

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

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 MARY'S, FARMOOR

3:30pm Hymns & Cake

Leader: Jean Pryce-Williams

ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR

8am Holy Communion

Leader: Jonathan Widdess

Preacher: Jonathan Widdess

10:30am Big Story Sunday

Leader: Jonathan Widdess

SUNDAY 3RD MARCH - LENT 3

Theme: Parable of the Tenants

Readings: Mark 12:1-17, Psalm 86:8-13

ST ANDREW'S, DEAN COURT

10:30am Morning Worship

Leader: David Wenham

Preacher: Eve Lockett

3:00pm Joy Place

Led by the Joy Place Team

ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR

10:30am Holy Communion

Leader: Jonathan Widdess

Preacher: Jonathan Widdess

4:30pm Taizé Service

Led by Jackie Laar & Team

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- † 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 Dean Court, and the witness of St Andrew's, particularly Coffee Pot, Toddlers and the Film Nights.
- † Libby Hawkness-Smith, being fully accredited as a Methodist Local Preacher in Wantage 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 18TH FEBRUARY 2024

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



COLLECT FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves
in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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.

The Canaries: Islands of Natural Wonders

An illustrated talk by Jessica Turner



The Canary Islands are well-known as a holiday destination, but perhaps less so for their fascinating flora and fauna. Jessica leads natural history tours there and will share some of her photos of the wilder side of the islands.

Friday 8 March, 7.30pm

St Andrew's Church,
Orchard Road, Dean Court, OX2 9BH

Admission free but donations please for WaterAid and St Andrew's.

NOTICES

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.

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/>

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 27th 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

BABY & 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 time. The group is open to everyone.

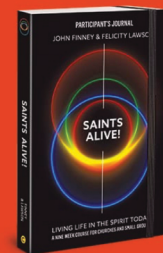
For more details please contact **Dianne Taylor (01865 862165)** or **Angela Evans (01865 864397)**

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**

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



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: jadyers55@hotmail.com
Their website is at <https://cumnorbellringers.uk/>