

SERVICES

All are warmly invited to come and worship on Sundays at 10.30am and all other services.

3 rd	February	Morning Prayer
10 th	February	Holy Communion <i>Second Sunday @ Six</i>
17 th	February	Morning Prayer
24 th	February	Holy Communion
3 rd	March	Morning Prayer
10 th	March	Holy Communion <i>Second Sunday @ Six</i>
17 th	March	Morning Prayer
24 th	March	Holy Communion
31 st	March	Morning Prayer - <i>Mothering Sunday</i>
7 th	April	Morning Prayer
14 th	April	Morning Prayer - <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>Second Sunday @ Six (Holy Communion)</i>
19 th	April	<i>Good Friday Service at 9.00 am</i>
21 st	April	Holy Communion - <i>Easter Sunday</i>
28 th	April	Holy Communion

Children are welcome at all services.

Please note that the new website www.stjohnsbourneend.org is now operational so please check for changes or updates to services.



Parish Room for Hire

St John's Parish Room is available to hire for events and meetings. Please contact the Treasurer or the Churchwardens to check availability and for more details.

St John's Church Bourne End



NEWSLETTER

February 2019 - April 2019

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Church Officers:

Vicar	Rebecca Fardell	865100
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Message from the Vicar

January may be rapidly disappearing but has not completely left us as I write this. The month which starts our year is named after Janus, the two faced Roman god of beginnings and transitions. This is appropriate as the short cold days and long dark nights of this time of year are a good time look back at what has been and look forward to what is to come. We look back on the past year and give thanks for all the blessings it has contained and reflect on the harder times. We look forward to what is to come this year with excitement for the good things that are promised and a desire to not make the mistakes of years past.

At St John's, we are preparing for our annual meeting in April which provides us with opportunities for reflection and anticipation. We look back on what God has done in us, for us and through us in 2018 and give thanks. We reflect on the things we did wrong and repent. We recall the difficult times and try to see where God was with us in them. Then we look forward to who God is calling us to be and what he is calling us to do in this new year, both as individuals and as a church family.

I wonder what you are giving thanks for. I wonder what you are excited about. I wonder what God has planned for us at St John's. Whatever this year brings, I do know that we will have much to thank him for when we look back next January.

with love and prayers

Rebecca

'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.' Jeremiah 29.11

Dates for Your Diary

Pot Luck Lunches



Third Wednesday of the month 1pm in the Parish Room.
20th February..

Lent Lunches



Soup and bread will be served followed by a short reflection.

March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th;
April 3rd, 10th, 17th.

Coffee Morning



Last Friday of the month 10-12 in the Parish Room.
22nd February; 29th March; 26th April.

Meet the Vicar

First Thursday of every month between 8 and 10pm.

7th February; 7th March; 4th April.

Rebecca will be in The Anchor and looks forward to meeting village residents there.

Village Prayers: Prayers in church each Sunday include ones for the residents in each of the village roads in turn. Please continue to post your prayer requests on the board in the porch and do encourage us by giving us feedback if you can.

February: London Road East **March:** Sugar Lane **April:** Bourne End Lane