

## FORTHCOMING SERVICES

### SUNDAY JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> - EPIPHANY 3

#### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

10:30am United Service at St Peter and St Paul's, Botley

### SUNDAY JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> - EPIPHANY 4

**Theme:** Jesus and the Gerasene Demonic

**Readings:** Mark 5:1-20, Psalm 89:1-4

#### ST ANDREW'S, DEAN COURT

10:30am Family Service

Leader: David Wenham

Preacher: TBC

#### ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR

8am Holy Communion

Leader: Jessica Turner

Preacher: Jessica Turner

#### ST MARY'S, FARMOOR

3:30pm Hymns and Cake

Leader: Jessica Turner

10:30am Big Story Sunday

Leader: Jonathan Widdess

### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> - 2 BEFORE LENT

**Theme:** Jairus' Daughter Healed

**Readings:** Mark 5:21-43, Psalm 131

#### ST ANDREW'S, DEAN COURT

10:30am Morning Worship

Leader: TBC

Preacher: TBC

#### ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR

10:30am Holy Communion

Leader: TBC

Preacher: TBC

4:30pm Taize Service

## NOTICES

### CHURCHES TOGETHER SERVICE - 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY

We join together with other local churches at 10:30am United Service in St Peter and St Paul's, Botley. If you're planning on being there and would be willing to take part in some way, then please let Jonathan know. We're looking for 3 people to help lead prayers.

### HOPE EXPLORED

Hope Explored continues on Monday evening, exploring the ways in which Jesus is the Prince of Peace and what that means for us. It runs from 7pm-9pm in St Michael's Parish Centre.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- † The ongoing situation in Israel and Gaza, and the wider Middle East.
- † The family and friends of Susan White and Pete Wright as they grieve.
- † The Churches Together Service on January 21 and the worship and witness of all our local churches and especially Cumnor URC, Botley Baptist, St Peter and St Paul, Calvary Chapel, Christ Church Botley, and St Andrew's, St Mary's and St Michael's.
- † Those doing the Hope Explored Course.
- † Our CMS mission partners Simon and Sarah Cawdell in Gulu, Uganda.

## HOME COMMUNION & VISITS

If you or someone you know would value home communion, someone to pray with, a visit, or simply a phone call, please let Jonathan know.

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# NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> 2024

**Theme:** Jesus Heals and Teaches

**Readings:** Mark 2:1-22, Psalm 103:6-14

#### ST ANDREW'S, DEAN COURT

10:30am Holy Communion

Leader: Jonathan Widdess

Preacher: Jonathan Widdess

#### ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR

8am Holy Communion

Leader: John Rees

Preacher: John Rees

10:30am Morning Worship

Leader: Jean Pryce-Williams

Preacher: Jessica Turner

## COLLECT FOR EPIPHANY 2

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature  
by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## LENT COURSE - SAVE THE DATE

Starting on **Tuesday 20th February at 7:30pm**, we're going to be running 6 weeks of the Saint's Alive course - <https://www.resourcingrenewal.org/saints-alive> on Tuesday evenings in St Andrew's Dean Court. We'll be joined once again by people from the Parish of Wooton.

## PARISH CENTRE & STABLE BLOCK KEY AMNESTY

To save the expense of getting new keys cut, if you have a key to either the Stable Block or the Parish Centre that you no longer need then please drop it in to the Vicarage or pop it through the Parish Centre letterbox in an envelope addressed to me. Many thanks, Jonathan.

## WINTER WELLBEING PACKS FROM AGE UK

Age UK have brought together some useful information and resources in the form of a Winter Wellbeing pack which is now available from St Michael's.

## MEMORIES CAFE

Memories Café meets once a fortnight at Cumnor Cricket Club. Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 16th January** from **2:30-4pm**. If you would like to know more please contact **Jan Harris** on **01865 864169**.

## COFFEE POT @ ST ANDREW'S

Coffee Pot is open on Thursdays from 10.30-12.00. Do join us for coffee, tea, cake, and a chat. We would love to see you

## TODDLER GROUPS

### ST MICHAEL'S

The St Michael's Toddler group meets on Wednesday mornings in the Parish Centre, 1 Abingdon Road. Each session costs just £1 and runs from **9am-11am** during term times. The group is open to everyone.

For more details please contact **Dianne Taylor (01865 862165)** or **Angela Evans (01865 864397)**

### ST ANDREW'S

The St Andrew's Toddler group meets on Friday mornings in St Andrew's Church, Orchard Road. Each session has a

suggested donation of £1 per family and runs from 9.30am to 11am during term time. We're having a break now over Christmas and restart on Friday 12th January. The group is for pre-school children with an adult and is open to everyone: you will be very welcome. For more details please contact Sue on 01865 864991

## NEXT NEWSLETTER

The next edition of this newsletter will be released in time for Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup> 2024.

## PRAYER FOR HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

**27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024**

Eternal God,  
we come before you,  
conscious of the fragility of freedom,  
to remember the victims of the Holocaust.  
We lament the loss of the six million Jews  
who were killed in the Holocaust,  
the millions of other victims of Nazi persecution,  
and victims of all genocides.  
Remembering the past,  
help us today to use what freedom we have  
to stand up for those whose freedom is denied.  
We pray for a day when all shall be free to live in peace,  
unity and love.  
Amen.



## JOIN THE MISSION

Church is what we make it together, so we need everyone to get involved. One way to do that is by serving on a Sunday. There are opportunities to read the Bible, lead the prayers, join the welcoming teams, and join the refreshments teams. For more details or to volunteer, see David Wenham for roles at St Andrew's or Jonathan for roles at St Michael's

## GIVE GENEROUSLY

Giving is an important part of our discipleship. All your donations to the parish support the church's mission and ministry. You can give online, through the collection plate, or best of all by Direct Debit through the Parish Giving Scheme. For more information please visit <https://cumnor.org/giving/>

## WORSHIP TOGETHER AS A FAMILY

Messy Church - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 2-4pm at St Andrew's.

Big Story Sunday - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January, 10:30am at St Michael's

St Andrew's Family Service - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January, 10:30am

During Sunday Services:

Sunday School at St Andrew's.

Colouring and crafts at St Michael's.

## SING WITH THE ST MICHAEL'S CHOIR

Choir practice is on Friday evenings at 6:30pm. New members always welcome. Please contact Andrew Dyer for more details on 01865 862042 or e-mail: [ajdyer47@hotmail.com](mailto:ajdyer47@hotmail.com)

## RING THE BELLS

The Bellringers meet for practice on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9pm. Please contact Jenny Dyer for more details on 01865 862042 or e-mail: [jadyers5@hotmail.com](mailto:jadyers5@hotmail.com)