

The Parish of Brize Norton  
St Britius Church  
News Sheet – February 2016

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*During February we are thinking about mission*

**Services:**

**Sunday 7 February - Christingle Service**

**10.00am** All age Family Communion with Baptism: see service booklet

**Ash Wednesday 10 Feb. - 7:00pm** Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes

**Sunday 14 February - The First Sunday of Lent**

**9.15 am** Holy Communion. Readings: *Romans 10.8b-13, Luke 4.1-13*

**Wednesday 17 February - 7:00 pm** Holy Communion

**Sunday 21 February - The Second Sunday of Lent**

**9.15am** Holy Communion. Readings: *Philippians 3.17-4.1, Luke 13.31-35*

**4.00pm** Messy Church at St John's Church

**7.00pm** Padre Service at St John's Church

**Wednesday 24 February - 7:00pm** Holy Communion

**Sunday 28 February – The Third Sunday of Lent**

**9.15am** Holy Communion. Readings: *1 Corinthians 10.1-13, Luke 13.1-9*

**2.30pm** Forest Church: Meet at the metal horses on Kilkenny Country park

**7.00pm-9.00pm** Grace - at the Vicarage

**Wednesday 2 March - 7:00pm** Holy Communion

**Friday 4 March 7:00pm Women's World Day of Prayer Service at Carterton**

**Methodist Church.** Prepared by Christian women of Cuba. The service is followed by refreshments. All are welcome!

**Sunday 6 March - The Fourth Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday**

**10.00am** Family Communion. Readings: *2 Corinthians 5.16-21, Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32*

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**Anniversaries this month**

Margaret Haley, Ronald Woodley, John Cambray, Margaret Pratt, Elizabeth Print, Dorothy Harris, Philip Faulkner, Christabel Timms, Olive Warwick, Jean Tyrrell, Kevin Bull, Joseph Chester, Arthur Thorne



**Regular weekly events in Church:**

**Pilgrim Lunch:** Mondays - 12.30pm-1.30pm. Lunch and discussion.

**Buggy Club:** There is no buggy club this month; it will restart in warmer weather

**Forest Church:** Please gather at the metal horses on Kilkenny

Country park 2.30pm -3.30pm, Sunday 28 February.



**Grace:** A time of fellowship at the Vicarage, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm-9pm

**Church Funds:** Now that the church is warm and dry our attention turns to the ongoing problem of paying our way. Each year we are expected to contribute a very large amount of money (around £15,000) as our Parish Share, paying towards our vicar's salary and many other costs within the Deanery & Diocese. This means finding more than £1,000 each month over and above our own running and maintenance costs (electricity, insurance, water etc., etc.). We hope to revisit some of the successful fund raising activities from "Stop the Drips at St Brits", but meanwhile, you can help by joining or by renewing your Friends of St Britius Subscription. Please find a leaflet in church or ask Mary for details and a copy of the last Friend's newsletter.

**Smarties Tubes:** We are launching the return of the popular 'Smarties Tube' appeal at the Christingle Service



on 7 February. Please take a tube of Smarties, eat the Smarties as a present from us, but then fill the tube with coins (£1 or 20p coins fit well) and return it to us after Easter. The proceeds will go towards our general funds.

**Lent Course :** We are starting our Lent Course after Church (7.30pm) on Wednesdays at Church Farm House beginning on 10 February. Please do feel very welcome to come along.

**Mothering Sunday 6 March:** If you would like to help Carolyn prepare the posies for Mothering Sunday, please speak to her. She is planning to make them on the morning of Saturday 5 March.



**Dates for your diary**

Wednesday 10 February – Lent Course starts

Friday 4 March, 7.00pm – Womens World Day of Prayer service at Carterton Methodist Church

Tuesday 15 March, 7.30pm – PCC meeting at Church Farm House

Sunday 10 April , 10.30am in Church – Annual Parochial Church Meeting.