

*A message from Mark .....As many of you know, Marjorie was in hospital after Christmas with the flu. She came out of hospital to the care home where she used to go for daycare, and last Sunday about 11am she went to be with her Saviour.*

*Funeral will be at Charlton Marshall; details to be confirmed later.*

**Please pray for**

- the family and friends of Marjorie Churchill and Adrian Tuite who sadly died this week. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

**And for those who are unwell and have asked for prayer:**

Ruby, John and Jo, Jane



*You can send a prayer need anytime to our dedicated email prayer network and our members will pray for you. You can also become a member of the prayer link. Simply email with your prayer need and/or your request to Tony Parker.*

#### **Contact details**

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#### **Readings for February 8th**

Genesis 1: 1 - 2:3      Romans 8: 18 - 25      Matthew 6: 25 - end

#### **The Two Rivers Benefice News Sheet.**

for the parishes of Spetisbury, Charlton Marshall, Blandford St Mary, Langton Long, Tarrant Rushton with Tarrant Rawston and Tarrant Keynston with Tarrant Crawford.



**'Seeking God, serving others, stronger together'.**

#### **Sunday February 1st**

10.45 - Together Communion at St Mary's Church, Blandford St Mary

#### **Readings**

1 Kings 17: 8 - 16      1 Corinthians 1: 18 - end      John 2: 1 - 11

#### **Collect for the day - Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

God our creator,  
who in the beginning  
commanded the light to shine out of darkness:  
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ  
may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,  
shine into the hearts of all your people,  
and reveal the knowledge of your glory  
in the face of 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.

#### **Post Communion prayer**

Generous Lord,  
in word and eucharist we have proclaimed  
the mystery of your love:  
help us so to live out our days  
that we may be signs of your wonders in the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

## Looking Ahead....

### Sunday February 8th

9:30 - Communion at St Mary's Church, Blandford St Mary  
11:00 - Morning Worship at All Saints Church, Langton Long  
11:00 - Family Service at St Mary's Church Tarrant Rushton

### Sunday February 15th

9:30 - Communion at St John the Baptist Church, Spetisbury  
9:30 - All Age Worship at St Mary's Church, Charlton Marshall  
11:00 - Morning worship at All Saints Church, Langton Long  
11:00 - Communion at All Saints Church, Tarrant Keynton

### Wednesday February 18th - Ash Wednesday

10.30 - Service for Ash Wednesday at All Saints church, Langton Long

**Morning Prayer** - Every Thursday by Zoom, 9:00am.

Use link below or join meeting with ID & Passcode

<https://tinyurl.com/TwoRiversBen>

The code for all Zoom services is: **705 869 3298**, passcode:**zB3Med**

**Home Group** - Next on Weds 11th February (and then fortnightly)

Everyone Welcome For more information please contact

Robin Turnbull at robin.turnbull@gmail.com

### Opportunities for Coffee, cake and community chat...

#### St John the Baptist Church, Spetisbury

1st and 3rd Mondays of each month 10:00 -11:30am

**St. Mary's Church Blandford St Mary** Monthly coffee and cake event - next on February 19th, 10:00 - 11:30am

**'CRAFTERNOONS'** First Thursday in the month at St. Mary's Church, Blandford St Mary , 2.00 - 4.00pm. £3.00 including refreshments

**'Good Companions'** (Bereavement support group) at **All Saints church**,

**Langton Long.** *Please note that in February and March,*

*Good Companions will meet at 12.30pm on the last TUESDAY in the month, i.e Tuesday 24th February and Tuesday 24th March, to enable people to attend the Wednesday Lent Lunches if they wish.*

*For further information, please contact Fiona: fionarowland@live.co.uk*

**Coffee Stop at Charlton Marshall Parish Centre**

10:30 - 12:30 Tues - Friday every week.



## What's Happening.....

*Everyone is invited to join in the following talks throughout Lent....*

### Milton and Blandford Deanery Present

**The Lent Deanery Lectures 2026**  
**Blandford Parish Centre, The Plocks,**  
**Blandford Forum DT11 7DW**  
**Wednesdays 1.30 pm to 3 pm**

#### 25th February: Canon Dr Clare Amos

#### 'The Gospel of Matthew - A mountain-top experience'

Clare's talk offers an introduction to this particular Gospel, drawing in art and music, as well as theological reflection.

Until her retirement Canon Dr Clare Amos was head of the interreligious office at the World Council of Churches, Geneva. She is a biblical scholar and teacher by background and enjoys sharing her enthusiasm for scripture with a wide range of people, both lay and ordained.

#### 4th March: Professor Christopher Hancock.

#### 'By what authority? Identity and conflict within the Church'

Professor Christopher Hancock is the Founding Director at Oxford House Research Ltd. Historically a theologian, who taught at Cambridge University and in the USA, his work has focused in the last twenty years on culture, ethics, and religion in contemporary geopolitics.

#### 11th March: Dr. David Edwin Orton P.H.D L.L.M.

#### "Interpreting the Bible for the Church",

Dr David Orton is an established translator and editor primarily working in the fields of Biblical studies, theology and religion.

#### 18th March: Revd Dr Helen Williams

#### 'Science and Faith'

Revd Dr Helen has a PhD from Cambridge in Astrophysics, specialising in the study of intergalactic gas clouds. She has previously been a science teacher and is an ordained priest, currently serving as the Team Vicar in the Shaftesbury Benefice.

