The Deanery of Burnham and Slough News from around the Deanery March 2024

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Upcoming dates for your diary

Children and Youth meeting re national bid funding - 7.30pm 18th April location TBA Deanery Chapter catch up online 23rd April 2.30pm - 3.30pm Mission and Pastoral Committee 7.30pm 30th April at the Vicarage - Colnbrook



EMBRACING THE CHALLENGE: LIVING THE BEATITUDES IN OUR DAILY LIVES

As we journey through Lent, a season of reflection and renewal, many of us have been engaging in a lent course of some sort, at St Mary's Datchet the course of choice this year is the Beatitudes.These are teachings that challenge us to embody the virtues of Christ's Sermon on the Mount. These principles are not only tough to understand but even tougher to live out, demanding a radical shift in how we view blessedness and how we act in our world.

The Beatitudes call us to humility, mercy, righteousness, purity, peace, and resilience in the face of persecution. They invite us to a deeper joy found in our relationship with God, not in worldly acclaim or comfort. This path is not easy. It asks for a commitment to transform our hearts and actions, to seek justice, to offer forgiveness, and to be agents of peace in a divisive world. In our Lenten journey, let's support each other as we strive to live out these challenging but rewarding teachings. Let's share our struggles and victories, knowing we are not alone in this spiritual endeavour. Together, we can grow closer to embodying the Beatitudes, finding strength in our community and the grace of God to guide us.

May this season be a time of profound reflection and spiritual growth, as we embrace the challenge of the Beatitudes and their transformative power in our lives.

Revd Canon Janet Binns - Area Dean



TRAINING TO LEAD SERVICES WITH COMMUNION BY EXTENSION

SATURDAY 27TH APRIL ST ANDREWS STOKE POGES



The Diocese is organising a training day for anyone seeking to be authorised to lead services with Communion by Extension. To undertake the training you must first have the following in place:

- 1. Confirmation that the PCC have agreed for you to receive authorisation.
- 2. A note of support from either a Vocations Adviser or the Area Dean (essentially, someone beyond the parish itself)
- 3. Evidence that Leadership safeguarding has been completed
- 4. Evidence of current DBS . if you would like to join the course please contact the Deanery Administrator for further information.

CORAL EVENSONG

SUNDAY 24TH MARCH 6.30PM ST MARY THE VIRGIN DATCHET

Choral Evensong takes place on the 4th Sunday monthly. We are blessed with a beautiful choir drawn from members of community and other churches in the area. Led by Andrew Piggott the choir sings music of sufficient complexity that it requires some training and rehearsal. We would love to see more people enjoying this wonderful service. Do join us for our next service detailed above Everyone welcome.

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Ensemble

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Wintershall The Life of Christ

Saturday June 22nd

We are hoping to get a coach from Burnham cost max £50 including £35 ticket

check out www.wintershall.org.uk



£20 deposit payable by end of February to confirm a ticket and a place on the coach.

If we can fill a coach the cost will be less.

Please email jenny.dobson@stpetersburnham.org for more information or to register your interest

DEANERY PRAYER

Our weekly prayer session meets at 4pm every Thursday during term time. when we pray for all aspects of our Deanery. Please join us on Zoom. Login: Meeting ID: 845 3616 6987 Passcode: 043287.