

Welcome to the Bicester Area Team Ministry 11th May 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 - Joan Brown
Scarlotte Roberts - Brian Page - Hannah Cormack
Rita Wilkes - Wilson Oluoch - Nigel Collett - Barry Willis - Fr John Hudson
Ian Brown - Luke Simonds - Karen - Lucy - Lizzie
Wendy Pettifer - Chris Evans - Sue Morrice - Karen

Who recently passed away:

Peter Jackson - Beryl Woodley - Eric Stimpson - Beryl West

A Year's Mind:

Arthur Hollis

For those getting Baptised:

Maeve Mortiboys

For those getting Married:

Sarah Bennett & Robert Lee

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**For the world:** After our celebrations for the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day last week, it is so sad to think of the wars that still plague our world even now. We pray for an end to war wherever it is occurring in the world. And we pray that the escalating conflict between India and Pakistan will be overcome. Lord, may your Spirit inspire all who have the power to bring peace in these areas. We continue to pray for the new pope.

**For our country:** We pray for our government, dealing with many pressures both domestic and international. Give courage to all in leadership positions to do what is right – not just what appears to be popular.

**For the church:** “God does not show favoritisms” (Acts 10:34). May this be true of the church – that everyone is loved and accepted, without showing distinction with regard to race, social status, sex or any other basis of prejudice.

### **A Franciscan prayer (Part 2):**

May God bless you with discomfort.  
At easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships,  
So that you may live deep within your heart.

### **Services for Sunday 18th May**

9.15am- Morning Worship, St Peter's Church, Bucknell  
10.30am - Sung Eucharist, St Edburg's Church, 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 Church, Bicester

### **Services for Sunday 25th May**

9.15am - Holy Communion, St Peter's Church, Bucknell  
10.30am - All Age Communion, St Edburg's Church, Bicester  
10.30am - Hope Church, Perch Business Centre, Elmsbrook  
10.30am - Emmanuel Church, Bure Place, Bicester  
11.00am - Morning Worship, St Mary's, Launton  
3.00pm - All Age Outdoor Service, St Laurence's, Caversfield

*10.00am - Every Wednesday, Holy Communion, St Edburg's Church, Bicester*

### **Christian Aid Week May 2025**

At St Edburg's, we will mark the 80th Anniversary of Christian Aid Week over three weeks, starting on 4th May. Gift envelopes will be available on the welcome table or donate direct online at [caweek.org/Donate](https://caweek.org/Donate). Do join us to bear witness to the unstoppable power of hope and help to beat extreme poverty around the world.



### **Confirmation Courses**

If you would like to discover more about the Christian faith and/or prepare for confirmation please register your interest with the Church Office (contact details below) as we will shortly be offering a set of evening sessions. The confirmation service with Bishop Gavin will be on 21st September 2025 at St Edburg's.

### **Bicester and Islip Deanery**

For full details of all events taking place in the Bicester and Islip Deanery, please visit <https://www.bicesterandislipdeanery.co.uk/what-s-on>

### **Cream Teas and Plant Sale**

At St Laurence's Church, Saturday 21st June, 2 - 4.30 pm, in the gardens at Home Farm, Caversfield.

### **Save the Date**

We will be running a Lighthouse holiday club from August 11th - 15th at St Edburg's Lower School on Kingsmere. Recruiting for volunteers and children soon!  
Tina Shaw and Jane Clements.