

Woburn Benefice Weekly News

Serving the parishes of Battlesden with Potsgrove, Eversholt, Milton Bryan, Woburn and our neighbouring communities



Week commencing 21st April 2024

Guitar Concert at St Michael's, Woburn Sands

St Michael's Church
Church Road, Woburn Sands, MK17 8TA

MARK JENNINGS
ON CLASSICAL GUITAR
THE SPIRIT OF SPAIN

AN EVENING OF VIRTUOSO CLASSICS
Saturday 27th April, 2024
6:00 - 7:00PM

Tickets: Adult - £12
Followed by refreshments (by donation)

Enquiries:
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Church Prayer Meeting

The next fortnightly church prayer meeting is this coming Monday 22nd April 2024 at 8.00 pm. It will be via Zoom and will last a maximum of one hour. Prayer is a sacrifice, it's not natural or easy for anyone, BUT there is lots to pray for across our parishes, so please do consider making an offering of one hour of your time to the Lord in this ministry.

Ezekiel 22:30 is something to consider when we wonder if our prayers will make a difference, it says: *I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one.*

To receive the Zoom link please text your email address to Ian Wayment – 07885 756114 or Steve Apted – 07768 547640 or speak to them after the Sunday morning service.

Returning to the Common Cup



The latest guidance from the Church of England is that we should now be offering the chalice at services of Holy Communion as we used to do before Covid, sharing the 'common cup'. If you do not feel comfortable sharing the chalice, you can simply take the wafer at the altar rail, and then return to your seat. This is known as receiving in 'one kind', as we did for a time during Covid. Please be assured if you choose to do this you are still receiving the Real Presence of Christ.

It is not considered hygienic for people to dip their wafers in the wine, so please refrain from doing so. The high alcohol content of the wine, and the silver chalice, both help to minimise the risk of infection from sharing the common cup.

Let's continue to let Christ feed us and be present in our midst as we share communion together as a church family.

Ploughman's Lunch with a glass of wine



On Saturday 4th May 2024 at 12.30 pm at Milton Bryan Village Hall, Milton Bryan Church are hosting a Ploughman's Lunch with a glass of wine. There will be a raffle and tea/coffee.

Guest speaker, Mr Evan Willison will tell "Tales of the Auction House".

Tickets cost £12.50—please book through Gwen 01525 210016.

All profits will go to the upkeep and maintenance of Milton Bryan Church

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Woburn Benefice Connect Groups Monthly Dog Walk

A Huge Thank You to all the regulars and New Faces who have joined us for our Monthly Connect Groups Dog Walks.



(Walking in fellowship with our four-legged friends)

Our next walk will be at Ampthill Great Park on Saturday 20th April 2024. If you'd like to join us, even without a dog, please email below and we can add you to our new WhatsApp group too!

Email us: christian.sawers@gmail.com
Christian & Paula Sawers (and Bailey)

Ascension Day Service at St Michael's Woburn Sands

It is lovely to gather with other churches across the Deanery to celebrate the return of Jesus to heaven.

Once again, this year St Michaels's Church in Woburn Sands are holding a simple service of Holy Communion on Thursday 9th May 2024 at 7.00 pm. Members of the Woburn Benefice will be most welcome.

Book Club

Did you know that we have a Book Club in the Benefice? We meet every 6 or 8 weeks by Zoom having read a book with a Christian theme. It's fascinating to see the different perspectives and to develop and share ideas about our faith. Books we have read over the last months have included items as diverse as *The Sun Does Shine* by Anthony Ray Hinton to *Come with me through Revelation* by David Pawson, from *How to Pray* by Peter Greig to *The Abolition of Man* by C S Lewis. The next meeting is planned for Saturday 18th May 2024 at 2.00 pm and the book we are going to discuss is 'If You Bite and Devour One Another' by Alexander Strauch. If you would like to join please contact Steve Apted at s.apted@sky.com

Readings for this Sunday

The readings for this Sunday are shown below if you would like to follow them even if you were not able to get to church—or you would like to re-read them if you did.

Readings:

1 John 3 verses 16 to end
John 10 verses 11 to 18

Upcoming Services and Events

Battlesden

12 May 9.00 am Holy Communion

Eversholt

21 Apr 5.00 pm Family Evensong
3 May 7.00 pm APCM
5 May 9.00 am Holy Communion

Milton Bryan

28 Apr 9.00 am Holy Communion
12 May 11.00 am Songs of Praise

Woburn

21 Apr 10.30 am Informal Communion
28 Apr 10.30 am Formal Communion
2 May 10.00 am BCP Communion
5 May 10.30 am Informal Communion
5 May 6.00 pm Choral Evensong
12 May 10.30 am Formal Communion

Eversholt Church APCM



Eversholt Church APCM this year will be on Friday 3rd May 2024 at 7.00 pm in St John the Baptist Church, Eversholt

Bishop of St Albans Garden - summer opening

  BEDS & HERTS
Historic Churches Trust

Open Garden

2pm – 4pm
Sundays between
9 June and 11 August

The Bishop of St Albans' Hidden Garden
A two acre oasis in the heart of the City of St Albans

Abbey Gate House
Abbey Mill Lane
AL3 4HD

Entrance £5 per person (children free) dog on leads – no toilet facilities

In aid of Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust

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