

Welcome to the Bicester Area Team Ministry

23rd February 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 - Ken Goatley
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 - Janette Hathaway

A Year's Mind:

Deborah Bone - Muriel Jean Hawkins - Neil Pattenden - Peter Dawe

Who recently passed away:

Christine Musser - Mary Roe - Val Taylor - Marilyn Baxter

To be married:

Alexander James Metcalfe & Grace Alice Bourton

Mary Roe's funeral service, within a celebration of Holy Communion, will be held at St Edburg's Church on Tuesday 4th March at 1.30pm. Mary was a long-standing member of St Edburg's congregation who served the church for many years in a wide range of roles, including as a Licensed Lay Minister. To access the service via Zoom please click on the link below. There is no passcode required.

<https://zoom.us/j/4345326077> Meeting ID: 434 532 6077

For the world: God of justice and mercy, we pray for peace in Ukraine. End the violence, protect the innocent, and guide leaders to wisdom. Heal the wounded, comfort the grieving, and restore what war has shattered. May justice prevail, hearts be reconciled and hope rise again. Amen

For the local community: Loving God, we pray for our local schools as they return after half-term. Bless the students and staff with strength, patience and wisdom. Especially uphold those students struggling with mental health challenges – grant them peace, support, and hope. May every child feel valued, safe, and encouraged. Amen

For the church: Gracious heavenly Father, we pray for our local churches as they journey through Lent. Bless those beginning the *Come and See course* – starting in a week's time. May your Spirit stir hearts and draw all whom you are calling. Fill each gathering with wisdom, faith and renewal. May lives be transformed in your love. Amen

Services for Sunday 2nd March

8.00am - BCP Holy Communion, St Mary's, Launton
9.15am - Shrove Sunday, St Peter's, Bucknell
10.30am - Sung Eucharist, St Edburg's, Bicester
10.30am - Childrens Church, St Edburg's Church Hall, Bicester
10.30am - Hope Church, Perch Business Centre, Elmsbrook
10.30am - Emmanuel Church, Bure Place, Bicester
11.00am - Family Service, St Mary's Church, Launton

Every Wednesday 10am
Holy Communion
St Edburg's, Bicester

Coffee Morning
St Edburg's Church
10 - 12 noon - 1st March

Fundraising Concert for 'Maggie's Place' at St Edburg's Church

Saturday 1st March at 7.30pm. The Events Committee presents an evening of enjoyment on behalf of the choir and friends, in memory of Meg Thomas admission £10, children free - bar and nibbles.

World Day of Prayer 2025 "I made you wonderful"

This year's World Day of Prayer service has been beautifully put together by women of the Cook Islands. We invite and welcome you all to join us in prayer on Friday 7th March at 10.30am in St Edburg's.

The Tythe Barn Quiz

Will be taking place on Friday 7th March in The Tythe Barn, Launton. Our thanks to Will and Emma Deeley for hosting us. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tea, coffee and cakes are included in the ticket price which is £10. Tickets are available from Costcutters in Launton or phone 07884135994. Teams of between 4 and 6 people please. Funds raised will be divided between St Mary's Church and Launton Parish Hall.

******* 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.

Accepting Children to Holy Communion

We are planning to run a set of three sessions for families who would like their children to receive communion, or just to learn more about it. These will (probably, tbc) run 17.00-18.30 on the Wednesdays of 19th March, 26th March and 2nd April. Please email office@stedburgschurch.org or call 01869 323458 to register your interest.

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

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 of 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.