

# CHURN BENEFICE



# LENT

2026

## † WHAT MIGHT JESUS LOOK LIKE?

### **Artistic depictions of Jesus down the centuries**

On Thursdays during Lent, Father Jason will be leading a tour around the churches looking at the depictions of Jesus and how they fit into history. He will do a short repeat of these sessions online every Friday using the Compline link

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/312446493>

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 3-4.30pm: All Saints' North Moreton  
Repeated online Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 3-4.30pm: St Michael's Aston Tirrold  
Repeated online Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 3-4.30pm: St Michael's Blewbury  
Repeated online Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 3-4.30pm: St Mary's Upton  
Repeated online Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 3-4.30pm: St Andrew's Hagbourne  
Repeated online Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 7-8pm

## † ECUMENICAL LENT GROUP

Led by the Rev. Josie Midwinter and meeting at Jenny Loder's house in Didcot, on **Friday mornings during Lent** beginning on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February. We shall be looking at the book **Meeting God in John** by David F. Ford.

*Whether you are completely new to John's Gospel or have read it many times before, **Meeting God in John** will help you see the Fourth Gospel with fresh eyes and gain a deeper understanding of its essential meaning and purpose.*

**Fridays: 27 February, 6, 13, 20 & 27 March at 10.30 am - 12 noon**

Contact: Josie Midwinter [josie.midwinter@gmail.com](mailto:josie.midwinter@gmail.com)

Mobile: 07940186006

Contact the Benefice Office for Jenny's address and/or directions.

## † **COME AND SEE: DISCOVERING JESUS THROUGH THE EUCHARIST** – led by Revd Mark

The Eucharist, or Holy Communion, is at the heart of Christian spirituality and the life of the Church. Join Revd Mark online on **Wednesdays 7-8pm** to explore the meaning of this holy meal and the life of Jesus Christ. Each week a video by Bishop Steven will unpack a different aspect of the Eucharist, and we'll discuss how these ideas connect with our lives. Everyone is welcome. This is for people at any stage of their journey of faith.

Please join online using the Compline link  
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/312446493>

## † **QUIET TIME – ONLINE COMPLINE**

Every weekday Monday to Friday at 8pm (not just during Lent!) there is a short online service of reflective night prayer or “compline”. It lasts about 10 minutes and is a wonderful way of winding down at the end of the day. Join online via this link

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/312446493>.

## † **LENT LUNCHES**

There will be hot soup lunches served at St Andrew's Church on Saturdays between 12:30 – 2:00pm during Lent from 21<sup>st</sup> February until 28<sup>th</sup> March (inclusive).



The lunch will consist of homemade soup, fresh bread and cheese, fruit and/or cake plus a cup of tea or coffee.

The last soup lunch (28<sup>th</sup> March) will be in aid of Sobell House.

## † **STAINER'S CRUCIFIXION**

The choir at St Andrew's Hagbourne and surrounding areas will be singing Stainer's Crucifixion on **Passion Sunday, 22 March at 6pm** **St Andrew's Hagbourne**. Everyone welcome to attend!

**ALL singers** are welcome to come and sing in the joint choir. Weekly rehearsals start 12<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm at St Andrew's church with a final dress rehearsal on 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 3pm. For more information and to download music, please see

[https://colin-windsor.github.io/HomePage/Stainer\\_Crucifixion.htm](https://colin-windsor.github.io/HomePage/Stainer_Crucifixion.htm)

# Services leading up to and during Holy Week



## **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Passion Sunday**

We will start Passiontide at St Andrew's Hagbourne with a special service at 6pm which will include the performance of *Stainer's Crucifixion*.

## **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Palm Sunday**

10.30am Eucharist: St Michael's Blewbury

10.30am Online service

4pm Service of the word: All Saints' North Moreton

6pm Service of the word: St Andrew's Hagbourne

## **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

10.00am Holy Communion: St Andrew's Hagbourne

## **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Maundy Thursday**

8pm Benefice Eucharist with washing of feet and watch, stripping of the altar:

St Michael's Blewbury

## **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Good Friday**

2pm Hour at the Cross: Online

2pm Hour at the Cross: St Andrew's Hagbourne

2pm Hour at the Cross: All Saints' North Moreton

2pm Hour at the Cross: St Michael's Blewbury (with the choir)

## **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April - Holy Saturday**

8pm Easter Vigil: St Michael's Blewbury

## **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Day**

8am Holy Communion: St Michael's Blewbury

9.15am Eucharist: St Mary's Upton

10.30am Eucharist: St Michael's Aston Tirrold

10.30am Eucharist: St Michael's Blewbury

10.30am Eucharist: St Andrew's Hagbourne

10.30am Eucharist: All Saints' North Moreton

10.30am Eucharist: St John the Baptist South Moreton

10.30am Online service

5pm Organ recital: St Andrew's Hagbourne

6pm Service of the word: St Andrew's Hagbourne