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**MIDWEEK SERVICES****Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

14.15pm Holy Communion Aldbourne Nursing Home

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

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

10.00am Holy Communion Holy Cross, Ramsbury

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

11.00am Holy Communion Brendoncare

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**NOTICES**

- ❖ **WELCOMING REVD RHONA FLOATE**. The licensing service is on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in Holy Cross, Ramsbury** and will be conducted by Bishop Andrew. All are invited to come to welcome Rhona and celebrate with her as she starts her new ministry among us.
- ❖ **ATTENDANCE SUNDAY** – this year the annual survey of Church Membership required by the Diocese is the five Sunday's from **17<sup>th</sup> March to 14<sup>th</sup> April**. Please make sure you fill in an attendance card each time you attend a service during this period and leave it in the church for collection.
- ❖ **SPARKLERS** on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March** at 9.00am in St Michael's Church, Aldbourne. Open to all pre-school school aged children and toddlers.
- ❖ **WHITTON PARYER GROUP** - Coffee, bible and prayer on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** 9.30am to 10.30am at 44 High Street, Ramsbury. All welcome.
- ❖ **RAMSBURY ALCM** is at 10.50am on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March** (after the 9.30am service) in Holy Cross Church, Ramsbury.
- ❖ **ALDBOURNE ALCM** is at 12.15pm on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March** (after the 11.00am service) in St Michael's Church, Aldbourne
- ❖ **CHILTON FOLIAT ALCM** is at 6.30 on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** in the Village Hall.
- ❖ **QUIET DAY** - a date for your diaries – Enjoy time out from your busy life on **Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup>**. Sign-up sheets at back of churches. Contact: Revd Karen 07882 055878.
- ❖ **LAMBING OPEN DAY AT MANOR FARM**, Aldbourne on Mothering **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March** 2.30 to 4.30. Please come and bring your families. Cake stall in aid of St Michael's Churchyard - donations of your favourite cakes would be very welcome please to Manor Farm. Contacts as Jenny Greaves 540788 or Ann Brown 540328.
- ❖ **MANY THANKS** to all who contributed to the special appeal for KGVI centre in Bulawayo. More than £3000 has been raised so far, and will be spent on urgently needed medical supplies and treatments, which now require hard currency. The donations website is still open: <https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/charity/amandla-trust>. Or use the "pink box" by the display board in St Michael's.
- ❖ **DEAR FRIENDS**, Can I say thank you for your prayers and messages of support while I have been recovering from an op following a breast screening recall. My journey continues, as I will need a further op to remove a little more tissue. I will be around when I am able and I will keep you updated. Prayers are very welcome. Can I also encourage you all to go for your own routine screening too – this may well have saved my life. Feeling strong in God's care. Rev. Karen

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**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-2.00pm Mon & Thurs - Website: [www.whittonteam.org.uk](http://www.whittonteam.org.uk)

# WHITTON BENEFICE

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

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**17<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

*Psalm 27/ Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18/ Philippians 3: 17-4: 1/ Luke 13: 31-35*

8.00am	Chilton Foliat	Holy Communion
9.30am	Baydon	Education Sunday
9.30am	Froxfield	Matins
9.30am	Ramsbury	Holy Communion
11.00am	Aldbourn	Matins
4.00pm	Ramsbury	Evening Prayer

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**Please pray** for the pupils, staff and governors of Ramsbury Primary School.

**Please pray** for those who are sick or in pain, especially Beryl Belcher.

**We remember** those who have died in faith, those whose faith is known only to God and we remember all those, the anniversary of whose death falls this week.

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**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Licensing of Revd Rhona Floate**

7.00pm	Ramsbury	Celebration of Ministry
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**Next Sunday - 24<sup>th</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

*Psalm 63: 1-9/ Isaiah 55: 1-9/ 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13/ Luke 13: 1-9*

9.30am	Ramsbury	Matins
11.00am	Aldbourn	Holy Communion (CW)

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***Please take this leaflet home with you***

# 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – Second Sunday of Lent

## OLD TESTAMENT - GENESIS 15: 1-12, 17-18

After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: 'Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.' But Abram said, 'Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.' Then the word of the LORD came to him: 'This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.' He took him outside and said, 'Look up at the sky and count the stars – if indeed you can count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness. He also said to him, 'I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.' But Abram said, 'Sovereign LORD, how can I know that I shall gain possession of it? So the LORD said to him, 'Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon.' Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.

As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him.

When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking brazier with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates.

## NEW TESTAMENT - PHILIPPIANS 3: 17-4: 1

Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

## GOSPEL - LUKE 13: 31-35

At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, 'Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.'

He replied, 'Go and tell that fox, "I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal." In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day – for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

'Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."'