

SERVICES MARCH 2015

ALDERTON WASHBOURNE DUMBLETON WORMINGTON

1st Sun 9.00 am 10.30 am
 March 1st P.C.C.W Mattins
 Lent 2

Purple Readings: Gen. 17 1-7, 15-16; Rom. 4 13-25; Mark 8 31-38

2nd Sun 10.30 am 9.00 am
 March. 8th P.C.C.W P.C. C.W.
 Lent 3
 M.West

Purple Readings: Exod. 20 1-17; 1 Cor. 1 18-25; John 2 13 –22

3rd Sun 15th 8.00 am 9.00 am 10.30 am 6.00 pm
 Mothering H.C. B.C.P P.C.C.W Mothering Sunday Evensong
 Sunday Mrs.McIlwraith Service

Purple Readings: Exod. 2 1-10; 2 Cor.1 3-7; Luke 2 33-35

4th Sun 10.30 am 9.00 am
 March 22nd P.C.C.W H.C. B.C.P.
 Lent 5 Mrs.S.Thurland

Purple Readings: Jer. 31 31-34; Heb. 5 5-10; John 12 20-33

5th Sun 10.30 am
 March 29th All Age
 Palm Sun. Worship
 Mrs.R.Smith

 Readings: Isa. 50 4-9a; Phil. 2 5-11; Mark 15 1-39
 Wednesday 4th March 4.30. pm Evening Prayer Great Washbourne

ST. MARGARETS ALDERTON, ST. MARY'S GREAT WASHBOURNE
 with
 ST. PETER'S DUMBLETON, ST. KATHARINE'S WORMINGTON

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Dear Friends,

I suppose that every family have their own favourite and much used phrases or 'sayings'. My father's was 'My goodness it looks black over Bill's mothers', meaning that the distant sky looked dark and stormy. Grandma's was 'Kind words butter no parsnips' when someone offered to help her with a task but only spoke the words. My mother's was 'Don't believe a word he/she says...her promises are like pie crusts.(i.e meant to be broken).

And so the General Election is on the horizon and out pour the politicians promising all kinds of things which they failed to deliver when any of them were in power. They must think we've fallen off a flittin (slate roof) if they think we can't see through their 'promises'. We can almost imagine them working out their strategies...'Promise the gullible electorate anything and once we are in power forget them...there's nothing they can do'.

A promise for me is almost a sacred thing. At my Confirmation I made promises to God which I have tried (and sometimes to my shame) failed to live up to. On my Wedding Day I made promises to my Bride which I have kept. I made private promises to my parents through the years and, once again, did all in my power to keep. A promise is something very special made between two parties and not done on the spur of the moment or without deep thought and reflection. That is why I don't jump on the New Year's Eve Bandwagon... resolutions which aren't meant to last and never do! What was your last promise? I mean a promise you really wished (and still wish) to keep? Do you make them knowing you have no intention of keeping them? Do you make them with the thought 'No harm done if I break them'? It is why I am sceptical about making promises in Lent. I will give up chocolate. I will give up cigarettes. I will give up this or that. And more often than not we feel pressurised into making promises in Lent which only make us feel miserablenot what Lent is about.

Instead of making pie crust promises...look at the adverts on television. Children dying through malnutrition; foul diseases from even fouler water supplies; blindness which can be cured; cancers which we ought to obliterate. No pie crust promises this Lent.....try instead to save a lifedo something positive.

Best wishes,
 Nick Carter (Vicar).

CHURCHWARDENS

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CONFIRMATION

A reminder that any youngsters who would like to be confirmed should give their names to the Vicar by Easter and any adults who would like to explore Confirmation can privately speak to the Vicar before committing themselves.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year the service takes place in the Methodist Church Winchcombe, on Friday 6th March at 1.45 pm. The Service has been organised by the women of the Bahamas—the theme ‘ Jesus said to them; Do you know what I have done to you?’

ALDERTON

Holy Communion at 8.00 am Services - these will start again on March 15th for the summer months.

On January 25th, after the service, a card and collection went round for the Rev'd John Partington, Team Rector, who is leaving Winchcombe and moving to Coln St. Aldwyns after his ten years in Winchcombe. We wish him well in his new post.

