

## Notices

**Personal Prayer Ministry** is available after the 10am service on the following dates: 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

On Thursday, Fergus went to support the sponsored readathon at Charlbury school to raise money for the school's books. If you'd like to support our tenacious, Charlbury readers, any donation, a little or a lot, would be most appreciated. Many thanks! <https://gofund.me/b115b1f2>

Next time you are in church have a look at the notice board by the church door. It has been arranged by the Charlbury Historical Research Group and is full of fascinating information about Charlbury. It is entitled Putting Charlbury on the Map! Next week the pictures and information will be changed so do look at the present one before it is removed.

**Tuesday 11 March at 7.30pm** - 'Images of Jesus in art and poetry'. Lent talk in St Mary's. The first talk in the series will be given by Professor Markus Bockmuehl on William Holman Hunt's painting 'The Light of the World'. This famous painting was donated to Keble College, Oxford, 150 years ago and Prof. Bockmuehl has edited a new book explaining its history and influence. There is no admission charge but donations will be gratefully received towards expenses.

**Friday 14 March**, 12 to 1.30pm - Come for lunch. The first Lent lunch of soup, bread and cheese is being held in St Mary's. More help is needed to serve and clear up on 14th. If you can offer to help, please sign the list under the noticeboards. There is no charge for lunch, but donations are invited to raise money for Christian Aid's relief and development work across the world.

If you would like to make a donation to St Mary's, please use this QR code:



- open your phone's camera
- point the camera at the QR code
- centre the phone's screen on the QR code until it is enclosed within a scanning box
- press the yellow bar that will appear under the box "parishgiving.org.uk"
- this will take you to the Parish Giving website where you can make a donation. Thank you.

St Mary's Church, Charlbury with  
All Saints Church, Shorthampton

# *The Messenger*

*9<sup>th</sup> March 2025*

*Welcome*

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent*

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer, that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If you are new to our church, please take a welcome leaflet which you will find by the door.

Please stay for refreshments after the service.

**Large print service books and sheets available.**

There is a loop system in our church – most effective in the north or south aisle away from the pillars.

*Please ask before the service if you need a gluten free communion wafer.*

## Services

### Services today

8am Holy Communion  
10am Parish Communion  
11am Morning Prayer Shorthampton  
6pm Ignite

### Services Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March

8am Holy Communion  
10am Parish Communion  
3pm Messy Church

### Weekday services: See porch notice for changes

Morning Prayer 9am weekdays  
Evening Prayer 5pm weekdays  
Wednesday 9.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's

## Diary

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March  
7.30pm Lent talk

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March  
7.45pm Bell ringing

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
10am Font Café

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March  
9.30am Stay & Play  
12pm Lent Lunch  
7pm Choir rehearsal

## Prayer for the Week

### Prayers for the parish

Park Street & The Playing Close.

### Praying for the deanery

All Saints, Spelsbury. Please pray for Mark Abrey & Ilona Cheyne and the churchwarden Ken Wakefield.

**Prayers for the Day** <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

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