



PARISH OF CUMNOR

# NEWSLETTER

**SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025 (PURPLE)**

**Theme: Lament over Jerusalem**

**Readings: Luke 13:1-9, 31-35 (Psalm 122)**

**ST ANDREW'S, DEAN COURT**

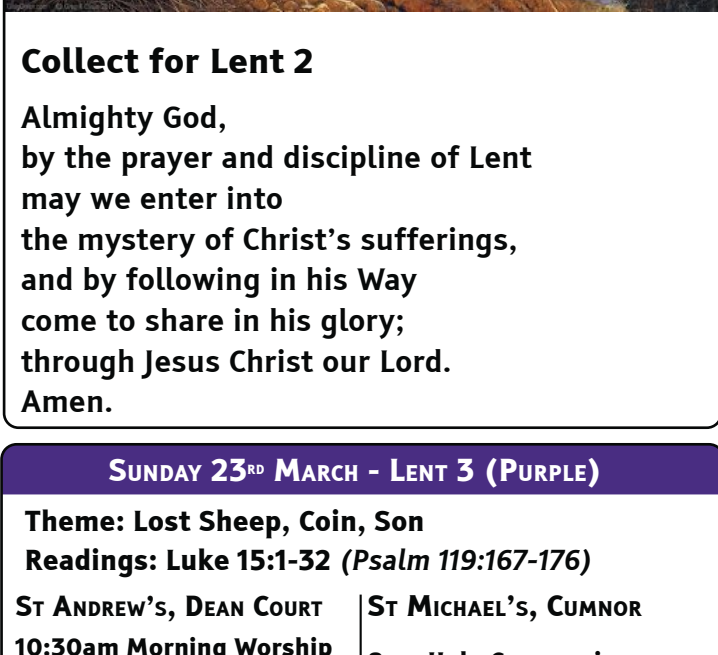
**10:30am Morning Worship**

Leader: Elliot Miller  
Preacher: Eve Lockett

**ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR**

**10:30am Holy Communion**

Leader: Jonathan Widdess  
Preacher: Chris Scruby



## Collect for Lent 2

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into  
the mystery of Christ's sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH - LENT 3 (PURPLE)**

**Theme: Lost Sheep, Coin, Son**

**Readings: Luke 15:1-32 (Psalm 119:167-176)**

**ST ANDREW'S, DEAN COURT**

**10:30am Morning Worship**

Leader: David Wenham  
Preacher: Chris Sugden

**ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR**

**8am Holy Communion**

Leader: Jessica Turner  
Preacher: Jessica Turner

**ST MARY'S, FARMOOR**

**3:30pm Hymns & Cake**

Leader: Jessica Turner

**10:30am Big Story Sunday**

Leader: Jonathan Widdess

**SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - LENT 4 (PURPLE)**

**Theme: Mothering Sunday**

**Readings: Luke 2:33-35, John 19:25b-27**

**ST ANDREW'S, DEAN COURT**

**10:30am Mothering Sunday**

Leader: David Wenham  
Preacher: Jessica Turner

**ST MICHAEL'S, CUMNOR**

**10:30am Mothering Sunday**

Leader: Jonathan Widdess  
Preacher: Jonathan Widdess



Do not waste time bothering whether  
you love your neighbor; act as if you  
did... When you are behaving as if you  
loved someone, you will presently come  
to love him.

C. S. Lewis

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## LENT COURSE - JOURNEYING TOGETHER

On Wednesdays in Lent we're joining together with the parish of Wootton, Shippon and Dry Sandford for a Lent Course exploring the theme of reconciliation. Each evening will begin at 7:30pm (tea/coffee from 7.15pm).

Each session will include singing, Bible study and discussion and end with the quiet service of Compline (finishing at 9pm). Shirley Northover and Jonathan Widdess will lead the sessions and they both hope you'll come along.

Please let Jonathan know if you'd appreciate a lift.

## ST ANDREW'S FILM NIGHT

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm for 7.30pm

Join us for a film night on the big screen.

