

Diary dates for Holy Cross Spring 2019

March

- Wed 13th 8pm **Lent Group Beatitudes** @ Tuck's 14 Richmond Court
Sun 17th 10am **Morning Prayer** in Holy Cross
Sun 17th 4pm **Messy Church** in the school hall – Remembering Jesus' last supper
Thur 21st 8 pm **Lent Group** @ Tuck's 14 Richmond Court
Sun 24th 10 am **Holy Communion** at Holy Cross
Thur 28th 8 pm **Lent Group Beatitudes** @ Loveday's Harbert's Cottage Back St
Fri 29th+Sat 30th +Sun 31st 4pm Fri to 4pm Sun 31st **Prayer weekend (24 hrs) at St Sampson's. Church open 6 am to 9 pm** and after that we pray in homes. With rugs and cushions, silence or music, with prayer activities or time to "be still & know that I am God". Sign up or just pop in.

Everyone welcome

- Sat 30th 4pm making **Mothering Sunday** flower **posies** at Alison Beadle's Melton Lodge Back St;
Sun 31st 10am **Mothering Sunday celebration** family service in Holy Cross (with communion afterwards for those who would like it)

April

- Wed 3rd 3.30 – 4.30 pm **Vintage Club** in the school hall – AK school children from years 4,5 & 6 host those who are of 'vintage years' for tea with games and activities.
Thur 4th 1.30pm **School Easter service** in Holy Cross; open the book & community welcome
Thur 4th 8 pm **Lent Group Beatitudes** @ Beadle's Melton Lodge Back St
2.30 – 4.30pm **FoHC tea & cake in village hall** for PO
Sun 7th 8 am **BCP communion**
Sun 7th 9.30 am coffee + croissants then 10 am **Worship for all God's family**
Sun 7th **APCM Annual Church meeting (for everyone) 11 am**
Thur 11th 2.30 – 4.30pm **FoHC tea & cake in village hall** for PO
Thur 11th 8 pm **Lent Group Beatitudes** @Burston's Cleveland Lodge Back St

Holy Week

- Sun 14th 10 am **Palm Sunday worship** for Upper Thames at St Sampson's
6 pm **Evening worship**
Mon 15th 8 pm **Compline** at St Sampson's
Tues 16th 8pm **Compline** at Holy Cross
Wed 17th 10 am **Holy Week Communion** at St Sampson's
8 pm **Compline** at St Sampson's
Thur 18th 7pm Churches Together **Communion at Cricklade United Church** (Maundy Thursday)

Good Friday

- Fri 19th 10 am **Walk of Witness** in Cricklade starting from St Sampson's
Fri 19th 2pm **Good Friday Final Hour** at Holy Cross (+ also at St Sampson's)
Fri 19th 4.30pm **Leigh All Saints Good Friday community tea** +hot cross buns+children activities

Easter Day

- Sun 21st 8.30 am **Easter Day Communion** at Holy Cross
Sun 21st 10 am **Easter Celebration** Family Service & Communion + Easter egg hunt at Holy Cross
Sun 21st 11.15am **Easter Celebration** service & communion + Easter egg hunt at **Leigh All Saints**

Further details of some events (cont on page 2)

Church Electoral Roll must be renewed in 2019 for everyone. Please complete a form and pop it in the box on the bookcase in church by the end of March



Church Annual Meeting (known as APCM) April 7th 11 am – please come and join our worship on that day at 8 am or 10am (breakfast from 9.30 am). Anyone can come and we will celebrate the life of our church and elect new PCC members. Please complete an electoral roll form if you would like to be able to vote for PCC members at the meeting

Lent learning. 80 people from our 4 churches are exploring more on living our faith through a booklet, app or email called Lent Pilgrim Journeys Beatitudes (that word sounds like Be Attitudes) which has some Bible verses, reflection, prayer & action point about the blessings we receive as we travel through life. And there are evening groups to explore further.

Lent group beatitudes. A chance to explore in someone's warm home how our faith impacts the way we live. Anyone is welcome as we explore some of Jesus' teaching. It will be informal, start with tea/coffee and biscuits and give us all a chance to connect with each other and with Jesus' love for all. Each evening stands on its own so just come to as many as you are able. The dates are as follows

Wed 13th March - 8pm @ Tuck 14 Richmond Court

Thur 21st March - 8pm @ Tuck 14 Richmond Court

Thur 28th March - 8pm @ Loveday, Harbert's Cottage, Back Street

Thur 4th April - 8pm @ Beadle, Melton lodge, Back Street

Thur 11th April - 8pm @ Burston, Cleveland House, Back Street

Messy Church Sunday March 17th 4 – 5.15 pm in the school hall. We will celebrate and remember Jesus' last supper, when he shared bread and wine and asked us to "do this to remember me: through creativity, hospitality and fun through activities as well as thinking time and a song and a prayer is for all ages to explore our faith. All welcome. We do need more adult hands to help? Offer of help to Revd Shirley.

Would you or your children like to receive communion at Easter but haven't been confirmed? The Church of England allows children (& adults) to receive bread and wine (or grape juice) before they have been confirmed. We would be very happy to offer give bread and wine/grape juice at a service with holy communion to all who would like to receive; children and adults. The suggestion is that children should be aged 6 or over, have been or will be baptised/christened and that there is some preparation beforehand.

Our next AK Messy Church 4pm on March 17th in AK school hall will be part of our the preparation and any children who would like to can receive their first communion on Easter day (10 am at Holy Cross AK and 11.15 am at Leigh All Saints). We do need permission from parent(s)/carers and if preferred, grape juice instead of wine is fine. If you would like to know more, please contact me on 07980 548844 or email to shirleydanby21@gmail.com

Vintage Club has Jesus at the centre and is about hospitality as some of our school children from years 4 5 and 6 host those of "vintage years" from our AK community in school for games, activities, chat and cuppa with scones+jam+cream. Our next Vintage Club is Wed April 3rd 3.30 – 4.30 in the school hall.

St Sampson's Prayer weekend Friday 29th – Sunday 31st 4pm. St Sampson's church Cricklade will be open for anyone to pop in 4pm to 9 pm Fri, 6 am to 9 pm Sat 30th and 6 am to 4pm Sunday 31st It offers anyone a chance to reflect, pray and be still and know that I am God. There will be prayer ideas and spaces as well as refreshments available and you can pop in anytime or sign up to be there for an hour as we need 2 people on hand all the time. You can sign up if you go to... <http://www.24-7prayer.com/signup/17d63f>