

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



1) SERVICES

THIS WEEK

A) SUNDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 10.30 AM SERVICE OF THE WORD led by Marion Burke and Jo Fageant

HYMNS

100 Christ is the world's true light
67 Be still, for the presence of the Lord
70 Be thou my vision
419 Lord, the light of your love is shining

ORGANIST

Oliver Williams

READERS

Julian Shelley - 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Henry Miles - Luke 9:28-36

PRAYERS

Jo and Marion

b) 6PM at St Nic's CTNA GATHERING SERVICE

Join with Christians Together in the Newbury Area as we praise God for all he is doing and pray for our town and surrounding area and the world beyond. There will be displays from our CTNA organizations in the Hall afterwards. Do come and celebrate and see what is happening and how you could be involved

c) ASH WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH 7.30 PM in St Mary's: A benefice service led by Rev Will Hunter Smart.

HYMNS

Come Down O Love Divine
Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
Rock of ages
Dear Lord and Father of mankind

ORGANIST Andy Stancliffe

d) NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 6TH MARCH 10.30AM HOLY COMMUNION led by Rev Janice Macdonald.

And

e) 6pm EVENSONG led by Rev Pam McKellen. This will be a sung service but will not be "Choral Evensong". Close contact in choirs and COVID are still not a happy combination. We can look forward to having the full Evensong choir, in full voice, back in April.

2) OTHER MIDWEEK EVENTS AT ST M'S

2-4pm pm Church open for private prayer.

Additionally, Wednesday has been designated a **global day of prayer and fasting** for the events in Ukraine. Take a moment on Wednesday to pray –, why not come into church and pray here.

3) LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday 1st March is Shrove Tuesday. PANCAKE DAY!



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If you would like to pop in to the Majendie Hall between 3.30 and 5pm, we will be serving pancakes. You are welcome to join us! These will be the normal version of pancakes not the scotch ones we have had before. Lemon and sugar, or chocolate or.....

4) **FRIDAY 4TH MARCH 10,30 AM AT ST MARY'S, SHAW: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

St Mary's, Shaw is hosting the annual World Day of Prayer event, this year compiled by the women of England, Wales and Northern Island, with the theme, *I know the plans I have for you*. The service is being led by church representatives across the Newbury area, including our own Rev Janice, will be taking part.

Do join us and take the opportunity to worship with old friends and new. There will be refreshments in the Church Centre afterwards. All are welcome!

5) LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH



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Back in November 2020, the Church of England published 'Living in Love and Faith' (LLF) to help us to explore Christian teaching and learning about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. These are sensitive issues that are important but not easy to talk about. During March and April we have the opportunity to take a look at these issues, to listen to and to learn from each other using the LLF resources, with the chance to give feedback to the national church, all of which will be taken into account and could significantly reshape the Church of England. There are two opportunities across the Benefice to join in with the course

–
15th, 22nd, 29th March and 5th April at 8pm in St Nic's Church hall.

22nd, 29th March and 5th and 19th April at 2.30pm at St Mary's (venue to be decided).

Please join us if you would like to – please register via the St Nic's Church Office on 01635 47018 or office@st-nics.org

6) REFRESHMENTS AFTER SERVICES

From Sunday 6th March, St M's will be serving tea and coffee on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. Hooray.

COFFEE AT SHOEMAKERS

Similarly, the Coffee Shop part of Shoemakers bookshop, in the alley opposite St Nic's, is now up and running on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. They serve really good coffee served from the coffee machine for which St M's donated. Steve there would be delighted to chat about books any time.

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