## ST MICHAEL'S CHURCHYARD CLEAR-UP

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 10am-12pm

Please help to make this a peaceful and comforting place for people to visit, to reflect and to enjoy. If you are able to come, please bring your own tools and gardening gloves, and be prepared for the weather. TEA, COFFEE, and BISCUITS will be your reward.

## ASSISTED DYING: AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April, St Andrew's, 7:30pm

This was a topic we only touched on in last year's Caring for One Another course. All welcome.

## BESPACE - PRAYER SPACE FOR CUMNOR CE

### SCHOOL

Our friends at BeSpace are going to be visiting Cumnor this spring to provide an interactive and creative space for prayer and reflection for our Church School.

They will be here from 24th - 27th March.

Full training will be given. For more information, please see their website at <https://bespace.be/>

If you're interested in being involved then please let Amanda know by email at [office@cumnor.org](mailto:office@cumnor.org)

## BIBLE STUDY

St Andrew's Church, Wednesdays 7.30pm-9pm

St Andrew's Bible Study will not meet on Wednesday 19th March (Film Night) but will resume on Wednesday 26th March. Any questions please contact

[susan.allwright@btinternet.com](mailto:susan.allwright@btinternet.com) **WELCOME CHURCH**

Our beautiful church at St Michael's in the heart of Cumnor village isn't just open for Sunday services, it's open each day from 9-5, to offer our community a safe and spiritual place to drop by and contemplate.

In 2025, we'll set up a prayer tree. People can write prayers on the tree, expressing gratitude, hopes, or wishes. These prayers will be placed on the altar for Sunday worship.

If possible, we'd like members of our church to be present during the week. Your presence will demonstrate our love and care for our community. Whatever time you can give is welcome!

Please express your interest in being part of welcome church and your possible commitment by emailing [office@cumnor.org](mailto:office@cumnor.org) - Kate Elliott

## MEMORIES CAFE

Memories Café meets once a fortnight at Cumnor Cricket Club. The next meeting is on **Tuesday 18<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 @ St Andrew's, Thursdays, 10.30-12.00. Refreshments only £1. Everyone welcome. Dogs on leads please.

## 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.

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

### St Andrew's

Toddlers Group at St Andrew's Church on Friday mornings from 9.30am - 11am. This group is for any pre-school children with an adult, and everyone's welcome - please let friends and neighbours know. Thank you.

**Sue (01865 864991)**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

† Melanie Clapton, and her family as she begins treatment for cancer.

† Chris Evans, and his family as he faces treatment for cancer.

† The family of Margaret Harris as they mourn.

† The family of John Morris as they mourn.

† The family of Phyllis Despres as they mourn.

† The family of Thomas Ashmore as they mourn.

† Our CMS mission partners Simon and Sarah Cawdell in Gulu, Uganda.

† The fragile peace in Gaza to hold.

† The war in Ukraine.

† One new person to be added to church.

† Each of us to have a conversation about Jesus this week with someone who doesn't know him yet.

† One of your friends or family to come to Christ this year.

## JOIN OUR MISSION

We need everyone to play their part by serving on a Sunday. Could you read the Bible, lead the prayers, welcome people or serve refreshments? 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 and we are so thankful. 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 18/4, 2-4pm at St Andrew's

### Big Story Sunday:

Sunday 23/3, 10:30am at St Michael's

### St Andrew's Family Service:

Sunday 30/3, 10:30am

Other weeks: Sunday School at St Andrew's

## DOGS IN CHURCH

Well-behaved dogs on leads are welcome if you're popping in to St Michael's during the week and at events like Coffee Pot. If you would like to bring your well-behaved dog to a service, then please speak to Jonathan beforehand.

## 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. Contact: Jenny Dyer on 01865 862042 e-mail: [jadyer55@hotmail.com](mailto:jadyer55@hotmail.com) website: <https://cumnorbellingers.uk/>

## 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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