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CHURN VALLEY

The Week Ahead

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welcome to
CHURN VALLEY BENEFICE

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 12TH
2025

Upcoming March Services

Sunday 16th March

Bagendon: Holy Communion 09:30am HC

Colesbourne: Matins 09:30am MV

Stratton Church: Big Breakfast Bash 09:30am Team

Cowley: Morning Prayer 11:00am JA-M

Elkstone: Holy Communion 11:00 HC

**Wednesday 19th March 10:00am: Holy Communion at Stratton
(DM)**

BANNS TO BE CALLED SUNDAY 23RD MARCH 2025



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

Callum Perry and Freya Killick

Of the parish of Cirencester

(Due to marry on Saturday 24th May 2025)

READINGS SUNDAY 16TH MARCH

Purple or Lent Array

Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18

Psalms 27

Philippians 3.17-4.1

Luke 13.31-35

The Collect

Almighty God,

you show to those who are in error the light of your
truth,

that they may return to the way of righteousness:

grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,

that they may reject those things

that are contrary to their profession,

and follow all such things as are agreeable to the
same;

through our Lord Jesus Christ,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.



Reading

Psalm 27 (1-6)

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?

**When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,
came upon me to eat up my flesh,
they stumbled and fell.**

Through a host encamp against me,
my heart shall not be afraid,
and though there rise up war against me,
yet will I put my trust in him.

**One thing I have asked of the Lord,
and that alone I seek,
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,**

To behold the fair beauty of the Lord
and to seek his will in his temple.

**For in the day of trouble
he shall hide me in his shelter;
in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me
and set me high upon a rock.**

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

Paul Beard, Peter Empson, Katharine Gibbs, Derek Stanley, Herbert Woodward

For our Prayers

Brian Evans, Hugo Shepherd, Linda Wilks, Robert Farman, Dennis Minns, Neville Sabin, Richard Saunders, Dr Geoffrey Lockwood

Those who have died

Margaret St.John, Roger Fisher, Lindsay Baker

Funerals

Funeral of **Roger Fisher** at St Peters Church, Stratton, Thursday 13th March, 11:00am. Thanksgiving service for **Lindsay Baker** at St Giles Church, Coberley Church, Thursday 20th March at 11:00am. Interment of **Margaret St.John** at Stratton Churchyard, Sunday 18th May at 3pm.

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



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Colesbourne: Matins 09:30am MG

North Cerney: Matins 11:00am MG

Rendcomb: Holy Communion 11:00am JA-M

Stratton: Holy Communion 11:00 KS

Wednesday 26th March 10:00am: Holy Communion at Stratton (DM)

Readings Sunday 23rd March

Isaiah 55.1–9

Psalm 63.1–9

1 Corinthians 10.1–13

Luke 13.1–9

The Collect: Sunday 23rd March

Almighty God,

whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he
suffered pain,

and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the
cross,

may find it none other than the way of life and
peace;

through 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.



News and Notices

CHURN VALLEY BENEFICE

Big Breakfast Bash

Join us for our next Big Breakfast Bash on **Sunday 16th March, 9:30am**, at **Stratton Church** where we will be exploring the theme 'Washed with tears' alongside a free breakfast. All are welcome to attend this free event. Please note children must be accompanied by an adult. There are three more of these services in the diary. Sunday 18 May, Sunday 15 June, Sunday 20 July if you might be able to help either set up or tidy up after for any of these services please could you email Liz Wilcox, ewilcox487@btinternet.com or let her know on Sunday at the service.

Lent Course Dates

The Lent course this year, entitled "Becoming Church", started on Monday 10th 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).

Good Friday Walk – keep the date

The Good Friday pilgrimage will take place on Friday 18th 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).

Mothering Sunday

This is on a 5th 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

13th April – SAVE THE DATE Janet's last Sunday in the Churn Valley Benefice will be 30th March and David's will be 20th 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). If you could offer to bring food, please can you contact Beverly Ayling-Smith baylingsmith@gmail.com, who is co-ordinating the food.

