

MONDAY, 17th November

7.30pm Claverdon Finance Committee meeting at the Church Centre.

THURSDAY, 20th November

2.15pm The funeral of **Stan Milner** of Riverside Drive, Wootton Wawen, at Oakley Wood Crematorium

Monks' and Nuns' Day at St. Peter's, Wootton Wawen, when schoolchildren dressed in period costume follow a noisy and varied programme exploring the monastic lifestyle - including silence!

SUNDAY 23rd November

8.00am Holy Communion (CW) at Wootton Wawen with Lawrence

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) at Preston Bagot with Lawrence

11.00am Holy Communion (CW) at Claverdon with Cathy and James Holden

11.00am Morning Prayer (CW) at Wootton Wawen with Martin Pleasance.

LAST MONDAY'S 3-PARISH EVENING



The festive evening hosted by the Ministry Leadership Team in St Peter's last Monday sought to track the direction God was leading us in as a group of three parishes. James Holden reviewed the many instances over the past two years that we have been challenged by issues of social justice, and Lawrence looked forward to the years ahead when it seemed clear that, with fewer clergy, parishes would want to take more responsibility for themselves. Cathy rounded the evening off with a spectacular quiet time in the candlelit Chancel. Everyone there was asked to take home a paper on which to add their own reflections and return it before Christmas. Anyone who couldn't make Monday is encouraged to pick up a copy of this paper from the back of church or from the Parish Office.

SUNDAY 30th November - a special Joint Service of Holy Communion

11.00am at Claverdon with visiting preacher **Kate Tuckett**, who is Publishing Manager of **Christian Aid**. This will be followed by the **"LOAF" lunch** at Claverdon Church Centre. Continuing the autumn themes of 'Hope for Creation' and 'Justice and the Heart of God', we are providing a LOAF lunch after the joint service at Claverdon Church. The meal will be: **L**-ocally produced; **O**-rganically grown; **A**-nimal-friendly; **F**-airly traded.

Just ask for a ticket (so we know numbers) from Gill Evans (01926 843234/842690), Liz Rayner (01564 792737), Joy Cater (01926 842149) or Sheila Goudge (01926 842307) – then come along and enjoy the meal! Donations to Christian Aid.

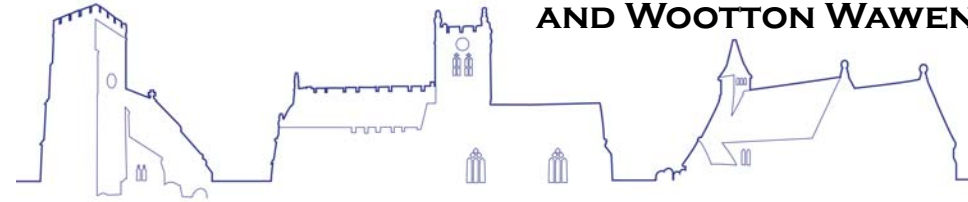


CHILDREN'S CHURCH LIBRARY

Sunday Club are in the process of sorting out the Children's Church Library and there is a noticeable lack of books less than 25 years old. Any donations of children's books, videos, CDs or DVDs would be gratefully received, as would any suggestions or financial donations for new materials.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**CLAVERDON, PRESTON BAGOT
AND WOOTTON WAWEN**



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16th November 2008 - Second Sunday before Advent

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) at Claverdon with Lawrence

9.30am Morning Prayer (BCP) at Preston Bagot with Lawrence

11.00am Holy Communion (CW) at Wootton Wawen with Lawrence

11.00am Family Service in the Church Centre led by Sue Jacques.

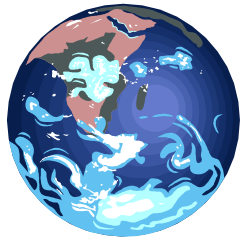
4.00pm Commemoration Service at Claverdon with Lawrence, remembering those we have lost.

(CW) Common Worship 2000 (BCP) Book of Common Prayer 1662

HOPE FOR CREATION

Our three churches continue to explore the theme of God's Creation inspired by the Glenfall weekend and which consists of a series of sermons in all three churches. The sermons use the Lord's Prayer as a structure, leading up to the special 3-Parish service on Advent Sunday, with a preacher from Christian Aid. The next in the series (today) is *Forgive us our sins as we forgive* - Our need to confess our failure and be transformed. The last will be on 23rd November:

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for yours is the Kingdom - Hopeful action based on God's future



WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY AN ACTIVE PART IN OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP? If you would like to join the Claverdon rota of lesson readers and/or intercessors, please contact Jonathan Evans on 01926 842690. Wootton and Preston Bagot would value some additional names as well: have a word with the Churchwardens there.

MALAWI VISITS - Phil Hanson and David Markham have returned from Lilongwe with news of both the feeding programme and of the progress of the provision of clean water in outlying villages. Martin Pleasance and Richard Bonsall leave on 28th November for Malawi so do please continue to remember them in your prayers and indeed everyone involved in the feeding programme in Malawi.

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME

COLLECT

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

About times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "Peace and safety", destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

SECOND READING Matthew 25: 14-30

Jesus said: "The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.' "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' "The man with the two talents also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.'

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

"Then the man who had received the one talent came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

"His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.'

"Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

ARE YOU A NEWCOMER OR A VISITOR? PLEASE MAKE YOURSELF KNOWN!

At any **Communion Service** you are welcome to come forward to the altar, either to receive bread and wine if you are a full member of any Christian Church, or to receive a blessing. In the latter case, please keep your hands by your side to signal this intention.

Family Services are especially designed to accommodate all ages. They are at 9.30am (Wootton) and 11am (Claverdon) on the first Sunday of the month, and at 11am on the third Sunday in the Church Centre.

Children are always welcome at worship, and parents are encouraged to walk around, inside and out, as they wish. There are playrooms with sound relay at the back of Claverdon and Wootton Wawen churches.

Weekday **Home-groups** welcome new members for fellowship, study and informal prayer.

Morning Prayer is said daily in Wootton Wawen church at 8.45am.

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