

## FORTHCOMING SERVICES

### SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - MOTHERING SUNDAY / LENT 4

**Theme:** Great Commandment

**Readings:** Mark 12:28-44, Psalm 89:1-4

**St Andrew's, Dean Court**

10:30am Family Service

Leader: David Wenham

Preacher: Jessica Turner

**St Michael's, Cumnor**

8am Holy Communion

Leader: John Rees

Preacher: John Rees

10:30am Mothering Sunday

Leader: Jonathan Widdess

Preacher: Jonathan Widdess

### SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - LENT 5

**Theme:** End of the Age

**Readings:** Mark 13:1-8, 24-37, Psalm 102:12-17

**St Andrew's, Dean Court**

10:30am Morning Worship

Leader: Jonathan Widdess

Preacher: Jonathan Widdess

**St Michael's, Cumnor**

10:30am Holy Communion

Leader: Jean Pryce-Williams

Preacher: Chris Scruby

## 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.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- † King Charles and the Royal Family as he is being treated for cancer.
- † Real progress towards peace between Israelis and Palestinians. Ask God to bring Jewish and Arab Christians together as a powerful testimony of unity.
- † The ongoing situation in the Ukraine.
- † The family and friends of Hazel Young as they grieve, and the family and friends of John Ledingham whose memorial service is on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March
- † Those joining in with the 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 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2024

**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

**St Michael's, Cumnor**

10:30am Holy Communion

Leader: Jonathan Widdess

Preacher: Jonathan Widdess

3:00pm Joy Place

Led by the Joy Place Team

4:30pm Taizé Service

Led by Jackie Laar & Team



## COLLECT FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy  
but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
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.**

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# NOTICES

## RETURNING TO THE COMMON CUP AT 10:30AM

At the PCC meeting on Wednesday night, we decided to return to sharing the Common Cup at the 10:30am Holy Communion Services in St Michael's. We resumed this at the 8am last year.

If you are at all uncomfortable with this, then it's completely fine to only receive the bread. Please do not feel under any pressure. We feed on Christ in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving, so if we opt to abstain from the wine and receive the bread alone we still obtain the full spiritual benefit of the sacrament.

If you'd like to chat about this, or anything else, then please get in touch with me direct, either after a service or on the Vicarage phone number overleaf. Jonathan.

## FILM NIGHT @ ST ANDREW'S

Our next film night is taking place on **Wednesday, 6 March**. Under the terms of our licence we can't publicise the title of the film. Suffice to say it's about an ex Prime Minister which may give you a clue. Refreshments available from **7pm**, film starts at **7.30pm**.

Everyone welcome.

## LENT COURSE - SAINT'S ALIVE!

The Lent Course continues on **Tuesday evenings**, from **7:30pm to 9pm** in **St Andrew's Dean Court**. All welcome!

## MEMORIES CAFE

Memories Café meets once a fortnight at Cumnor Cricket Club. Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March** 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 on Thursdays from 10.30-12.00. 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**

## Holy Week & Easter

**Palm Sunday (24/3)**  
10:30am Big Story Sunday

**Maundy Thursday (28/3)**  
7pm Tenebrae Service  
(At Cumnor URC)

**Good Friday (29/3)**  
10:30am All-Age Service  
2pm The Last Hour at the Cross

**Easter Day (31/3)**  
8am Holy Communion (1662)  
10:30am All-Age Communion







# 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 24/3, 10:30am at St Michael's  
St Andrew's Family Service - Sunday 10/3, 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](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: [jadyers55@hotmail.com](mailto:jadyers55@hotmail.com)  
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