

WHEATHILL PRIORY BENEFICE

“Jesus Lives: Follow Him”

Sunday 30 January 2022

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Wednesday 2 February marks 40 days since Christmas and Candlemas. Traditionally it was the day that people bought their candles to church to be blessed, along with the church candles.

Like many festivals it has a pre-Christian heritage to it, a festival of light and that heritage along with Simeon’s words about the child that he will be: ‘a light to lighten the Gentiles’ are the reasons for the emphasis on candles. In times gone by people would light their windows with candles on this day.

Like St Swithin’s day in the summer there are also links to forthcoming weather:

If Candlemas Day be fair and bright

Winter will have another fight.

If Candlemas Day brings cloud and rain,

Winter won't come again.

Who knows how accurate that is/will prove to be this year, but it is good to see the days lengthening and despite the cold to enjoy some more time outside.

So as we gather for worship this weekend, and as we enjoy increased daylight can we also seek to follow Christ the Light of the World wherever he may lead us this week, month and year.

Bible Readings

Sunday 30 January Psalm 24:7-10, Hebrews 2:14-18, Luke 2:22-40

10:30am Benefice & Chapel Service of Holy Communion Kingweston

Monday Psalm 57, Genesis 18:1-15, Matthew 27:11-26

9am Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville

Tuesday Psalm 93, Genesis 18:16-end, Matthew 27:27-44

Wednesday Psalm 48, Exodus 13:1-16, Romans 12:1-5 (Presentation of Christ)

9am Morning Prayer Barton St David

11:30am Funeral Dennis Lee Lydford on Fosse

Thursday Psalm 15, Genesis 21:1-21, Matthew 27:57-end

9am Morning Prayer in Lydford

Friday Psalm 19, Genesis 22:1-19, Matthew 28:1-15

Saturday Psalm 23, Genesis 23, Matthew 28:16-end

Sunday 6 February

8:30am Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville

10:30am Holy Communion by extension Lydford on Fosse

Morning Prayer has restarted in in all three parishes, 9am on Monday in Keinton, Wednesday in Barton & Thursday in Lydford.

Our condolences go to the family of Dennis Lee of East Lydford who died last Saturday (8/1). His funeral will be in St Peter's Lydford on Fosse at 11:30am on 2/2/22

Forthcoming worship

6/2/22 8:30am Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville

10:30am Holy Communion by Extension Lydford on Fosse

13/2/22 10:30am Benefice Holy Communion Keinton Mandeville

20/2/22 8:30am Morning Prayer Barton St David

10:30am Holy Communion Kingweston

Phone Church

We have set up a phone line that you can use (for the cost of a local call so probably free for most) to listen to a reading, the reflection and prayers of intercession for the week. The phone number is **01458 552155**. The service will be available from Monday morning.

There is also the Church of England Daily Hope phone line, which has hymns, prayers and reflection



YouTube

Our weekly worship continues to be available on YouTube, we hope to livestream the services as they happen, so from 10:30am. If that fails we will upload them after the service. You can find the service here:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9tB_kpGA8SZwwyE9AmKvmg/videos?view=57

Forthcoming courses:

During Lent you have a choice of course!

We're holding a benefice Lent course using the Diocesan materials, this will meet on Monday afternoons: 7, 14, 21, 28 March and 4 April from 2-3:30 and in the evening on Monday 7 and then Wednesday 16, 23, 30 March and 6 April 7:30pm

All at the Rectory, all are welcome.

In the Deanery we're also rerunning Living in Love and Faith, an opportunity to think about our response to some of the issues raised by issues of identity, sexuality and gender, if you'd like to know more then please speak to Jane & she will put you in touch with someone who did it last time around! These are on a Tuesday evening 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 March in St Ben's Glastonbury at 7 – 9pm

Bible Book Club

Bible Book club is reading the Letter to the Ephesians and our next meeting will be in the new year, because the Advent course is on the day we'd planned to meet! Why not come along & see what happens?

Our guidelines for how we conduct our worship are:

- Masks are no longer required but we continue to encourage their use in our buildings.
- We sing
- We film and livestream/record & post to YouTube
- We continue to take details of who is present for track and trace
- You can either sit in close proximity with someone or be distanced (if you want to be distanced please take a notice and put it on the pew beside you)
- Communion continues to be administered in pews and in one kind only