

Lord, this week has seen a lot of unrest. Millions of people have faced disruption either through being on strike or because of the strikes. It is very unsettling and difficult and can make life feel very uncertain for both the strikers and those caught up in the effects of industrial action. We pray for calm resolution, fair and just settlements, genuine engagement for all sides in the negotiations and for people to listen and find empathy for each other.

Lord, three years on from Brexit and we are still aware of the vast gulfs between the different sides in the debate. We are aware that there are vastly different opinions held about Brexit and that peoples lived experiences since Brexit are wildly different. It's emotive and hard to talk about, but we pray that as your people we would seek to be those who bring reconciliation and healing, to show support where needed, and kindness to others – even when they may hold views quite different to ours. Help us to view everyone we encounter as a child of God and to engage with others as precious beings in your creation.

God of all, we pray for the communities we live in and the communities across this world that we are associated with. We pray for the people we encounter in our villages, towns and cities. For colleagues, friends and neighbours. For those who are suffering and those who are well. For those who are finding the cost of living hard to bear and for those who want for nothing. For those we like and those we don't. For the leaders and those who are led. For the powerful people, and the powerless. For everyone we encounter in our daily lives, we pray for them all and ask that you bring your transformation and divine peace.

Church website. Check out the website regularly for updates and news of services etc.

Weekly Notices

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Services for February 5th
3rd. Sunday before Lent
8am Holy Communion BCP

10am Parish Eucharist
Hymns: 3,13, 532, 188

Readings:

Isaiah 58; 1-9
Psalm 112
1 Corinthians 2: 1-12
Matthew 5: 13-20

6pm Evening Prayer

Readings:
Psalm 4
Amos 2: 4 –end
Ephesians 4: 17– end

February 12th
2nd Sunday before Lent
8am Holy Communion BCP

10 00am Parish Eucharist
Hymns: 242, 53, 63, 188

Readings:

Genesis 1. 1-2.3
Romans 8: 18 –25
Matthew 6: 25– end

6pm Evening Prayer

Readings:
Psalm 148
Proverbs 8: 1, 22-31
Revelation 4

The Collect Prayer for today

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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.

Collect Prayer for Peace

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; 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.

Wigginton History Society

Tuesday Feb 7th - 8pm start Village Hall, Wigginton

The Legend of the White Mouse

“The Legend of the White Mouse” tells the story of WW2 spy Nancy Wake who became a hugely successful spy for the famous SOE (Special Operations Executive) and the Gestapo’s ‘Most Wanted’ agent in France.

Our speaker Paul Barwick (Litvinenko talk last year) had a full career in police intelligence and counter terrorism, will explore her life and amazing exploits making her one of the most decorated Allied agents of the war.



Everybody welcome to our meeting.
Cost £4.00 inc. refreshments

The Bluebird Belles



The Bluebird Belles are coming back to Wigginton on Thursday October 26th. 2023

The Concert starts at 7.30pm with an interval for drinks. Add the date to your diary!
Book Early here Tickets £15

The Notices are printed out every Friday. If there is anything you would like added to the Weekly Notices, could I please have it by the Friday evening. Phone: 01442 823273

Our Bookshop IS OPEN for swapping books. Please feel free to borrow books from the library or bring books in for others to share

The Berkhamsted Walk

The Berkhamsted Walk – Sunday 30th April 2023

Join in the Berkhamsted Walk to raise funds for The Children’s Society. The walk is Berkhamsted’s longest-standing sponsored walk and since 1968 has raised over £300,000. The money raised is given to The Children’s Society, who work tirelessly on projects to help children of this country facing neglect and abuse, with nowhere else to turn.

All walks this year start from Kitchener’s Fields, Castle Hill, Berkhamsted HP4 1HE - by the Cricket Club. There is an 18 mile walk for the adventurous, a 12-mile Bluebell walk and a family friendly 6-mile walk. Find out how you can participate and register at www.berkhamstedwalk.com.

To find out more about The Children's Society's work, take a look at their website: www.childrenssociety.org.uk