# **The Week Ahead**

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# **FORTHCOMING SERVICES:**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Maundy Thursday

6.30pm – "Evening Maundy Thursday Service at Elkstone" (DM & JA-M)



<u>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Good Friday</u> 4.30pm – "Good Friday Service at Stratton" to mark the end of the Good Friday Walk (DM)



# Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March – EASTER DAY

**6.45am "Sunrise Service in Stratton Fields"** (DM) *NB Please see News and Notices section for meeting arrangements and further details....* 

- 9.30am "Easter Holy Communion [CW] at Bagendon" (DM)
- 9.30am "Easter Holy Communion at Baunton" (JA-M)
- 9.30am "Easter Holy Communion at Colesbourne" (CP)
- **11.00am "Easter Holy Communion at Cowley"** (JA-M)
- 11.00am "Easter Holy Communion at Elkstone" (MV by ext'n)
- **11.00am "Easter Holy Communion at North Cerney"** (DM)
- 11.00am "Easter Holy Communion at Stratton" (JM)
- **11.00am "Easter Holy Communion at Rendcomb"** (MH with CP)

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April: 10.00am "Holy Communion at Stratton" – (DM)

Readings for Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March – <i>Easter Day</i>	
[Year B White or Gold]	Acts 10. 34 - 43
	<i>Psalm:</i> 118. 1 - 2, 14 - 24
	1 Corinthians 15. 1 - 11
	John 20. 1 - 18

# The Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.

#### The Gloria Tune: Praise my soul

Glory be to God in heaven Songs of joy and peace we bring. Thankful hearts and voices raising, To creation's Lord we sing. Lord, we thank you, Lord, we bless you; Glory be to God our King.

Lamb of God, who on your shoulders Bore the load of this world's sin. Only Son of God the Father, You have brought us peace within; Lord, have mercy: Christ, have mercy; Now your reign on earth begins.

#### *The Psalm*: 118. 1 - 2, 14 - 24

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

#### The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

#### I shall not die, but I shall live and recount the deeds of the LORD.

The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

#### This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

#### 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: Arthur Smith, Susanna Harbord, Andew Wilson, Margaret Jefferies, Gwendoline Copp, Ruth Nash, Frances Hearne; Victor Cowling, Diana Sawyer, Donald Leeson, Ronald Brown, Edward Laird, Bert Keylock, Reginald Adlington, Scott Jefferies, Edna Horsell, Harry Leeson, Patricia Luce, Joseph Bell, Robert Gittins, Doreen Salvage, William Minett, Joy Rowe.

**For our Prayers**: Chris Keen, Linda Wilks; Eileen Wright; Robert Farman; John Townsend.

#### Those who have died:

*Margaret Blackburn*. Funeral in St Peter's Church, Stratton, *Wednesday* 10<sup>th</sup> *April at 2pm*.

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

# WE ALSO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES WHO ARE BEING CONFIRMED IN GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL ON THE EVENING OF SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH:

Nathan Andrews; Kyung Min Kim Sophia Andrews; Ophelia Cruickshank and Marie Hobbs

# Wedding Banns to be called on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

#### AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST PETER'S, STRATTON:



FOR THE THIRD TIME FOR:



**Oliver James Ghazala and Olivia Kate Lamphee** 

of the Parish of St John the Baptist, Cirencester (Due to marry in St Peter's, Stratton, on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024)

#### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Second Sunday of Easter

[Year B White] Acts 4. 32 - 35 Psalm: 133 1 John 1. 1 - 2.2 John 20. 19 - 31

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#### **NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES:**

#### SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.30am "Matins at Bagendon" - (MG) 10.00am "Matins at Colesbourne" - (CH)

11.00am "Morning Prayer at Cowley" – (MV)

11.00am "Morning Worship at Elkstone" - (JA-M)

11.00am "Holy Communion at Stratton" - (IA-M)

4.00pm "Super Sunday Supper Service in North Cerney Village Hall" (DM & JA-M)

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April – 10.00am Holy Communion in St Peter's, Stratton (DM)

#### **News and Notices**

Good Friday Pilgrimage – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March! Do join us for some or all of this walk in the Churn Valley. Please see the **<u>Benefice website</u>** for last-minute information, or contact Mark Venn on: mark.w.venn@btinternet.com

Sunrise Service in Stratton on Easter Day – Do come along to this early



morning service in Stratton Fields on 31<sup>st</sup> March. Meet at 6.30am in Stratton Cemetery car park, opposite the Church, ready for the short walk to the Fields. Everyone is welcome at Stratton Rectory afterwards for a bacon or vegetarian breakfast roll!

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

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



Church News

Family activities in Gloucester Cathedral this Easter!

23<sup>rd</sup> March – 7<sup>th</sup> April (excluding Good Friday): Little Lamb Adventure Trail around the Cathedral and family craft.

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 11am – 3.30pm in the Chapter House: Easter through the ages. Come along and enjoy some free family craft and cooking activities, including Medieval Easter egg decorating, making a Victorian Easter Card and taking part in a Tudor feast! No booking required.

**Stratton Tuesday Group Meeting**: *Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 7pm for a 7.30pm* start in Stratton Village Hall. Mr Boskett will be giving us an interesting talk about Steam, Train and Horse. Everyone is welcome! Entrance: £3 per person.