

CHURCHES OF ARDEN WEBSITE

Are you a fan of internet information? Clever with technology? The Three Parishes website www.churchesofarden.org.uk needs someone with talent to keep it up to date with services, news and events happening in the parishes. If you think this is your scene, have a word with either Andy or Norrie.

JESUS CENTRE/TRUSSELL TRUST FOOD BANK Appeal

Far from the demand diminishing, the need seems to be greater than ever. The two charities are enormously grateful for your generosity which is even more important. There is urgent need for non-perishable food items, e.g. tea, coffee, sugar, UHT milk, cereal bars, crisps, baked beans, pot noodles, small boxes of cereals along with toiletries, toilet rolls and shower gel – but especially POT NOODLES. If you would like more information please do speak to the churchwardens who will be happy to talk to you about what is needed.

The Jesus Centre is happy to accept donations of MEN'S clothing and bedding only, Sadly, owing to difficulties with space and storage neither of the two charities are able to accept donations of household items so please don't leave these unattended in the churches.

ALPHA IS BACK

Is Christianity boring, irrelevant or even worse simply untrue? Do you owe it to yourself to explore these questions at least once in your life? Many of us have come to see something life-changing that we had previously dismissed all too easily.

Alpha in Claverdon is starting this September on Wednesday evenings, 7:15 - 9:30pm in the Church Centre. Each evening starts with a meal together. Don't be put off if you can't make every evening. There is no such thing as a silly question and Alpha is always fun.

The dates are:

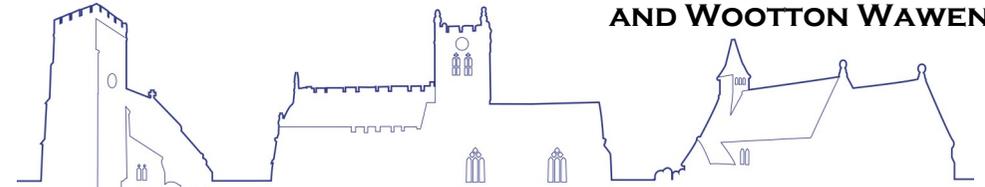
13 Sep, 20 Sep; 27 Sep; 4 Oct; 11 Oct; 18 Oct; [not 25 Oct];
1 Nov; 8 Nov; 15 Nov; 22 Nov; 28 Nov;

To explore if it is right for youcall Phil Hanson 01926 843421 or John Knightbridge 01926 842795. To register – email Linda Walters, Parish Secretary churchesofardenoffice@gmail.com or register online at: <http://tinyurl.com/churchalpha>



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

CLAVERDON, PRESTON BAGOT
AND WOOTTON WAWEN



Sunday 23rd July 2017 - Sixth Sunday of Trinity

SERVICES TODAY

- 9.30am Holy Communion** (BCP) at Preston Bagot with Revd. Andy
11.00am Morning Prayer (CW) at Wootton Wawen with Norrie
11.00am Holy Communion (CW) in Claverdon with Revd. Andy
(CW) Common Worship 2000 (BCP) Book of Common Prayer 1662

SATURDAY, 29th July

1.30pm The wedding of **Alec Stilling** and **Danielle Silvey** at St. Peter's, Wootton Wawen

SUNDAY, 30th July

11.00am Three-Parish service of **Holy Communion** (CW) at Claverdon with Revd. James and Revd. Andy

PLEASE NOTE: This service has moved from Preston Bagot to Claverdon. Leah is going home after her year with us and this special service is to show our appreciation of her work during her time with us.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd August

10.00am Holy Communion by extension in the Chancel at Wootton Wawen.

FRIDAY, 4th August

1.00pm – 1.45pm The Friday Group will be visiting Claverdon church for a time of prayer for that church and community. All are welcome to join them.

Friday, 18th August – Preston Bagot Church

Friday, 25th August – Wootton Wawen Church

SATURDAY, 5th August

1.30pm The wedding of **Mark Burchett** and **Carol Field** at Wootton Wawen

SUNDAY, 6th August

- 9.30am Morning Prayer** (CBP) at Preston Bagot with Revd. James
11.00am Café Church at Wootton Wawen with Norrie
11.00am Family Service including **Baptism of Phoebe Louise Noon** (parents Sophie and Mark) with Revd. Phil.

COLLECT

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

FIRST READING Romans 8: 12-25

Brothers and sisters, we have an obligation – but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

SECOND READING Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Jesus told a parable to the crowd: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed ears, then the weeds also appeared. “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’ ““An enemy did this,’ he replied. “The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

“No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’” Then Jesus left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.” He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

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 Communicant 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 held on the first Sunday of the month at 11am both at Claverdon and Wootton, the service at Wootton being a family-friendly Café Church. There is an All-Age service at 11am in Claverdon Church Centre on the third Sunday of each month.

Children are always welcome at worship, and parents are encouraged to walk around as they wish. There are additional areas where children can play during the service, please ask a warden for details.

Home-groups welcome new members, please contact the clergy for information.

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