

St. Mary, Wingfield

The Benefice of Bradford on Avon Holy Trinity,
Westwood and Wingfield

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NEWSLETTER

March - April 2019



The Rector writes.....

Spring awaits us as the days lengthen and the flowers begin to bloom, giving us every reason here in Wingfield to thank God for his goodness. And we certainly are extremely thankful to Bob & Marjorie Coulthard and their amazing team of enthusiastic and extremely hard-working and painstaking volunteer gardeners who have recently done wonders with our churchyard, opening up (quite literally) whole new vistas. We're very grateful to the Parish Council as well for their annual grant towards the (very costly) maintenance of the churchyard – which is of course *your* churchyard, as a parish. If you are not in the habit already, do wander down Church Lane now and again to have a look at the churchyard, and the church itself – both will happily enable you to while away an hour or so, and bring you peace.



And what better way to launch these two months of March and April than by celebrating 'Fairtrade Fortnight'! The Fairtrade Foundation, from very humble origins not so long ago in 1992, has done remarkable work both locally and globally in supporting small farmers and producers – *and their local communities* – across the world and raising awareness back home. After all, we are probably all now familiar with this blue and green logo from our supermarket shopping if nothing else. Westwood Parish Church has now resolved to become a 'Fairtrade Church' to show their commitment to God's creation - and this will include special events such as a 'Fairtrade Coffee Morning with Bring & Buy in aid of The Kadugli Diocese, Sudan' – so do join them at Westwood Parish Rooms on Saturday, 2 March from 11am as we enjoy each other's company, some Fairtrade refreshments and find a bargain or two!

So amidst the national and international political turmoil which will inevitably engulf us in March or April, turning our minds outwards to the lives and the needs of our global neighbours can only be a healthy and appropriate thing to do. Just as turning our minds to the spiritual certainties of Lent, Holy Week and Easter will be a healthy and appropriate thing to do. As we remember before God, ponder and reflect the Christian faith which is our gift, there for the taking. As we ponder the challenging time in the wilderness which Jesus spent at the very start of his ministry – where he wrestled, as do we, with all the temptations of this world – and then the rest of his short ministry, the humility, the love, the compassion, the leaning towards the poor and outcast. A ministry which was to lead to a cheap betrayal, and yet an agonising death on the cross out of love for the world, which was to set free that world he loved so much once and for all. And then we ponder the resurrection which we shall celebrate on 21 April, where he overcame the power of death and gave us that sense of abundant life which is ours today. Perhaps *this year*, that shared remembrance of events which took place so long ago, and yet which continue to shape lives today, will seem all the more poignant?

With my very best wishes and every blessing

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NEWS AND EVENTS FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2019



ASH WEDNESDAY – there will be a Holy Communion Service with the imposition of ashes at 10am on Wednesday, 6 March at St Mary the Virgin, Westwood and a Sung Eucharist at Holy Trinity at 7.30pm.

MONKTON CHAMBER CHOIR CONCERT – Friday, 22 March at 7pm. Our first concert in a while! So do come and enjoy the warm hospitality of St Mary's with the talented young musicians of Monkton Combe School. Contact David Robinson on 769018 or david.robinson@paultonsstreet.com for further information.

ST MARY'S ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING – this will take place on Sunday, 24 March after our service of Holy Communion – and a refreshment break. So do come and join us, hear what we have been up to in 2018 and, especially, let us have your thoughts for the year ahead.



MOTHERING SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE – Sunday, 31 March at 9.30am. This is a service of thanksgiving for all mothers, their care and concern for us, and for the love that they give us – as we remember especially the joy and the pain of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Do join us and collect a posy!

HIRING OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, BRADFORD ON AVON AND THE TOWER MEETING-ROOM – if you are interested in making a booking for your choir, your Chamber Group, your Sewing Group, your Bridge Group, your Craft Sale or whatever...please contact Sally on bradavonba@gmail.com who will be pleased to help!

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - Lent Lunches will be served at Holy Trinity Church, for six Wednesdays, starting with Ash Wednesday, 12 noon – 1.45 pm. Lunch will be soup, a bread roll and tea/ coffee with biscuit – all for £4.50. All proceeds will go to The Children's Society.

MESSY CHURCH AT HOLY TRINITY – a church for all ages, adults and families together, monthly on a Sunday afternoon. Free (but donations welcome!) and open to all: 17 March, 4pm (no April session). Session ends with a shared meal. For further information contact marlene.haffenden@googlemail.com

TRINITY CAFÉ - For people with memory problems, their families and carers and anyone who would enjoy some good company. Free refreshments & cake. Next Cafés? Thursday, 21 March & 25 April, 11am-1pm at Holy Trinity Church. Supported by the Health Centre, Alzheimer's Support and the Area Board.

WINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL's website can be found at: <http://wingfieldparish.info/>. This is a valuable community resource – complete with all the latest news and Parish Council Minutes - and if you have any material you would like to add to the site please email Tony Bennion, at tonybenn007@btinternet.com.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH AND APRIL – at 9.30am

For Holy Week and Easter Services see below



MARCH	<i>Date</i>	<i>Calendar</i>	<i>Readings</i>
<i>Morning Prayer</i> <i>Revd Dr Ali Green</i>	3	Sunday next before Lent	<i>Psalm 99</i> 2 Corinthians 3. 12 – 4. 2 Luke 9. 28-36
<i>Holy Communion</i> <i>Revd Canon Joanna Abecassis</i>	10	Lent 1	Romans 10. 8b-13 Luke 4. 1-13
<i>Family Service</i> <i>Revd Dr Ali Green</i>	17	Lent 2	Luke 13. 31-end
<i>Holy Communion</i> followed by our Annual Meeting <i>Revd Canon Joanna Abecassis</i>	24	Lent 3	Isaiah 55. 1-9 Luke 13. 1-9
<i>Family Service</i> <i>Revd Dr Ali Green</i>	31	MOTHERING SUNDAY	Exodus 2. 1-10 John 9. 25b-27
APRIL			
<i>Morning Prayer</i> <i>Revd Dr Ali Green</i>	7	Lent 5	<i>Psalm 126</i> Isaiah 43. 16-21 John 12. 1-8
<i>Holy Communion</i> <i>Revd Canon Joanna Abecassis</i>	14	PALM SUNDAY	Luke 19. 28-40 Philippians 2. 5-11 Dramatised reading of the Passion
<i>Liturgy of Good Friday</i> <i>Revd Canon Joanna Abecassis</i>	19	GOOD FRIDAY 10am	Hebrews 4. 14-16; 5. 7-9 John 18 & 19
<i>Family Holy Communion</i> <i>Revd Dr Ali Green</i>	21	EASTER DAY	Acts 10. 34-43 Luke 24. 1-12
<i>Holy Communion</i> <i>Revd Dr Ali Green</i>	28	Easter 2	Acts 5. 27-32 John 20. 19-end