

SERVICES

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

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| 6 th | February | Morning Prayer |
| 13 th | February | Holy Communion |
| 20 th | February | Morning Prayer |
| 27 th | February | Holy Communion |
| 6 th | March | Morning Prayer |
| 13 th | March | Holy Communion |
| 20 th | March | Morning Prayer |
| 27 th | March | Holy Communion |
| 30 th | March | Holy Communion Fifth Wednesday 10.00 am |
| 3 rd | April | Morning Prayer |
| 10 th | April | Holy Communion (Palm Sunday) |
| 15 th | April | Good Friday (9.00 am) |
| 17 th | April | Holy Communion (Easter Sunday) |
| 24 th | April | Morning Prayer |

Children are welcome at all services.

Please check the website www.stjohnsbourneend.org for any 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 2022 - April 2022

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Church Officers:

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| Vicar | Rebecca Fardell | 865100 |
| Churchwardens | Helen King | 862327 |
| | John Marshall | 219776 |
| Treasurer | Edith Harkins | 871040 |

Dates for Your Diary

Message from the Vicar

Weariness seems to be a common feeling at present. There is a sense of weariness of the on-going covid situation and weariness *because* of it. Two years into the pandemic, vaccinations and treatments are making the virus less deadly which is reason for much gratitude. However, we still need to think about how to keep ourselves and others safe as we go about our daily lives and make plans for the future in uncertain times. We do this against a backdrop of weariness because the past two years have required enormous amounts of mental and physical energy as we have made the adjustments to our lives which the virus has imposed upon us. Many of us are worn out by the big and small strains we are all experiencing; our resilience is all but gone; and the end remains tantalizingly out of reach.

At Christmas we remembered that God was born as a baby who grew into a man. In the coming months, we will be reflecting on the life of Jesus which culminated in his death and resurrection which we will celebrate at Easter. Understanding the joys and burdens people carry, Jesus made an invitation to his followers which continues to be a powerful offer today:

'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.' (Matthew 11.28-30)

So, whether you are weary and burdened, or perhaps you are seeking a different way of living as we move into a 'new normal', why not think about what Jesus' invitation might mean for you? I would be delighted to talk about it with you if you like.

With love and prayers
Rebecca

Pot Luck Lunch



These have been discontinued for the time being due to Covid restrictions.

Lent Lunches



Light lunch of soup and bread followed by a short reflection to be held in the vicarage.
9th March; 16th March; 23rd March; 30th March;
6th April.

Each week please let Rebecca know if you would like to attend.

Coffee Morning



Last Friday of the month 10-12 in the Parish Room.

25th February; 25th March; 29th April.

Meet the Vicar

First Thursday of every month between 8 and 10pm.

3rd February; 3rd March; 7th April.

Rebecca will be in The Anchor and looks forward to meeting both church members and 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.