

Welcome to the Bicester Area Team Ministry

9th March 2025

*We welcome you to our churches today
Please take this leaflet home with you*



Prayer List

For those with long term health problems:

Maria & Anthony Ratsey - Amelia Woodgate
Joyce Rothera - Alan Howling - Sheila Howling - Clare - Dave
Jeff Broxholme - Colin Duckworth - Naomi Bourton - Joan Brown
Scarlotte Roberts - Brian Page - Hannah Cormack
Rita Wilkes - Wilson Oluoch - Nigel Collett - Barry Willis
Fr John Hudson - Ian Brown - Luke Simonds

A year's mind:

Thomas John Corley

Who recently passed away:

Christine Musser - Marilyn Baxter - Ken Goatley

To be Baptised:

Mya Holden - Margot Harris - Bradley Humphrey

The World: We pray for all those affected by cuts in government overseas aid programmes across the world and that the resources previously given will either be restored or replaced from other sources. We pray too for all refugees and displaced persons, such as the Rohingya from Myanmar or the Palestinians in Gaza, whose aid has been interrupted by these cuts or by other political action. We pray for just and permanent peace settlements in the Ukraine and in Gaza and the West Bank.

The Church: at the beginning of Lent we pray that we may all use Lent well as a time for prayer, study and reflection to come closer to God. We pray that we may make use of the resources provided for such prayer, study and reflection such as the Diocese's Come and See course of daily emails as well as the weekly group meetings.

Local Community: we pray for all those in need in the local community and that the Food Bank may be well resourced through the generosity of local residents. We pray too for all refugees in the Bicester area particularly those forced to move because of changing housing arrangements.

Services for Sunday 16th March

9.15am - Morning Prayer, St Peter's, Bucknell
10.30am - Sung Eucharist, St Edburg's, Bicester
10.30am - Children's Church, St Edburg's Church Hall, Bicester
10.30am - Hope Church, Perch Business Centre, Elmsbrook
10.30am - Emmanuel Church, Bure Place, Bicester
11.00am - Holy Communion, St Mary's, Launton

***** ***Holy Communion Every Wednesday, St Edburg's Church at 10am.*** *****

Publication of Name - James Chal

James Chal of St Edburg's Church, Bicester, in the Diocese of Oxford has been participating in the Shared Discernment Process for priestly ministry in the Church of England. Following a Stage 2 National Discernment Panel Bishop Gavin agreed that they were ready to start training for ordination.

If you know any reason why he should not be ordained in due course, please contact Quentin Chandler no later than 31st March 2025, (quentin.chandler@oxford.anglican.org 01865 208283). Please pray for James and for all who are continuing their discernment and formation.

Lent Courses

Come and See Groups will meet weekly on Mondays from 3rd March to 7th April in St Edburg's (7.30 pm). St Mary's (2.30 pm) and on Tuesdays from 4th March to 8th April at Hope Church. Sign up sheets in church or please contact the Church Office office@stedburgschurch.org or call 01869 323458. This year, the course will focus on what it means to be human and what it means to be baptised as a Christian. Any enquiries to Christopher Young younggoakthorpe@btinternet.com

***** **Volunteers Needed** *****

To help make Mothering Sunday posies from 1.30pm on Friday March 28th in St Edburg's Church. Please contact Lindsey or Christine or email office@stedburgschurch.org, should you wish to come along and help.

Sunday Afternoon Tea with Easter Bonnet Competition Parade

Sunday 6th April at 3pm. No charge. The Events Committee invites you to this lovely event. Please enter one of our Easter Bonnet Competition categories: Under 15s; General; Amusing; Carmen Miranda. Prizes for winners.

Notice of Revision of the Church Electoral Roll

The Church Electoral Roll for the **Parish of Bicester with Caversfield** will be fully revised from the 26th January 2025 to the 6th April 2025. The 2025 Electoral Roll will be published on the 12th April 2025. All persons who wish to have their names entered on the new Roll, whether their name is entered on the present Roll or not, should complete a form and hand to Rennie Buxton, Tina Shaw or the Churchwardens. Forms available from the folder at the back of St Edburg's Church.

The Church Electoral Roll for **the Parish of St Mary, Launton** will be fully renewed from March 2nd 2025 to 4th May 2025. The new Roll will be published from May 7th 2025. All persons who wish to have their name entered on the new Roll will have to complete a new form whether they were on the previous Roll or not. Forms can be collected from the table in church, and completed ones returned to Joan Packer or Celia Manderson.

The Church Electoral Roll for the **Parish of Bucknell St Peter** will be fully revised from 5th February 2025 to the 8th April 2025. Letters will be sent with forms to all current electors who are still eligible for inclusion and applications may be made by any eligible person who wishes to have their name entered on the new Electoral Roll whether or not they are included on the present Roll. Forms are available in St Peter's Church and should be handed to the churchwardens or ER Officer Patrick Moles.