

# Week Ahead

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## FORTHCOMING SERVICES:

### SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Venue	Service	Time	Minister
Bagendon	Holy Communion	09:30am	Margaret Bettis
Colesbourne	Holy Communion	09:30am	Mark Venn
Stratton	Benefice Service	11:00am	Rev L. Brown

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March: 10:00am Morning Prayer at Stratton**

**Readings: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Third Sunday of Lent**

*Purple or Lent Array*

Exodus 17.1–7

Psalm 95

Romans 5.1–11

John 4.5–42

**Lent 2026**



**A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.**

- John 13:34 -

## The Collect 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
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.**

## *Psalm 95 [1-6]*

O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving  
and be glad in him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God  
and a great king above all gods.

**In his hand are the depths of the earth  
and the heights of the mountains are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have moulded the dry land.

**Come, let us worship and bow down  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**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**

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## In our Prayers...

**Years Mind:** Archibald Biggs, Elizabeth Taylor, Olive Teal, Carleton Tufnell

**For our Prayers:** Hugo Shepherd, Robert Farman, Elmore Crump, Richard Saunders

**Those who have died:** David Carlton, Margaret Painter, Clarice Vaughan, Sheila Nichols

**Funerals: Funeral Service for Margaret Painter** at *All Saints Church, North Cerney* on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** at **1:00pm**. **Funeral Service for Clarice Vaughan** at *St Gile's Church, Coberley* on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March** at **12:00pm**.

*If you would like someone's name to be added to the Prayer list, do contact the Benefice Administrator: [beneficeoffice.cv@gmail.com](mailto:beneficeoffice.cv@gmail.com)*

## UPCOMING SERVICES: SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Venue	Service	Time	Minister
Bagendon	Holy Communion	09:30am	Rev L. Brown
Cowley	Morning Worship	11:00am	Duncan McGaw
Elkstone	Holy Communion	11:00am	Rev L. Brown
North Cerney	Holy Communion	11:00am	Mark Venn
Stratton	'Together Sunday' Mothering Sunday Service	09:30am	All Age Team

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March: 10:00am Morning Prayer at Stratton**

## Readings: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Mothering Sunday

*Purple or Lent Array*

1 Samuel 1.20–end

Psalm 127.1–4

Colossians 3.12–17

John 19.25–27

## Banns to be called: 8<sup>th</sup> March

**Banns to be called for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time at Stratton between Adam Michael Chevreau-Kareliussen & Katarina McKeever from the Parish of Baunton, marrying at St John Baptist, Cirencester, on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August.**

## Notices

### **Benefice Service**

This Sunday's Benefice service will be held at St Peter's Church, Stratton at 11am. All are welcome to attend, please join us if able.

### **Mothering Sunday at Stratton**

The 'Together Sunday' team at St Peter's Church, Stratton will be holding a Mothering Sunday service on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March at 9:30am. In addition to the usual activities (Bible Stories, Crafts, and Songs), the team will be on hand to assist with Posy Making. Posy making is a lovely tradition for Mothering Sunday, where small hand-tied bouquets of flowers are arranged and given as heartfelt gifts. They can be gifted to mothers, grandmothers, step-mothers, or anyone who has played a nurturing role in your life to say thank you for their care and support. Finished, as always, with a free continental breakfast. Please do come along!

### **Lent Course**

The Lent course this year is being held on five consecutive Mondays. The first session took place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February, and 3 dates now remain: the, 9th, 16th and 23rd of March. Sessions start at 7:00pm. We are using material, again, from John Birch of the Faith and Worship organisation. This particular course is entitled "Conversations with Jesus", in which we are studying some of the accounts of private conversations Jesus had with individuals (e.g. Nicodemus). Further details are available on the Benefice website or can be obtained from Mark Venn (email: [mark.w.venn@btinternet.com](mailto:mark.w.venn@btinternet.com)).

### **Eco – Church: Land and Nature**

The Land and Nature section of the Eco Church Survey invites us to consider the broader footprint of land connected with our buildings. Whether you have a small patch of ground or a more extensive area under your care, every space offers opportunities for faithful stewardship. For further information regarding the Land and Nature of your Church, please click the following link: [Overview-Land-and-Nature.pdf](#)

### **Plastic Poll**

Take part in the UK's biggest people-powered investigation into plastic waste. For one week in March, complete a quick poll by counting your plastic waste and help reveal the true scale of the problem. Together, we can call for a fair future free from the impacts of the plastics crisis: <https://tbpc2026.com/whatsapp-website>