Aldermaston and Woolhampton Benefice News

**(the parishes of Aldermaston & Wasing, Beenham, Brimpton, Midgham and Woolhampton)**

# **Sunday 2nd March: The Sunday next before Lent**

**COLLECT**  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.

**FIRST READING** *2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2* When Moses was transformed by meeting God, he veiled his face until the glory faded. Paul argues that the minds of the Jews are still veiled from a true vision and understanding, while Christians see the unfading glory of God fully revealed to us in Christ.

**GOSPEL READING** Luke 9.28–36 The Lord’s closest friends see him transfigured upon a mountain-top, in a disclosure of his true identity. In the presence of the figures of Moses and Elijah, a cloud of glory comes upon him and the voice of the holy one is heard.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Services this Sunday**

St Mary’s, Beenham 9.15am Holy Communion

St Peter’s, Brimpton 10.45am Holy Communion

St Matthew’s, Midgham 9.15am BCP Communion

St Nicholas, Wasing 10.45am Holy Communion

**Services on 9th March: The First Sunday of Lent**

St Mary’s,Aldermaston 9.15am Holy Communion

St Peter’s, Brimpton 9.15am Holy Communion

St Peter’s, Woolhampton 10.45am Holy Communion

**Ash Wednesday 5th March 7pm** Service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes at St Nicholas, Wasing. This is a quiet reflective service as we begin the Season of Lent.

**Benefice Lent Course**

**A Lenten Journey with Paul**

**led by the Revd Dr Derek Spears**

An opportunity to look at different excerpts

 from his letters.

The discussion group will be held on the following dates at 2pm 13th, 20th and 27th March, 3rd and 10th April

at 1 Church Lane, Brimpton

 (each session is independent so you can dip in and out)

For further details please contact the Rector 01189 712 89

**Mothering Sunday: 30th March 10am** Benefice Holy Communion at St Mary’s, Beenham. This is an opportunity to come together as a Benefice to celebrate the unity of our communities as the Body of Christ. Come along and worship in the beauty of St Mary’s Church.

**Good Friday Children’s Service 11am 18th April**

Help is needed for this service. If you would like to help with craft please let me know. Many thanks Rev Jane

**Revision of Electoral Roll** A new electoral roll will be prepared this year. **People on the current roll are not automatically transferred. There** will be forms at the back of each of the churches.

You are entitled to be on the Electoral roll if you are baptised, over 16 and a member of the Church of England or a Church in communion with the Church of England, live in the parish **or** you habitually attend worship (habitually is defined as ‘on average once a month’) Please read the notes on the form. If you have any queries please speak to the Rector or the Electoral Roll Officer.

The deadline for submission for each of the churches is:

Aldermaston & Wasing 25th April

Beenham 18th March

Brimpton 13th April

Midgham 28th April

Woolhampton 25th April

**Prayers and Pastoral Care** In the Benefice we seek to offer care for everyone in our churches and our communites, especially when they are in a difficult period in their lives. If you need to talk to a someone or would like a home visit, please contact the Rector on 0118 9712 891

You might just need to talk to someone in complete confidence about a personal or family crisis. We will always listen and help if we can. If you would like prayers included in our services on a Sunday for someone who is ill or in need, (providing the person is aware that they are being prayed for), has recently died or on the anniversary of their death, please do let me know. Revd Jane

We pray for those who are ill at this time and remember those who

have recently died and pray for those who grieve:

**Richard Hunt** We pray for Sue and the family. Richard’s funeral will be at St Peter’s Brimpton on Friday 7th March at 1.45pm

Please print this newsletter and hand on to anyone you know who does not have internet access

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