

# Welcome to the Bicester Area Team Ministry

13th April 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

### Who recently passed away:

Betty Offord - Keith Kidney - Rona Warren Peter Jackson - William Evans

### A year's mind:

Gill King

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**For the World:** Heavenly Father, we pray for the world in which we live. May this week as we approach Easter, be a time for peace treaties in all war zones, and ceasefires that will last. Many nations are in turmoil over trade tariffs, may righteous agreements be established and your will Lord God, be done on Earth as in Heaven.

**For the Local community:** We thank you Lord for all who work for the good of our town and villages. Bicester is a rapidly expanding town and sometimes the pace of change is overwhelming for some. Our prayer is that planners will plan for the good of the residents who have made this town and surrounding villages their home.

**For our Benefice of Churches:** As Holy Week begins, let your Holy Gospel be proclaimed in every part of Bicester and the Villages. Inspire our churches and fill them with your Holy Spirit so that we all may be witnesses of the Easter story.

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### **Services for Sunday 20th April (and Easter Egg Hunts!)**

5.30am - Dawn Eucharist, St Edburg's Church, Bicester

9.15am - Holy Communion, St Laurence's Church, Caversfield, *followed by Egg Hunt in the churchyard*

9.15am - Holy Communion, St Peter's Church, Bucknell

9.45am - *Easter Egg Hunt in the Churchyard, St Edburg's Church, Bicester*

10.30am - Sung Eucharist, St Edburg's Church, Bicester

10.30am - Hope Church, Perch Business Centre, Elmsbrook

10.30am - Emmanuel Church, Bure Place, Bicester

11.00am - Family Communion, St Mary's Church, Launton

### **Services for Sunday 27th April**

9.15am - Morning Worship, St Peter's Church, Bucknell

10.30am - All Age Holy 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 Church, Launton

3.00pm - All Age Outdoor Service, St Laurence's Church, Caversfield

### **Pilgrim Paths**

Saturday 3rd May, starting at Emmanuel Church Bicester at 3pm. This will be a 'foraging' walk of about 1 to 1.5 miles, where we will be learning about the plants in our local area that God provides. It will be a walk around the Bure Park Nature Reserve and some of the attached footpaths, stopping as we go to learn about some plants and their uses, as well as some more dangerous ones to look out for. On completion of the walks there will be refreshments and a period of reflection at the church. Tel 01869 389320 or email [Admn@RayValleyBenefice.org](mailto:Admn@RayValleyBenefice.org) for further information.

### **Partners in World Mission**

On Saturday 17th May, Partners in World Mission are holding an event at St John's and St Stephen's in Reading, from 10am - 3pm. Our partners from our link dioceses in Sweden, India, South Africa, and Jamaica, will share their experiences of nurturing disciples, caring for creation/responding to climate change, and seeking justice. There will be readings, songs and prayers from each link, and a closing Eucharist with one of the bishops presiding and Bishop Mary preaching. There will be workshops where people can take the conversations further, a mission marketplace with materials from different agencies and links, art from around the links, and a lunch of sandwiches supplemented by dishes from each of the links. And it's all free! We'd love lots of people to come – it's a very rare opportunity, and an amazing chance, in a world that is often so fragmented, to come together as partners across borders to share how we live as Christians and to learn from each other. If you would like to attend please book a place via Eventbrite: *Sharing the journey: Seeking the kingdom alongside our global partners Tickets, Sat, May 17, 2025 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite*

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

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

### **Vacancy for a Children's, Families, and Schools Minister at Hope Church**

For further information please contact the church office;

enquiries@emmanuelbicester.org.uk or call 07505426763. Application forms and

supporting information can be accessed via the website <https://emmanuelbicester.org.uk/jobs>. Closing date for applications 28th April 2025.

### **Notice of Revision of the Church Electoral Roll**

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. Forms available from the table in church.

\*\*\*\*\* **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.*