

Services for Sunday 12th April

8.00am – BCP Holy Communion, St Edburg's Church, Bicester
9.15am – Holy Communion, St Laurence's Church, Caversfield
9.15am – Morning Worship, St Peter's Church, Bucknell
10.30am – Café Church, St Edburg's Church, Bicester
10.30am – Hope Church, Elmsbrook, Bicester
10.30am – Emmanuel Church, Bure Place, Bicester
4.00pm – Encounter@Kingsmere, St Edburg's Upper School, Kingsmere
6.00pm – Evensong – St Mary's Church, Launton

Coffee Mornings on 11th and 18th April St Mary's Church is holding two "Coffee, Cake and Chat" mornings in Launton Parish Hall between 9.30am and 11.30am. This is specifically to raise some funds to help with the repair of a broken stained-glass window in the porch of the Church. We would love to see you.

Saturday April 18th 2026 - 7.30pm at St. Edburg's Church A Spring Celebration: Rossini, Vaughan Williams & Choral Gems. The Phoenix Singers collaborate once again with Trinity Camerata for a spectacular Spring concert at St. Edburg's Church. A diverse and unforgettable night of music awaits. **Tickets** Adults: £16 Children under 16: Free Cole's Books Bicester, [TicketSource](#) or on the door.

'Dates for the Diary' – Growing in the Christian Faith This course is suitable for anyone wishing to deepen their understanding of the Christian faith and will also provide the required preparation for anyone wishing to be baptised or confirmed. Sessions will run on Wednesday evenings from 13th May, and the Confirmation Service will take place at St Edburg's on 20th September. An introductory event for those interested in the course will be held in St Edburg's Church on Tuesday, 5th May at 7.30pm. More details will be available in the coming weeks, but please speak to Revd Peter, Revd Sam, Revd Sarah or the church office, in the meantime, if you have any queries.

Join The Bereavement Journey Team The next course is running on Thursday evenings 28 May 6 July 2026. Venue TBC. We began running this course in 2025 and it has been well-received by those attending. You can find out about it here . Please contact Sarah Mortimer to express interest/find out more or email the Parish Office office@stedburgs.org.

Lighthouse Holiday Club Last year's holiday club was wonderful and our volunteers were superb. We want it to be just as good, if not better this year (10th - 14th August; volunteers needed for any day or, preferably, all week). You can volunteer at: app.signmeup.org.uk and follow the link via Lighthouse Bicester. Applications for children will open on 1st June. Further information available from Jane Clements or Tina Shaw.

The St Edburg's with Caversfield Churches Electoral Roll will be updated in the next few weeks. Please fill in a form to be added and return it to the folder by the church door. Further information from the Churchwardens or Rennie Buxton.

Welcome to the Bicester Area Team Ministry 5th April 2026

***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
Colin Duckworth - Joan Brown - Scarlotte Roberts
Hannah Cormack - Wilson Oluoch - Fr John Hudson - Luke Simonds - Karen -
Lucy - Lizzie Sue Morrice – Karen - Sarah-Jane Douglas - Malcolm Nixon - Faith
Janet Campbell - Barbara - John Kightley – Shirley - Daphne Thompson
Jez Sharp - Naomi Bourton - Rev Philip Ball - Pamela Prophet

A year's mind:

Gill King

Those recently passed away:

Susan Hemmatpour

The World

As our world continues to be overshadowed by war, we pray for all those who are working to relieve suffering in war zones – the aid agencies, local health workers, and rescue workers. May diplomatic efforts increase to stop violent conflict; we pray for your Spirit of Peace to descend upon all.

The Church

As we celebrate the Easter Festival, and rejoice that Jesus rose from the dead, we pray for Christians around the world. Particularly those worshipping in dangerous places, or where Christians are persecuted. We pray for all ministers and volunteers involved in our Bicester churches and thank them for making this Holy Week a special one.

Local Community

As spring is arriving and blossoms appear on the trees, we pray for our local gardeners, council workers, and volunteers who keep our green spaces beautiful and encourage our native wildlife. We thank you God for your glorious creation.

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Collect of the Day

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

First Reading

Acts 10.34–43

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

Psalm

118.1–2, 14–24

Second Reading

Colossians 3.1–4

3So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Gospel

John 20.1–18

20Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes. **11** But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him

away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ ¹⁶Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father *and your Father*, to my God and your God.”’ ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Post Communion Prayer

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen
life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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