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# CHURN VALLEY

The Week Ahead

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welcome to  
CHURN VALLEY BENEFICE

WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>  
2025

Upcoming March Services

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March

**Bagendon: Holy Communion 09:30am JA-M**

**Stratton: Mothering Sunday Service 09:30am DM**

**Elkstone: Morning Worship 11:00am JA-M**

**North Cerney: Mothering Sunday Service 11:00am DM**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 10:00am: Holy Communion at Stratton (JM)**

**BANNS TO BE CALLED SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025**



At the Parish Church of St Peter's Church, Stratton  
FOR THE SECOND TIME FOR:

***Callum Perry and Freya Killick***

*Of the parish of Cirencester*

*(Due to marry on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2025)*

READINGS SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

**Purple or Lent Array**

Exodus 2.1-10

Psalms 34.11-20

2 Corinthians 1.3-7

Luke 2.33-35

**The Collect**

**Merciful Lord,**

**absolve your people from their offences,**

**that through your bountiful goodness**

**we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins**

**which by our frailty we have committed;**

**grant this, heavenly Father,**

**for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour,**

**who is alive and reigns with you,**

**in the unity of the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, now and for ever.**



## Reading

### Psalm 34 (11-20)

Come, O Children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

**Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good?**

Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

**The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.**

The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the Earth.

**The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.**

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

**The righteous person may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all;**

he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken.

**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**

Joseph Bell, Ronald Brown, Gwendoline Copp, Frances Hearne, Susanna Harbord, Donald Leeson, Alaina Lawyer, Patricia Lucia, Ruth Nash

### **For our Prayers**

Brian Evans, Hugo Shepherd, Robert Farman, Neville Sabin, Richard Saunders, Dr Geoffrey Lockwood

### **Those who have died**

Margaret St.John, Torquil Norman, Colin Amsden

### **Funerals**

Interment of **Margaret St.John** at Stratton Churchyard, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm.

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



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Upcoming April Services

SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL:

**Bagendon: Matins 09:30am MG**

**Baunton Holy Communion: 09:30am MV**

**Stratton: Holy Communion 09:30am DM**

**Colesbourne: Matins 10:00am CH**

**Cowley: Holy Communion 11:00am DM**

**Elkstone: Morning Worship 11:00 MV**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 10:00am: Holy Communion at Stratton (DM)**

Readings Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March

**Purple or Lent Array**

Isaiah 43.16–21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3.4b–14

John 12.1–8



## News and Notices

# CHURN VALLEY BENEFICE

### **Bishop Rachel - 8th June**

We are delighted that The Bishop of Gloucester Rt. Rev'd Rachel Treweek is coming to our Benefice on 8<sup>th</sup> June to lead a Benefice Pentecost service. It will be held at Rendcomb and we would love to have as many people attend this special service as possible. Please save the date; more details to follow.

### **Lent Course Dates**

The Lent course this year, entitled "Becoming Church", started on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March. The remaining sessions, each beginning at 7:00pm, will be held in Stratton Rectory. Full details and resources are posted on the Benefice website (under "Lent Course"), or can be obtained by contacting Mark Venn ([mark.w.venn@btinternet.com](mailto:mark.w.venn@btinternet.com)).

### **Good Friday Walk – keep the date**

The Good Friday pilgrimage will take place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April. As has become our custom, we shall visit the Northern churches in the morning and the Southern ones in the afternoon, with a short meditation in each. Details will be posted on the Benefice website shortly, or can be obtained by contacting Mark Venn ([mark.w.venn@btinternet.com](mailto:mark.w.venn@btinternet.com)).

### **Mothering Sunday**

This is on a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday this year, when we normally have a benefice service. Mothering Sunday is a special day to celebrate all those in our lives so please join us for one of our services at Elkstone, North Cerney, Bagendon, and Stratton, with flowers for mums.

### **Benefice Newsletter**

If you would like to be added to the monthly Benefice Newsletter which arrives by email, please contact the office on:

[beneficeoffice.cv@gmail.com](mailto:beneficeoffice.cv@gmail.com)

**13<sup>th</sup> April – SAVE THE DATE** Janet's last Sunday in the Churn Valley Benefice will be 30<sup>th</sup> March and David's will be 20<sup>th</sup> April. We will be having a benefice farewell lunch for them both at North Cerney Village Hall, after the Palm Sunday Benefice service. If you are planning to come to the lunch please contact Hannah ([beneficeoffice.cv@gmail.com](mailto:beneficeoffice.cv@gmail.com)). If you could offer to bring food, please can you contact Beverly Ayling-Smith [baylingsmith@gmail.com](mailto:baylingsmith@gmail.com), who is co-ordinating the food.