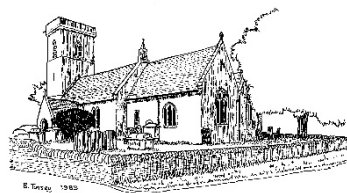


The Parish of Brize Norton
St Britius Church
News Sheet – February 2017
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Services:

Sunday 5 February - Christingle Service

10.00am All age Family Communion – *Readings: Hebrews 2:14-18, Luke 2: 22-40*

This is a family friendly, all-age service. Come and join us and make a Christingle.

Wednesday 8 February - 7:00pm Holy Communion

Sunday 12 February - The Third Sunday before Lent

9.15 am Holy Communion. Readings: *1 Cor. 3:1-9, Matt. 5:21-37*

Wednesday 15 February - 7:00 pm Holy Communion

Sunday 19 February - The Second Sunday before Lent

9.15am Holy Communion. Readings: *Rom. 8: 18-25, Matt. 6: 25-end*

We welcome our curate to preach on the third Sunday of the month.

Messy Church and The Padres Service at St John's. See website for details.

Wednesday 22 February - 7:00pm Holy Communion

Saturday 25 February – 10.00am-12.00 Forest Church at Kilkenny Country Park

Sunday 26 February – The Sunday next before Lent

9.15am Holy Communion. Readings: *2 Peter 1: 16-end, Matt. 17: 1-9*

7.30pm-8.30pm - Grace at the vicarage

Ash Wednesday 1 March - 7:00pm Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes

Friday 3 March 7:00pm Women's World Day of Prayer Service at St John's Carterton. Prepared by Christian women of the Philippines, and titled "Am I Being Unfair to You?". The service is followed by refreshments. All are welcome!

Sunday 5 March - The First Sunday of Lent

10.00am Family Communion. Readings: *Rom. 5: 12-19, Matt. 4: 1-11*

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Anniversaries this month

Margaret Haley, Ronald Woodley, John Cambray, Margaret Pratt, Elizabeth Print, Dorothy Harris, Philip Faulkner, Christabel Timms, Olive Warwick, Jean Tyrrell, Kevin Bull, Joseph Chester, Arthur Thorne

Regular events

Pilgrim Lunch: in church, Mondays 12.30-1.30. Lunch and discussion

'My Time' (replaces Buggy club) – come to church for a cuppa and a chat after the school drop-off, Tuesdays during term time, 8.45am-10.00am. Free coffee, tea and squash, and toys for the little ones. All welcome

Morning Prayer is an opportunity to pray with our expanding team, at St John's Church 9.00am -9.30am every Thursday morning. You are welcome to join us. This is followed by a Holy Communion service at St John's. All are welcome.

Grace is an opportunity to be together and talk about life. This month we meet at the Vicarage on Sunday 26 February 7.30pm- 8.30pm.

Forest Church: is an opportunity to meet God in the wild places. Saturday 25th February 2017 10.00-12.00. Please gather at the metal horses in the Country Park. Let's explore. Bring some shoes/wellington boots; and a responsible adult.

Friends: We have just published another Friend's Newsletter. Now that the major works are behind us we are focusing on ongoing maintenance and running of the church. We need this because it costs £400 per week for the basic running of the church. This without any maintenance that may be needed. Regular weekly collections are only on average 1/3rd of this cost. The church is not there only for weekly services and special occasions but to serve the wider village community for baptisms, weddings, blessings, funerals and memorial thanksgiving services. It is also used by the school for Christmas, Harvest and Remembrance. Regular members of our congregation are invited to join as Friends and be counted in! Please see Phil or Mary to join or renew your membership of the Friends or St Britius. We continue to maintain a presence through the community website at www.bncommunity.org which has a good deal of church and village history and genealogical information. So with the Friends of St Britius we can communicate with and involve a wider group of people who see and value the church building. This is why your continued support as Friends is so important and so much appreciated.

Lent Course: We are planning a Lent Course after church (7.30 pm) on Wednesdays during Lent. This will be in the warmth at Church Farm House. Details will be announced at our Sunday Services in coming weeks.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 21 February 2016, 7.30pm - PCC Meeting at Church Farm House
Friday 3 March, 7.00pm – Womens World Day of Prayer service at St John's
Saturday 15th April 2017. - 10.00am-12.00. St John's Church. (More details to follow).
It will be an ecumenical messy gathering...



