

Hello Everyone

I hope you are well and have had a good week? It has been a generally good week for me, but not an out and about week.. a week tied to the computer filling in the annual church statistical returns, attending the odd zoom training course, plus fending off another cold bug - ugh! But it is good to look forward and to appreciate that Spring is on its way with bulbs peeping ever higher and daffodils about to shoot into bloom, snow drops appearing in clusters, and aconites looking resplendent in their yellow bloom. Daylight now lingers until 5.30pm and afternoons are stretching forth. The long dark days are drifting past and the light and sunlight are shining with vitamin D to boost our energy levels.

This Sunday we depart from Epiphany season and begin the Sundays before Lent.

We will meet in the Chancel at Chalgrave again this week for the 9.30am Holy Communion service. Despite the scaffolding in the Nave last week, the service was rather special and I am looking forward to gathering there again this week - under the warmth and comforting glow of the wall heaters. We are also hoping that Cliff can find his way under the plastic sheeting to be able to play the organ this week. It looks a bit of a challenge but he is optimistic!

This week's services and events

Sunday 4th February

9.30am Holy Communion, Chalgrave Church

11am Holy Communion Service Toddington Church

Monday 5th

9.30am Morning Prayer, Toddington Church

Tuesday 6th

10.30am Knitting Group, Wilkinson Hall

5.45pm Youth Group, Wilkinson Hall

Wednesday 7th

11am-2.30pm Wednesday Winter Warmer lunch and fellowship, Wilkinson Hall

Thursday 8th

2pm Afternoon with Friends, Wilkinson Hall

Friday 9th

10.30-12.30pm Painting for Pleasure, Wilkinson Hall

Saturday 10th

10am Coffee Morning, Wilkinson Hall

I am looking to offer an Alpha course starting later this month and Thursday evenings seem to be a popular time, so, if you would be interested to come on this informal and welcoming course to learn more about Jesus and the Christian Faith, please put these provisional dates in your diaries:

Thursday 29th February (or possibly Wednesday 28th February)

Thursdays 7, 14, 21 March, Wednesday 27 March.

We will then have a half -way break over the Easter period and continue on Thursdays 18 and 25 April and 2, 9, 16 May.

It is a special course and you will be most welcome. Please let me know if you are interested, and have a word with me if you would like to know more.

Have a good week, and please look after yourselves.

God bless

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