

BENEFICE NEWS SHEET

St Laurence Winslow; St James' Great Horwood with Singleborough; St Mary's Addington

OUR ASPIRATIONS: HOLINESS, HOSPITALITY AND HEALING

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE TODAY - If you are here for the first time, please introduce yourself to those around you and to the clergy. If you have pre-school children, please feel free to use the children's area. A sides person will be happy to help if you have any questions. All those Baptised and over the age of 7 are welcome to receive communion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, when you come to the Altar rail, please leave your arms down by your side.

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Church Wardens - St Laurence: Jo Anderson 712650; Chris Ryalls 712029; **St James':** David Brazier 714712; June Margerrison 714554; **St Mary's:** Robert Cronk 713813. **Items for pew sheet to churchoffice71@gmail.com**

1st Sunday of month:

St Laurence Church Winslow

8am Holy Communion BCP

9.30am Sung Eucharist

St James' Church Great Horwood

11am Parish Eucharist

2nd Sunday of month:

St Laurence Church Winslow

9.30am Sung Eucharist

6pm Evensong

St James' Church Great Horwood

10.30am Breakfast followed at 11am Come & Praise

3rd Sunday of month:

St Laurence Church Winslow

8am Holy Communion BCP

9.30am Come and Share All Age Sung Eucharist followed by breakfast

St James' Church Great Horwood

11am Parish Eucharist

4th Sunday of month:

St Laurence Church Winslow

9.30am Sung Eucharist with (optional) Laying on of hands with prayer for healing in the St Alban Chapel after receiving communion

St James' Church Great Horwood

11am Come & Share All Age Eucharist Service

5th Sundays of the month – St Laurence 9.30am Eucharist or Matins service; **St James'** 11am Parish Eucharist

St Laurence Church

Every Wednesday 12 noon Said Eucharist **Every Friday** 9.15-9.30am Daily Prayer

St Mary's Church Addington –

SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS – SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 5PM

BENEFICE PRAYERS - If anyone would like a name to continue to be on the list please let Andrew or a Church Warden know. There is a **PRAYER BOWL** on a desk just outside the St Alban Chapel – Prayer cards are in the desk drawer. Cards are collected at regular intervals by Rev. Andrew/Father Anton and those mentioned on the cards are prayed for.

REGULAR EVENTS ST JAMES CHURCH & GREAT HORWOOD

On the 2nd Sunday of each month FOOD is followed by our

COME AND PRAISE SERVICE! This service starts at 11am with bacon and sausage sarnies beforehand at 10.30am – delicious! You could then join in with the Music Group by playing your own instrument or by playing the percussion instruments supplied. The service always includes fun activities in which you can take part.

BELL RINGING PRACTICE - In St James Church
7.30pm Mondays

GREAT HORWOOD VILLAGE HALL – OPEN FOR COFFEE every Wednesday 9.30-11.30am with 'pop up' post office. All welcome.

REGULAR EVENTS AT ST LAURENCE CHURCH

BELL RINGING PRACTICE - In St Laurence Church
7.30pm Mondays

BIBLE STUDY GROUP – 1st/3rd Tuesdays 10.30am - led by Ann Daymond. Contact Jo for details – 712650

HOUSE GROUP – Tuesdays 8-9.30pm. Contact Jo

TODDLER TIME – Wednesdays in Church 10-11am, with refreshments

ST LAURENCE ROOM - open for coffee 10-noon
Wednesdays

IN TOUCH GROUP – 2-3.30pm, 1st Thursday of month – an informal group basing discussions around themes or aspects of Church life, after which we enjoy a cup of tea. Anyone interested is welcome. Contact Anne Newham 714330

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER – 8pm, last Thursday of the month in the St Laurence Room, starting with refreshments. Contact Jo for details

CHOIR PRACTICE – Fridays 6.30pm-Juniors; 7.30pm-Adults

ECO-CHURCH - Mark is leading a session on 23rd Nov in the St Laurence Room, 10am for 10.30 start, looking at what Eco-church is, the importance of looking after God's Creation as God's children and exploring ways that we can make a difference. All are welcome!

GET FIT FOR CHRISTMAS NOW! – Please pick up a pack of Christmas Cards to deliver round the town. If everyone can take one pack - or double up for the longer roads (and end up at the pub maybe) - a fun time will be had by all. They need to be delivered **before 14th Dec**. Many thanks!

CHRISTMAS FAIR 30 NOV - We would really like donations of small Christmas food to sell, eg mince pies, fairy cakes or shortbread biscuits. Contributions would be appreciated on the Saturday morning or in advance to Joyce Hill 713458 (She is happy to collect). Thank you!

ROOF APPEAL - Apologies that this comes so soon after the Organ Appeal but you are probably aware we have a leaking roof over the north aisle. We are applying for grants but need to raise £30,000 so any donations would be hugely appreciated! We have a credit/debit card reader in Church so please ask a Church Warden, Terry or Brian if you wish to use this facility. Thank you!

REDWEDNESDAY - 27 NOVEMBER - join millions of people around the world to highlight Christian Persecution and Suffering. We are meeting for a time of prayer and quiet reflection in St Laurence Church at 7.30pm. All are welcome. - Winslow Christians Together

NIGHT SHELTER - Several church members attended a meeting for the Night Shelter for the homeless in Milton Keynes, and it was suggested that we ask the congregation to make a contribution to the Night Shelter of just 10 pence per week, in addition to their usual church giving. This would have the potential to raise several hundred pounds over the year which would be of great benefit to those seeking help. There's a red box on the table by the door for any donations. Larger donations are, of course, welcome! For more information, please visit <https://www.winternightsheltermk.com/> Thank you!

PILGRIMAGE – ON 7TH DECEMBER we are going to offer a pilgrimage walk from St Laurence, Winslow to Claydon House via St Mary's Addington. We will leave Winslow at 9:15 and arrive at Addington at approx 10am. We will then have a 10-minute act of worship focusing on Mary's role in the Christmas story. We will then walk across the fields to Claydon House for coffee. Lifts back to Addington and Winslow can be arranged – all are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE - TUESDAY 17TH MARCH 2020 - Christine Wallace, a finalist in Bake-Off will be speaking to us. This is a fund raiser to include wine and refreshment with profits being divided between Gt Horwood and Singleborough WI and St James Roof Appeal. Tickets are £10

NEEDED EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY IN THE MONTH - a volunteer to serve coffee etc in the SLR from January 2020. For details please see Liz van de Poll 713112

ANNUAL GIFT AID ENVELOPES are available from the back of the Church. Please take them in numerical order and sign in the box to say they have been received. We are changing the numbers as fewer people are using the envelopes and we have to order in 10s. If you would like to change from envelopes to bank transfer, please see Terry or if you would like to start using envelopes please take a pack after signing. Thank you!

ST JAMES CHURCH GREAT HORWOOD had all the lead stripped and stolen in early July. The church needs to raise an initial £50,000. Please do consider donating to the appeal; every penny helps. A Just Giving Page has been set up at <https://justgiving.com/crowdfunding/st-james-roof>

HUSTINGS FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION will be held in St Laurence Church on Mon 25th Nov at 8pm, lasting for around 90 minutes. All are welcome and there is no charge for the event. All parliamentary candidates will be given ten minutes to speak and this will then be followed by questions and answers from the floor.

Readings: Sunday 17th November – 2nd Sunday before Advent

2 Thessalonians 3:6–13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:35–end

As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, 'Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.' Then he shouted, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' He said, 'Lord, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Receive your sight; your faith has saved you.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.