

# The Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Bodicote

*Serving the communities of Bodicote, Cherwell Heights, Cotefield and Longford Park*

## Our Parish Prayer

Ever living God, give us the courage to be your church in the community and for the community, and teach us new ways to share your love with all those around us. Amen

## SUNDAY 26th FEBRUARY – LENT 1

**Diary for this week** - all in church unless otherwise stated

### **Sunday 26th February**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.45am Parish Communion  
6.00pm Evensong

#### **Readings for this Sunday**

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7  
Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

### **Monday 27th February**

Curate's day off  
8.30am Morning Prayer (on Zoom\*)

### **Tuesday 28th February**

Vicar's day off!

### **Wednesday 1st March**

9.30am Holy Communion  
2.30pm Afternoon teas in Church House  
5.00pm Evening Prayer

### **Thursday 2nd March**

8.30am Morning Prayer  
2.00pm Come and See discussion\*\*  
5.00pm Evening Prayer  
7.30pm Come and See discussion\*\*

### **Friday 3rd March**

8.30am Morning Prayer  
4.00pm Evening Prayer (on Zoom\*)  
7.30pm World Day of Prayer service^

### **Saturday 4th March**

2.00pm Bingo in Church House

### **Sunday 5th March**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.45am Parish Communion

\*Please ask Sarah or Nick for the links

**This week we pray for** all who live or work in Kedleston Rise and Woodhall Drive.

**\*\*Come and See!** We will be running **Bishop Steven's Lent 2023 course 'Come and See'**, starting Ash Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. It is a mix of online content and weekly local discussion groups. See our magazine for full details or speak to Nick. If you're interested, you will need to sign up to receive the online content through your email via one of the following links:

**For individuals (daily content):**

<https://mailchi.mp/oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see>

**For families (weekly content):**

<https://mailchi.mp/oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see-for-families>

**Discussion groups:** To be held on **Thursdays from 23<sup>rd</sup> February to 30<sup>th</sup> March** at either of the following times each week: **2pm – 3pm: In Person only** – meeting at Church House, Bodicote. **7:30pm – 8:30pm: Hybrid** – meet on Zoom or in person at Holly Tree Cottage (contact Nick for the Zoom link)

This year we will be holding three **Lent lunches** on 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> March and 3<sup>rd</sup> April raising money for Water Aid, Air Ambulance and Dogs for Good. If you can help with these in any way there is a rota at the back of church to sign up for soup, bread, milk etc. Thank you.

^The **World Day of Prayer** is celebrated by services on the first Friday of March every year. Our service will be at **7.30 pm on Friday, 3rd March in church** and everyone who is taking part extends a very warm welcome to all. This year the service has been written by the women of Taiwan.

We are running the **Easter Experience** for Bishop Loveday again this year. If you can help out with any of the following sessions, please let Sarah know. Everything will be provided: 9-11.45 Monday and Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March, and 1.15-2.45 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March.

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