Church Spring Clean: this will take place between Monday 16th March and Saturday 21st. We would very much appreciate your help. There is a list of jobs to be done on the Leaflet Shelf in the Church, so please do put your name down and do the job at a time most convenient to you and tick when the job is completed. For more help or information please contact Carla (620600)

Churchyard Mowing Rota commences on March 15th. Thanks to all for keeping the grass in good condition last year. Also thanks to Matthew for his services over the years. He remains available for cover. Welcome to Nigel Roe, who joins the gang. A special thanks to David Johnson, who services the mower. The first mow will cover the conservation area. Then on **March 21st** there will be the **Annual Churchyard tidy-up** between 10.00 am—200 pm. Please come along whether you can spare 2 hours or just 30 minutes, your help will be appreciated. It is particularly important that the Conservation Area is maintained.

Easter Flowers: If anyone would like to give a donation towards Easter Flowers in memory

of a loved one, please place it in the wall safe by the north door of the Church or give it to Carla.

Easter Decoration. The Church will be decorated for the Festival on Sat. 4th April starting at 9.00 am.— we would appreciate as much help as possible.

R.I.P

February 24th - William Andrew Brown

MOTHERS' UNION

Please note that instead of a meeting this month we will be attending the Deanery Lady Day Service at Ashchurch on Wednesday 25th March (Lady Day) at 2.00 pm. Transport will be organised nearer the time. Please remember to send in your donations, if you so wish, for the ‘Make a Mother's Day Appeal’

NORTH COTSWOLD FOOD BANK

At the last M.U. meeting Rhian Morgan, (Area Organiser), gave a most interesting talk/explanation on the work of the North Cotswold Food Bank. Please continue to help by donating packeted or tinned groceries to the box in Alderton Stores. As we learnt they are so grateful for all the kind donations from the village.

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Lent: During Lent prayers will be said daily in St. Mary's Church as in previous years. Please sign the rota in the Church for the days you are able to participate.

The AGM: This will be held in the Church on Tuesday 31st March at 7.30 pm. Do try to come along to the meeting as we do need to organise fund raising events for 2015.

The Annual Summer Supper Evening will be held on Friday 26th June starting at 6.30 pm. Please make a note of the date in your diaries so you are able to come along.

DUMBLETON

Church Cleaning Team. We are very grateful for the positive response for more volunteers to join our church cleaning teams.

Mothering Sunday March 15th. We would like to continue to support the Winchcombe Food Bank and would be grateful for gifts of tinned or dried food to be brought to Church on Mothering Sunday.

Annual Church Spring Clean on Sat. March 28th 10.00 am: all hands on deck please to give our beautiful church its annual thorough clean ready for Easter. Refreshments will be served.

Church Flowers: the annual Church Flower Rota will be decided at a forthcoming coffee morning. If you would like to be included, you do not need to be of a professional standard, you will receive a very warm welcome. Please contact Jenny Mahler 881474 for further details.

The Annual Church Parochial meeting to elect Churchwardens followed by the AGM will take place after the 10.30 am Service on **April 19th.**

Dumbleton W.I. 2015 is the W.I.'s Centenary Year and the Dumbleton Branch to hold several village events. On **March 19th** the Centenary baton will be coming to Dumbleton for us to transport by tractor and beaters' wagon to Toddington. Please support us by coming to see us off and partake of free coffee and cakes between **1. 30 -2.15 pm**

Whalebone - a totally awesome concert of acoustic music at our own Village Hall on Saturday 14th March at 7.30 pm., Refreshments will be available. Please book early— tickets £8 (£5 children) from Rob Mercer 01386 882464 or email rmercer@tiscali.co.uk Or 01386 881153

WORMINGTON

Parish Communion—February 22nd.

We welcomed the Ven. Robert Springett, Archdeacon of Cheltenham, who took our Parish Communion Service on Sunday February 22nd.

The PCC AGM will be held on **Sunday 15th March at 7.00 pm.** All are welcome to attend.

Church Spring Cleaning. A list of spring cleaning jobs will be on the font from the beginning of March. We welcome as many volunteers as possible to come and help the regulars to give St. Katharine's a spruce up! Please put your name against the jobs you are able to do. This should be completed by April 4th when we will be decorating the Church for Easter. .

Easter Flowers: Baskets will be in the foyer of Barbara Smith's house, “Fairways” from the week beginning March 30th Please help yourself to contribute to the decoration of St. Katharine's Church for Sat. 4th April. If you would prefer to donate some money for flowers please contact Barbara —01385 584 371

The WVS Village Lunch will be on Monday 16th March at 12 noon. Come and enjoy