

## West Downland Benefice

Brightwalton with Catmore, Chaddleworth, Fawley,  
Great Shefford with Shefford Woodlands, Leckhampstead  
and Welford with Wickham

### TODAY

27<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Trinity Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) at Leckhampstead  
9.30am Holy Communion at Shefford Woodlands  
10.00am Holy Communion at Brightwalton

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May

5.00pm Evening Prayer at Leckhampstead

### WELCOME

On Monday of this week I had the joy of conducting the Brightwalton Pre-School 'Royal Wedding' in the parish church. Everyone looked splendid in their wedding clothes; the Bride and Groom made their promises of friendship beautifully and the photographers outside the church (mums and dads) were very kind and friendly! After the service the pedal-powered wedding carriage returned to the Village Hall via the War Memorial where the Bride left her bouquet – just like the Duchess of Sussex's bouquet being placed on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Everyone had fun, but it was also a great opportunity to teach the next generation that marriage is all about loving promises faithfully kept.

This summer we shall be celebrating with many couples as they marry, or pray for a blessing, in our churches. Let's remember to pray for them, and for all those who will be having banns called so that they may marry elsewhere: Paul and Jurgita; Nathan and Juliet; Callum and Gemma; Fraser and Amina; Deep and Maria; Ben and Emily; William and Laura; Craig and Rebecca; Mark and Lindsey; Stephen and Sarah; Adam and Laura and Christopher and Cathryn.

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### PLEASE PRAY

Please pray for those who are sick or are recovering from illness, among them, Verina Black, Michael Smallwood, Jean Hickson, Laura Cuninghame, Ryan Keenan, Barbara Tayler, Sue Benn and Stuart Futcher.

Please pray for those recently, or about to be married, among them Nathan Smith and Juliet Nims who will be married at Great Shefford this week and Paul and Jurgita Owen whose marriage will be blessed at Wickham this week.

### PLEASE PRAY cont.

Please pray for those recently, or about to be, baptised among them Fergus Bishop who will be baptised at Shefford Woodlands next Sunday.

In the Deanery Prayer Cycle, we pray for the East Downland Benefice and their clergy John Toogood, Douglas Dales and William McDowell.

### NOTICES

**Mary on Leave.** Mary is enjoying some much-deserved leave so if there are parish matters that you would normally take to Mary please contact Miri in the first instance until 7<sup>th</sup> June

**Fawley Bridge Lunch** will be held at Jude Cottage on 29<sup>th</sup> May commencing with coffee at 9.30am. A suggested donation of £20 per person for the Bridge (please bring your own table and cards) and £12 for the lunch would be most welcome. Tickets from Carolyn (01488 638 194) or Gillie (07803 253 348).

**Pop up Café.** A fundraising Pop up Café will be held at Great Shefford church between 10 and 12 on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

**Brightwalton Safari Supper.** Will be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June. The evening will commence at 7.00pm at Green Farm with drinks and canapes, followed by a main course with a 'surprise host' and pudding and coffee at the Village Hall. Tickets at £20 (including wine) from Gill Judge (638537) or Sue Furnell (0773659390). This is an ASPIRE fundraising event.

**Clergy Conference: Epiphany Music Portrait of Newbury Deanery.** You can hear reflections from the clergy who took part in a music and prayer workshop <https://soundcloud.com/user-487535189/epiphany-sound-portraits> Miri hopes that a recording of the music will be available very soon to share.

**Evening Prayer on Wednesdays.** A simple service is said in the churches of the Benefice on rotation. The next services will be held:

6<sup>th</sup> June – Shefford Woodlands

13<sup>th</sup> June - Welford

The kettle will be on if you would like a cup of tea before the service begins!

### NEXT WEEK

3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) at Chaddleworth  
10.00am Together@Ten at Great Shefford  
10.00am Holy Communion at Fawley  
**11.15am** Family Communion at Wickham.

**Please note change of time for this service.**

### INFORMATION

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Pew Sheet

To receive your Pew Sheet each week by e-mail, to have someone added to the prayer list, or to place an entry in the Pew Sheet, please contact Lindsay Hardy:  
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## COLLECTS & READINGS

### BCP Readings

*Book of Common Prayer at 8.00 am:*  
Revelation 4. 1-11; John 3. 1-15.

### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### Short Collect

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### Old Testament Reading

#### Isaiah 6. 1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

### New Testament Reading

#### Romans 8. 12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

### Gospel Reading

#### John 3. 1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

### Post Communion Collect

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### Mission Prayer

God of new beginnings, we pray that you will transform your church as you renew us by your love. Give us vision for the journey that we may travel light and live increasingly by faith. Inspire, enliven and empower us, so that along the Way we may be sustained by the life of Christ in ourselves, in one another and in the world.

**Amen**

### Next Week's Readings

*Book of Common Prayer at 8.00 am:*

1 John 4. 7-end; Luke 16 19-end.

*Common Worship Readings:* 1 Samuel 3. 1-10;

2 Corinthians 4. 5-12; Mark 2. 23-3.6.