FORTHCOMING SERVICES:

Sunday 17th March - The Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 9.30am "Holy Communion [BCP] at Bagendon" (Revd Canon Margaret Bettis)
- 9.30am "Matins at Colesbourne" (MV)
- 9.30am "Big Breakfast Bash in Stratton School Hall" (DM & JA-M)
- 11.00am "Holy Communion at Elkstone" (DM)
- 11.00am "Morning Worship at Cowley" (Beth Hamid & Patrick Coleman)

Wednesday 20th March: 10.00am "Holy Communion at Stratton" – (DM)

Readings for Sunday 17th March *The Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Jeremiah 31. 31 - 34 Psalm: 51. 1 - 13 Hebrews 5. 5 - 10 John 12. 20 - 33

The Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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The Psalm: 51. 1 - 13

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.

In our Prayers...

Years Mind:

Katharine Gibbs, Paul Beard, Sir Michael Richardson Angus, Derek Hicks, Harry Leeson, Herbert Woodward, Peter Empson, Geoffrey Richards, Ruth Adlington, Audrey Minett, Gwendoline Malfait, Sir Anthony Murray, Barbara Bullingham, Pamela Wenban, Margaret Norvill.



IN OUR PRAYERS CONTINUED....

For our Prayers:

Chris Keen, Linda Wilks; Eileen Wright; Robert Farman; John Townsend.

Those who have died:

Primrose Unwin.

Eric Michael Rose. Funeral in St Peter's Church, Stratton, on *Thursday 11th April at 12.30,* to be followed by a burial in Stratton Cemetery at 1.15pm.



NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES:

Sunday 24th March - Palm Sunday



UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE AT ALL SAINTS, NORTH CERNEY

Meet in the Village centre at 10.30am for the short walk to the Church with others, where the service will start at 11.00am.

It will be led by the Revd's David and Janet.

[No other Services are planned in the benefice this morning]

Wednesday 27th March: 10.00am "Holy Communion at Stratton" - (DM)

Readings for Sunday 24th March - Palm Sunday

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Isaiah 50. 4 - 9a

Psalm: 118. 1 - 2,19 - 24

Philippians 2. 5 - 11

Mark 11. 1 - 11

News and Notices



Benefice Lent Course - The fifth and final session of this year's Lent course will be on *Monday 18th March, 2*:30 - 4:00pm, in Stratton Rectory. More details on the <u>website</u>, or please contact Mark Venn: <u>mark.w.venn@btinternet.com</u>

United Benefice Service on *Palm Sunday* – *Sunday 24*th *March*. Come along to North Cerney to celebrate *Palm Sunday* with others from around the

benefice. Meet in the centre of the village at 10.30am for the short walk to All Saints together, ready for the service at 11am with David and Janet.

Call for children's books telling the Easter story -

Following a very successful collection of children's books telling the Christmas story, which were given by members of St Peter's congregation for families in Stratton School to borrow, we are repeating this with a request for children's



books telling the Easter story. The books will be part of a special display in the entrance to the school and available for anyone to borrow. If you have any such books, which you would be happy to donate to this initiative, please contact Beth: bethhamid@googlemail.com T: 01285 644895. Thank you!

Reminder for any keen walkers...Good Friday Pilgrimage – On 29th March. We will meet at Colesbourne church at 8:45am for travel to Coberley by car. We then set off at 9:00am from Coberley for the upper parishes, and leave Rendcomb at 13:00 for the lower parishes. Full details are available on the Benefice website, or contact Mark Venn on: mark.w.venn@btinternet.com

Do come along to Easter Sunday at St Margaret's, Bagendon...

The service of Holy Communion at 9.30am on Sunday 31st March will be followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for both adults and children!



The North Cerney Scamper – a Fundraising Fun Run! – This will take place on Saturday 18th May, at 10am raising money for the maintenance of North Cerney Memorial Village and for the local community (including North Cerney PTA). Run, walk or scamper a 5k or 10k trail race through the beautiful Churn Valley countryside. Open to ages 15+, tickets cost £12 and are available via race-nation: https://rb.gy/sxgrn5 Volunteers to help organise the scamper would also be most welcome. If you can help, please contact: jessicacatherinejames@gmail.com

"An Evening with Nick Grounds – Keep Calm and Arrange Flowers." – Come and enjoy a floral art demonstration at Apperley Village Hall, GL19 4DP, on *Thursday 4th April*, 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Whether you're a seasoned arranger or a flower enthusiast just starting out, this event promises to be both fun and a learning opportunity! Book your tickets (£13 each) via Eventbrite .This evening is part of the Deerhurst Flower Festival, which will be take place from 24th – 26th August this year.