❖ **THE NEXT BISHOP OF RAMSBURY WILL BE THE REVD DR ANDREW RUMSEY.** He will have responsibility for the Wiltshire parishes in the Diocese of Salisbury and will also chair the Diocese's Mission and Ministry Council. Dr Rumsey is 50 and is married to Rebecca. The new Bishop and his family will be living in Marlborough and expect to move in January 2019.
- ❖ **SPARKLERS PLUS** – meet at 9.15am on **Monday 29th October** in St Michael's Church, Aldbourne. Preschool and school aged children welcome.
- ❖ **FOLLOWING ON FROM LINDORS** - We had a good time at the Lindors weekend and came back with lots of ideas about sharing our faith. We plan to meet in the Church Rooms, Ramsbury on **Monday 29th October at 7.30pm**. We would like as many from the Lindors weekend as possible but we are extending a wider invitation to those with a 'mission heart' for our villages and churches.
- ❖ **WHITTONEDGE MEDITATION GROUP** – Thursday 1st November at Whittonedge.
- ❖ **CAKE AND COMPANY** – The United Churches Together invite you to join us for Cake and Company in the Aldbourne Methodist Hall on Monday 5th November from 10.30 to 12 noon. Special guest speaker Terry Gilligan from the Aldbourne Heritage Group. Bring old photographs showing the village/place you are from.
- ❖ **AUTUMN BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP** – Rev Simon Weeden will be hosting a series of Bible Discussion Groups to complement the sermons on Sundays. The group is open to all and will meet on **6th November and 4th December** from 7.30pm to 9pm at 55A High Street, Ramsbury.
- ❖ **HOLY CROSS CHURCHYARD – AUTUMN CLEAR-UP: Saturday 10th November.** Please come and help tidy the churchyard for winter, 10am until noon. Bring gloves and a grass rake. Refreshments provided. If you are busy planting a remembrance tree, you'd be welcome to join the scouts the week before – bonfire included!
- ❖ **THE KNITTING GROUP** will meet on Tuesday, November 13th at 55a, High Street, Ramsbury from 2 pm. Enquiries, Estrid Eyles, 01672 520789.
- ❖ **JAZZ GUITARIST, BEN CIPOLLA, in concert at St Michaels Church, Aldbourne, Friday 16th November, 7.30 pm.** Ben is a highly acclaimed young jazz musician from Marlborough with great talent and impressive exposure (including the BBC Jazz Proms). The Friends of St Michael's Church are delighted to invite everyone to hear him perform at St Michael's on 16th November. Tickets £10 (£8 for Friends) available from Aldbourne Post Office or contact 01672 541158. All proceeds to the Friends of St Michaels Church.
- ❖ **MISSION LUNCH** – The Holy Cross Mission Group Lunch will be held on **Tuesday 20th November** as Hilldrop Barn in aid of Swindon Food Collective. Tickets available from Ramsbury Post Office and Midway Stores, £15.00.
- ❖ **NEEDED PLEASE!** Help with making and selling Unique Gifts that you would love to be given yourself! To sell on our "Made For an Angel" stall St Michael's Church Christmas Fayre on Saturday 24 November, 2-4pm, Memorial Hall, to raise funds for St Michael's Church. Our selection of hand-crafted gifts is steadily growing - Your ideas, materials, crafting skills and gift-buying needs are all welcome! Please contact Jenny (G) on 540788.

Deadline for Notices: 10.00am Thursday

Contact the Team Office (teamoffice@whittonteam.org.uk/01672-520963)

about forthcoming church events, or people to be added to the prayer list.

Office hours: 9.00am-2.00pm Mon & Thurs - Website: www.whittonteam.org.uk

WHITTON BENEFICE

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

Sunday - 28th October – Last after Trinity

Psalm 19: 7-14/ Isaiah 55: 1-11 / John 5: 36-47

8.00am	Aldbourn	Holy Communion
9.30am	Baydon	Holy Communion
9.30am	Froxfield	Informal Morning Worship
9.30am	Ramsbury	Matins
11.00am	Aldbourn	Holy Communion
11.00am	Chilton Foliat	Holy Communion
4.00pm	Ramsbury	All Soul's Memorial Service

Please pray for those who are sick or in pain.

We remember those who have died in faith, especially the family and friends of Dorothy Margaret Goodman, those whose faith is known only to God and we remember all those, the anniversary of whose death falls this week.

Next Sunday – 4th November 2018 - 4th before Advent

Micah 2: 12-13 & 4: 6-8/ Mark 12: 28-34

8.00am	Aldbourn	Team Communion
10.00am	Ramsbury	Team Communion

MIDWEEK SERVICES

Thursday 1st November

8.00am Morning Prayer & Bible Study St Michael's, Aldbourne

Please take this leaflet home with you

28th October 2018

OLD TESTAMENT – Isaiah 55: 1-11

‘Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labour on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples. Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendour.’

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

‘For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,’ declares the LORD. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

GOSPEL – John 5: 36-47

Jesus said, ‘I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to finish – the very works that I am doing – testify that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form, nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent. You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

‘I do not accept glory from human beings, but I know you. I know that you do not have the love of God in your hearts. I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe since you accept glory from one another but do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?

‘But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?’