#### FORTHCOMING SERVICES

#### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4TH - 2 BEFORE LENT

Theme: Jairus' Daughter Healed Readings: Mark 5:21-43, Psalm I31

\$T ANDREW'S, DEAN COURT

10:30am Morning Worship

Leader: David Wenham

Preacher: Eve Lockett

**ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR 10:30am Holy Communion**Leader: Jonathan Widdess
Preacher: Jonathan Widdess

**4:3opm Taize Service** Led by Jackie Laar & Team

#### SUNDAY FEBRUARY IITH - NEXT BEFORE LENT

Theme: Transfiguration
Readings: Mark 8:27-9:8, Psalm 27:1-4

**ST ANDREW'S, DEAN COURT 10:30am Holy Communion**Leader: David Wenham
Preacher: Chris Sugden

ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR 8am Holy Communion Leader: John Rees Preacher: John Rees

10:30am Morning Worship Leader: Jonathan Widdess Preacher: Jonathan Widdess

#### WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14TH - ASH WEDNESDAY

Theme: Passion Prediction

Readings: Mark 9:30-37, Psalm 32:1-5

ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR

7:30pm Ash Wednesday Service
Leader: Jonathan Widdess
Preacher: Jonathan Widdess

#### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18TH - LENT I

Theme: First Last and Last First Readings: Mark 10:17-31, Psalm 19:7-10

**ST ANDREW'S, DEAN COURT**10:30am Family Service
Leader: Jonathan Widdess
Preacher: Jonathan Widdess

ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR

10:30am Holy Communion

Leader: Jessica Turner

Preacher: Jessica Turner

#### 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.
- † Pray for peace that will last in Ukraine. Keep believing that God will bring an end to the war. Pray that people around the world won't give up praying for peace.
- † Give thanks for the amazing energy and determination shown by the Ukrainian Bible Society team. Ask God to revive them in low moments, so that they can keep on sharing God's word. Pray for a miraculous reconciliation between Ukrainians and Russians.
- † Our PCC, meeting on Wednesday night.

#### **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 28<sup>TH</sup> 2024**

Theme: Jesus and the Gerasene Demoniac Readings: Mark 5:1-20, Psalm 89:1-4

**ST ANDREW'S, DEAN COURT 10:30am Morning Worship**Leader: David Wenham
Preacher: Chris Scruby

**ST MARY'S, FARMOOR** 3:30pm Hymns and Cake Leader: Jessica Turner **ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR** 8am Holy Communion

Leader: Jessica Turner Preacher: Jessica Turner

10:30am Big Story Sunday Leader: Jonathan Widdess

#### **COLLECT FOR EPIPHANY 4**

God our creator,
who in the beginning
commanded the light
to shine out of darkness:
we pray that the light
of the glorious gospel of Christ
may dispel the darkness
of ignorance and unbelief,
shine into the hearts of all your people,
and reveal the knowledge of your glory
in the face of 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 - SAINT'S ALIVE!

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

Saint's Alive! is a course for anyone wanting to go deeper in their Christian faith. It has been run in churches since the early 1980s, with over 350,000 people having benefitted from it. Written by two church leaders who were once students at St Aldates, it has been fully revised by them and re-launched in 2021.

#### PARISH CENTRE & STABLE BLOCK KEY AMNESTY

Thanks so much to those who have already returned keys you no longer need!

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.

#### **MEMORIES CAFE**

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

### **SAINTS ALIVE!**

When: Tuesdays, 7:30pm from 20th February What: Our 2024 Lent Course where we explore living life in the Holy Spirit today Where: St Andrew's Dean Court, Orchard Rd, Botley, OX2 9BH



#### 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**

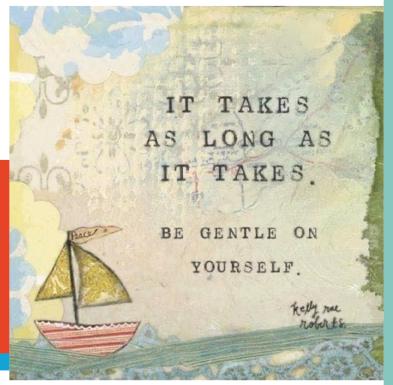
#### ST MICHAEL'S

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 **gam-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.

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 o1865 864991



#### 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 <a href="https://cumnor.org/giving/">https://cumnor.org/giving/</a>

#### 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

#### 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: jadyer55@hotmail.com