

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY - 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 18TH FEBRUARY - LENT 1

Theme: First Last and Last First

Readings: Mark 10:17-31, Psalm 119:7-10

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

SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY - LENT 2

Theme: Bartimaeus Healed

Readings: Mark 10:32-52, Psalm 34:11-14

St ANDREW'S, DEAN COURT

10:30am Morning Worship

Leader: David Wenham

Preacher: Chris Scruby

St MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR

8am Holy Communion

Leader: Jonathan Widdess

Preacher: Jonathan Widdess

St MARY'S, FARMOOR

3:30pm Hymns & Cake

Leader: Jean Pryce-Williams

10:30am Big Story Sunday

Leader: Jonathan Widdess

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- † Our local school's, Matthew Arnold and Cumnor CofE Primary, as they enjoy a week's half-term holiday.
- † King Charles and the Royal Family as he is being treated for cancer.
- † The ongoing situation in Israel and Gaza, and the wider Middle East.
- † Everyone who lives or works in Farmoor, and the witness of St Mary's, particularly through Hymns & Cake.
- † Libby Hawkness-Smith, being fully accredited as a Methodist Local Preacher on Sunday 18th February.
- † The forthcoming Lent Course, Saint's Alive!
- † Our CMS mission partners Simon and Sarah Cawdell in Gulu, Uganda.

HOME COMMUNION & HOME VISITING

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

SUNDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2024

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

6pm Time to Pray

Via Zoom, <https://ocprl-org.zoom.us/j/9775634331>

10:30am Morning Worship

Leader: Jonathan Widdess

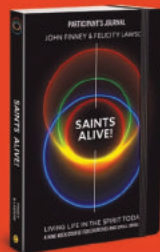
Preacher: Jonathan Widdess



COLLECT FOR SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness,
from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

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

NOTICES

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

This **Wednesday, 7:30pm** in **St Michael's**, join us for our Ash Wednesday service, as we mark the beginning of Lent with hymns, prayers and the opportunity for reflection and repentance.

LENTEN RESOURCES

Many of us mark Lent by either giving or taking up something. Christians Against Poverty have some good suggestions here: <https://capuk.org/news-and-blog/10-things-to-give-up-for-lent>

You can sign up for a daily Lent Encounter email devotional from the Bible Society here: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/resources/the-lent-encounter-sign-up>

Finally, Mark Broadway has written an excellent Lent book called "Journeying with God in the Wilderness". Available from all good bookshops or get it online here: <https://www.eden.co.uk/christian-books/easter-and-lent-books/journeying-with-god-in-the-wilderness-ivp-lent-book-2024/>

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 - <https://www.resourcingrenewal.org/saints-alive> on Tuesday evenings in St Andrew's Dean Court. We'll be joined once again by 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 Aldate's, it has been fully revised by them and was re-launched in 2021.

CUMNOR C.E. SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT

On **Friday 23rd February** at **7:30pm**, the PTA at Cumnor C.E. Primary School are holding a quiz night in the School Hall. Tickets are £10 per person, which includes a free

drink and table snacks. This is always a great, fun evening and it would be good to enter a Parish Team. If you're interested then please see Jane Vlitos or Jonathan for more information.

MEMORIES CAFE

Memories Café meets once a fortnight at Cumnor Cricket Club. Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 13th February** 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. 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



Pancake Evening
at St Andrew's Dean Court
Tuesday 13 February 6-8pm
drop in any time
with... **Table tennis** **Table football**
Air hockey **Board games**
Invite your friends ... bring all the family!

The graphic features the text 'Pancake Evening' in a large, stylized font. Below it, it says 'at St Andrew's Dean Court' and 'Tuesday 13 February 6-8pm' with a double underline. Underneath that, it says 'drop in any time' and lists activities: 'with... Table tennis Table football Air hockey Board games'. At the bottom, it says 'Invite your friends ... bring all the family!'. To the right of the text is an illustration of a stack of pancakes on a plate with a fork, and a bottle of maple syrup.

JOIN OUR 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 29/3, 2-4pm at St Andrew's.

Big Story Sunday - Sunday 25/2, 10:30am at St Michael's

St Andrew's Family Service - Sunday 18/2, 10:30am

During Sunday Services:

Sunday School at St Andrew's.

Colouring and crafts at St Michael's.

SING IN 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
Their website is at <https://cumnorbellringers.uk/>