

Welcome to the Bicester Area Team Ministry 7th September 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 - Colin Duckworth - Joan Brown
Scarlotte Roberts - Brian Page - Hannah Cormack - Rita Wilkes
Wilson Oluoch - Nigel Collett - Fr John Hudson
Ian Brown - Luke Simonds - Karen - Lucy - Lizzie
Chris Evans - Sue Morrice - Karen - Sarah-Jane Douglas
Chris Jaycock - Malcolm Nixon - Sandra Michaelson - Ann Clark

A Year's mind:

Charles Sydney Cleeve

Who recently passed away:

Isobel Jennion

Those to be Married:

Sam Gwilliam & Megan Boniface

Those being Baptised:

Ella Rose Russell - Ettaley Bamber

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**For the world:** We pray for peace for all who experience war and conflict. Think of a particular country to pray for today. As existing conflicts seem to escalate, we pray for decisive action to bring wars to an end. We pray for countries badly affected by natural disasters, such as floods, remembering especially the situation in Pakistan, and earthquakes, thinking particularly of Afghanistan.

**For our country:** We pray for all pupils and students starting or returning to places of education. We pray especially for any who are anxious – that they will quickly settle in, find helpful friends and learn effectively. We pray for a just and effective solution to the problem of illegal immigration.

**For the church:** We pray for the church throughout our nation and locally here in the Bicester benefice. We pray our rector, Peter, and all members of the ministry team – that they might carry out their duties faithfully in the power of the Holy Spirit. In particular, we pray for the new ministry beginning in the Kingsmere area.

### And finally:

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve,  
to give and not to count the cost,  
to fight and not to heed the wounds,  
to toil and not to seek for rest,  
to labour and not to ask for any reward,  
save that of knowing that we do your will. Amen. (St. Ignatius of Loyola)

### **Services for Sunday 14th September**

8.00am - BCP Holy Communion, St Edburg's Church, Bicester  
9.15am - All Age Communion, St Laurence's Church, Caversfield  
9.15am - Holy Communion, St Mary's Church, Launton  
10.30am - Café Church, St Edburg's Church, Bicester  
10.30am – Hope Church, Elmsbrook, Bicester  
10.30am – Emmanuel Church, Bure Place, Bicester  
3.00pm - Civic Service, St Edburg's Church, Bicester  
4.00pm - Prayer Service, Kingsmere  
6.00pm - Patronal Songs of Praise, St Mary's Church, Launton

### **Holy Communion every Wednesday - St Edburg's Church at 10am**

### **Ride and Stride 2025**

Taking place on 13th September. Volunteers needed to sit in church to welcome the people riding and striding. If you are able to help for an hour, please could you sign up on the sheet at the back of church. Would you like to ride or stride around the churches in our area or any on the Ride+Stride website [Home Page - Ride and Stride](#) OR could you sponsor someone who is riding or striding or is Welcoming? There is a sponsor form at the back of church. We receive 50% of all monies collected. If you can help with any of the above, please see Rennie Buxton or one of the Church Wardens.

### **St Mary's Fayre**

St Mary's Fayre will take place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September between 1.30pm and 3.30pm in the Church and in the front garden of the Old Rectory, Launton. There will be the normal stalls such as cakes, tombola, raffle, books, toys and plants and produce as well as a visiting police team and a free craft activity. There is also an Arts and Craft show in the Church, classes include "Flowers in a Jar" and Photography on the theme of "Nature in and around Launton." Refreshments will be served outside of the Church. We look forward to seeing you. More information on the St Mary's Launton Facebook page or message Celia Evans at [celiaevans@outlook.com](mailto:celiaevans@outlook.com)

### **Open Doors Café - Project Manager Vacancy**

The Open Doors Café is looking for a part-time Project Manager to lead our wonderful community project in Bicester. **Hours:** 8 hours per week **Pay:** £18-£20 per hour. For more information, please visit our website: [www.bicesteropendoors.org.uk/news](http://www.bicesteropendoors.org.uk/news). Please submit your CV to James Dunne at [jamespdunne@btinternet.com](mailto:jamespdunne@btinternet.com) by Monday 22nd September 2025.

### **The Bereavement Journey**

We will be running The Bereavement Journey beginning on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm. The course runs for 7 weeks and the venue is The Hummingbird Centre in Launton. Please contact the Church Office if you are interested in attending or finding out more. There are further details in this month's Contact, and/or speak to Sarah Mortimer or Christopher Young.

### **Bible Class**

Would you like to join our Bible Class? We meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays in the Rectory Barn, at 7.30pm - 9.00pm. We study the Bible texts set for the following Sunday. Any questions contact John Rodgers or Elizabeth Watt via the Church Office email at [office@stedburgschurch.org](mailto:office@stedburgschurch.org)