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Please send your news, thoughts, messages, helpful suggestions, requests etc. to Claire Wilks by Wednesday lunchtime. Either by phone on 01295 711516 or email clairewilks@hotmail.co.uk



Services

Sunday 26th February

9.00am Morning Praise at Chacombe

10.30am Mattins at Sulgrave

10.30am Holy Communion at Middleton Cheney

10.45am Sung Mass at Marston St Lawrence

Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd March

10.00am Holy Communion at Middleton Cheney

Sunday 12th March

8.15am Holy Communion at Sulgrave

9.30am All Age Service at Marston St Lawrence

10.30am Holy Communion at Middleton Cheney

Wednesdays at All Saints

The church will be open every

Wednesday from 10am until 4pm

10 – 10.30am Said Communion service

10.30am – 12.30pm **Jolly Teapot!**

A chance to chat over coffee/tea, cakes and biscuits

First Steps – 2 – 3pm

A weekly service of songs, stories and activities for babies and toddlers with their parents or carers

*At all other times between 10am and 4pm church will be open and there will be a **warm space** in the side chapel. Refreshments will be available.*

Foodbank

If you know of an individual or family that would benefit from a food parcel please do let me (Claire), Mary Phipps, Rose Steele or Rev. Nick know.

Parcels may be collected on Wednesdays from All Saints during 'Warm Space' opening times – see above.

World Day of Prayer

March 3rd 2023

(Previously known as the Women's World Day of Prayer)

Services will be held at:

Woodford Halse: 11.00am

followed by Bring-and-Share lunch and

Cropredy Methodist Chapel: 3.30pm

This year's service comes from Taiwan.

The theme is based on "I have heard about your faith" - words from Ephesians 1: 15-19.

If you require transport to Cropredy, please phone Sue Hunter on 712265.

The Children's Society:-

"We are a national charity working to transform the hopes and happiness of young people facing abuse, exploitation and neglect. We support them through their most serious life challenges and we campaign tirelessly for the big social changes that will improve the lives of those who need hope most. We've been doing this for 140 years and won't stop until we've built a society where hope is alive in every child."

One way we can help support the valuable work they do is through the House Box scheme. If you would like to have a small collection box at home to collect any spare loose change in throughout the year, please contact **Mary Phipps on 07522 807146.**

If you are one of our existing House Box collectors please bring your box to All Saints by the 19th March and leave it near the foodbank collection area so that Mary can arrange the annual count and paying in. If you are unable to get to church please call Mary, on the above number, to arrange handover.

Thank you

Operation Christmas Child

Goodies for this year's shoeboxes are coming in – **thank you to all who have dropped gifts off.**

A reminder that February's ideas are for accessories.

This could be hair bands/ elastics/ ribbons, dressing up jewellery, sunglasses, slipper socks, flip-flops, baseball cap, a keyring, hand bag or drawstring bag, reusable plastic cup / small water bottle, perhaps a watch, or solar powered / wind-up torch if you see a good deal when shopping.

We'll let you have suggestions for March next week.

For those who worship at home

First Sunday of Lent

Reading: Matthew 4 v 1 – 4

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit in to the desert to be tempted by the Devil. After fasting for forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.” Jesus answered, “It is written; Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the word of God.”

Hymn:

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;
born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Saviour all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

This is my story

Thought for the Day:

As we enter the season of Lent we are vividly reminded in our reading of the isolation and temptation that Jesus himself went through. The desert was the context of his temptations, a place of barrenness and potential desperation. Jesus was hungry and Satan tempted him with the offer of bread. What temptations occur for us when life is hard and a feeling of emptiness overwhelms us? Jesus response to Satan still stands good for us today. It is written: “Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.” Surely it is in the word of God that we find love, truth, hope and all that we need to sustain and guide us no matter what.

Collect:

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert; help us to use these day to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen