

Wykeham Benefice Pew-sheet and Newsletter

2nd Sunday Before Lent

February 4th 2018

Collect Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Proverbs 8:1, 22-31

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?

²² The LORD created me at the beginning* of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.

²³ Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—

²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.

²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

²⁸ when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,

²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,

³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

Colossians 1:15-20

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in* him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in* him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

John 1:1-14

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life,* and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.*

10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own,* and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son,* full of grace and truth.

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The week ahead

Mon 5 th	9am Morning Prayer in Epwell 6pm – 7pm Junior Youth Group in Sibford Church
Tue 6 th	9.15am Morning Prayer in Broughton 10am Holy Communion in Tadmarton
Wed 7 th	8.45am Morning Prayer in Sibford 9.30am Holy Communion in Epwell 10am School Assembly at Bishop Carpenter School
Thu 8 th	Ronald's Day Off
Fri 9 th	9am Morning Prayer in Swalcliffe 11.30am Burial of Jeanne Wright 12noon Memorial Service for Jeanne Wright in St Mary's House 2.30pm Bishop Carpenter School Lent Service in school
Sat 10 th	9am Morning Prayer in Shutford 11am Burial of ashes Sibford. 7pm Sibford Pudding Club. Village Hall
Sun 11 th	8am BCP HC Sibford 9.30am HC@ Shutford (BCP) and Swalcliffe, Morning Praise @ Sibford 9.45am Morning Praise @ Epwell. 11am HC@ Broughton and Tadmarton

Wednesday 14th is **ASH WEDNESDAY** and the start of Lent. HC and Imposition of Ashes 9.30am & 7pm

For Prayer

Ironstone Benefice:

Drayton, Horley, Hornton, Hanwell, Shenington, Alkerton, Wroxton, Balscote.

John Reader, Hugh White, Lindy Bridgeman and Trina Wilcock, our response to the new housing developments and also the overall future of the benefice in a period of transition.

For the Children and Schools work; Worship development; Community Engagement

For the Banbury Food Bank

The Sick

Erica Wimbush, Geoff, Linda Nunneley, Sue Colquhoun, Doreen Pratt, Frank,

Lent Activities. Do look at the posters in churches with all the Lent study groups, lunches, and talks listed and do your best to attend at least some of them.

Sibford Pudding Club – shamelessly copying Taddy we will be holding our Pudding Club from 7pm on Saturday February 10th in Sibford Village Hall and you are all most welcome to join us. £6.