

March 1st	Women's World Day of Prayer. This service, which has been prepared by women in Slovenia, will be held at 7.30 p.m. in the Chapel. It is run jointly with our friends from St. Swithun's and is open to all, including men. It is always a moving and inspirational service, with refreshments afterwards. Please make a note of it, in your diaries and tell others about it.
March 3rd	10.30 a.m. Sunday School. Week 7, a final revision session of the Bible Exploration. 5 p.m. Service led by Pete Honeyball. Pete is a local preacher from Chinnor.
March 10th	10.30 a.m. Sunday School. We continue with our occasional series on the miracles of Jesus, with the story of Blind Bartimaeus. 5 p.m. Holy Communion led by Rev Donna Broadbent-Kelly. 6.15 Chapel Council Meeting
March 17th	10.30 a.m. Sunday School. On this Sunday, we will hold the exam for the Bible Exploration. 5 p.m. Service led by Rev Rom Micklem. Rom is a United Reform Minister, with responsibility for the Methodist/URC congregation at Thame and the Methodists at Chinnor, Cuddington and Haddenham.
March 24th	10.30 a.m. Sunday School. We shall learn about Jesus and the Marriage at Cana. 5 p.m. Service led by Frankie Fisher with the support of the Worship Group – which provides everyone with a chance to have some direct input to the evening's worship.
March 31st	Mothering Sunday. We expect to be holding a Family Service at either St. Swithun's at 11 a.m. or at the Chapel at 10.30 a.m. Arrangements to be confirmed. 5 p.m. Service led by Rev Helen Kirk.

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In the last few months, we have been talking about our 5-year plan for the chapel, and a draft has been produced for further discussion. It will be finalised in time for agreement at the Chapel Council meeting, which is taking place after the evening service on Sunday March 10th.

We have already agreed, as part of this plan, to continue producing a quarterly newsletter, as we did last quarter. We are also planning to offer other ways of communicating with people, in keeping with all that the internet has to offer us.

We are also planning to continue with a monthly 'Come As You Are' meeting at 'Kelston'. These meetings have been times when we can talk about our ideas and understanding of different aspects of our faith, in an atmosphere that is loving and open to differences, while remaining challenging. Our first meeting of 2019 will be an opportunity for us to share our ideas about the nature of the Bible, and its relevance or otherwise to our lives today.

During Lent, which starts on 6th March, Ash Wednesday (the day after Pancake Tuesday), and runs through to Easter Sunday, 21st April, we plan to join with members of St. Swithun's in a joint Lent Study instead of a CAYA meeting. This will culminate in another Maundy Thursday service at the chapel on 18th April, so please make a note of this date in your diaries.

We are also planning to have a family-friendly 'Bingo' session during the quarter, as both a social occasion and a fund-raiser, though the date has yet to be confirmed.

For up-to-date information on the chapel and events around the circuit, look at the Circuit website www.aylesburyvale.org.uk. Swanbourne has its own page on the website (under Churches) and Ruth Marsden has volunteered to help keep this page up to date in the future.

Chapel Diary

January 6th	<p>10.30 a.m. Sunday School We shall look at the Young Person's parts of the 5-year plan, and also hear the story of Jairus's daughter.</p> <p>5 p.m. Covenant Service and Holy Communion, led by our minister, Rev Donna Broadbent-Kelly, to which we invite our friends from St. Swithun's. This service, in which we dedicate ourselves to serve God for the coming year, is particular to Methodism, but has relevance for all Christians.</p>
January 13th	<p>10.30 a.m. Café Church, led by Frankie Fisher. An informal service, very popular with our young folk, with croissants, etc., songs, prayers and craft activity.</p> <p>5 p.m. Service led by Rev Helen Kirk, our circuit superintendent minister from Aylesbury.</p>
Monday January 16th	<p>7.45 p.m. Come As You Are at 'Kelston', Mursley Road. This is an opportunity to meet together in a relaxed atmosphere, to discuss and share ideas of matters of our Christian Faith.</p>
January 20th	<p>10.30 a.m. Sunday School. We are beginning our Bible Exploration. This year, the topic is Discipleship, and we will also start preparation for Confirmation for Amy and Charlotte. Week 1 is on 'The First Disciples'.</p> <p>5 p.m. Service led by Mr John Bush, an Anglican preacher from Weedon.</p>
January 27th	<p>10.30 a.m. Sunday School. Continuing the Bible Exploration. Week 2 'Learning'.</p>

	<p>5 p.m. Service led by Mr Arthur Sara, Local Preacher and Circuit Tutor from Aylesbury.</p>
February 3rd	<p>10.30 a.m. Sunday School. Week 3 'of the Bible Exploration - Choosing'.</p> <p>5 p.m. Family Communion led by Rev Donna Broadbent-Kelly. Family Communion are intended to be informal occasions, suitable for all ages, with everyone invited to take part fully in the symbolism of sharing in the bread and (non-alcoholic) wine. The service will be followed by refreshments.</p>
Wednesday February 6th	<p>7.45 p.m. Come As You Are at 'Kelston', Mursley Road.</p>
February 10th	<p>10.30 a.m. Sunday School Week 4 of the Bible Exploration – 'Loving'.</p> <p>5 p.m. Service led by Jane Knight. Jane has recently been accepted as a Local Preacher on trial and has started her studies with Arthur Sara as her tutor and John Shaw as her mentor. This is her first visit to Swanbourne.</p>
February 17th	<p>10.30 a.m. Sunday School. Week 5 of the Bible Exploration – 'Praying'.</p> <p>5 p.m. Service led by Rev Mike Hall. A further visit by the chaplain at RAF Halton, whose services we have valued in recent months.</p>
February 24th	<p>10.30 a.m. Sunday School. Week 6 of the Bible Exploration – 'Telling'.</p> <p>5 p.m. Service led by Rev Keith Edwards. Keith is a Methodist minister based in Aylesbury and has pastoral responsibility for the Methodists at Princes Risborough, Stoke Mandeville, Stone, and Weedon.</p>