

# **THE BENEFICE OF MINCHINHAMPTON WITH BOX AND AMBERLEY**

*Accept and share the generosity of God's love.*

**The Sunday next before Lent**

**11th February 2018**

A warm welcome to our services, especially if you are here for the first time. Everyone baptised or who normally receives in their own church, including children, may receive the bread and wine at the altar. If you require a gluten free wafer, please indicate this at the altar rail. There is one chalice of non-alcoholic wine available, please indicate at the altar if you would prefer this option. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please carry the service booklet with you when you go up to the altar.

## **Readings for Today**

First Reading: 2 Kings 2. 1 – 12    Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4. 3 – 6

Gospel: Mark 9. 2 - 9

## **THE TRANSFIGURATION**

Perhaps one thing we can say about the transfiguration is that in all the glimpses of God's presence we have seen during our weeks of Epiphany, this is a fuller revelation of God's glory again. Jesus appears in shining glory, in language deliberately reminiscent of the Old Testament stories of God's presence. Remember Moses descending from the mountain, his face so shining from his encounter with God that he has to wear a veil to hide his face? In the midst of this dazzling vision, a voice from heaven declares the sonship of Jesus, like his baptism. It is tempting to stop here, a story bathed in glorious light. Like Peter, there is a desire to put up shelter here. But so distracted by the description of light, we may also forget the sudden chill, the overshadowing of the cloud that plunges the terrified disciples into darkness and mystery. And we forget that immediately they are taken back down the mountain and Jesus begins to tell them of his death. They must begin the journey to Jerusalem. Perhaps this is what the transfiguration is all about. An experience of light, glory and affirmation, that will accompany Jesus through the dark days to come. This mini foretaste of resurrection glory a promise of the greater glory that is to come. As we approach the start of Lent next week, may we too take heart from the light that is dazzled before us in this story, and know that as we journey with Christ to his cross, we too will emerge beyond Good Friday into the hope that awaits us all.

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## SERVICES AT OUR CHURCHES TODAY

### **HOLY TRINITY, MINCHINHAMPTON**

There is a loop system for those with hearing aids.

8am Eucharist  
President & Preacher: Revd John Ansell

10am Fairtrade Sunday  
President: Revd Sandy Emery Talk: Jackie Natt

Hymns: 272, 591, 250, 315

5.30pm Said Evening Prayer

### **ST BARNABAS, BOX**

9am Eucharist  
President: Revd Sandy Emery Preacher: Revd John Ansell

Hymns: 2, 248, 375, 377

### **HOLY TRINITY, AMBERLEY**

8am Said Communion  
President & Preacher: Revd John Spiers

10am Non Eucharist  
Second Sunday Team

### **NOTICES –**

LENT LUNCHESES - will be commencing on the Wednesdays 21st, 28th, February and 7th, 14th, and 21st March. We will be looking for volunteers to help with soups and baked potatoes, bread rolls & cheese Sign up list is at the back of the church.

LENT GROUPS – Sign up lists are on the Notice Board.

TRAIIDCRAFT – There will be a Traidcraft stall *today* after the 10am service in the Porch Room. Lots of card, chocolates and all the usual groceries. Please come along and support Traidcraft...and sample some of the new chocolates!!

SHROVE TUESDAY – Mothers Union Pancake Evening on Tuesday February 13 at 6 – 8pm in The Porch Room. Pancakes for all – everybody welcome!

PALM CROSSES - please return your palm crosses to the basket in the porch room in readiness for Ash Wednesday on February 14. Thank you.

COACH TRIPS – Newbury Town Centre – New John Lewis and canal waterway. Tues February 20. Jaguar land Rover Factory 'Metal and Magic' manufacturing Tour on Wed March 21. Please Contact Ian Jarvis. [ian@abbeyhall.info](mailto:ian@abbeyhall.info) 01453 833131.

OLD CHRISTMAS CARDS – A box is now sited in the Porch Room for any cards to be recycled by Gloucester Arthritis Trust. It is estimated this source for fund raising generates ca £10,000 per annum.

CHURCH SERVICES ON SUNDAYS. The Rood Screen has been successfully moved to its new home in the Lady Chapel Arch: a perfect fit. The stone floor is progressing across the nave: drying out is taking time especially where the stones are laid on lime crete for ease of access. The stone floor has two layers of sealant with grouting in between. Work has now started on laying the matching tiles in the chancel: it is hard to tell the new tiles from the old. They are looking very beautiful. The under floor heating is laid in four sections in the nave. At least one section will be on each week and more as the work progresses. Thank you to the people who are or have offered to help with dusting and hoovering each week and thank you for everyone for your patience.

CHAIR AND CHOIR STAND SPONSORSHIP - 9 out of 12 choir stands @ £812-50 per stand have been sponsored and 250 of the 300 chairs @ £210 a chair. Thank you to all sponsors for this huge amount of generosity. Just 3 choir stands and 50 chairs to go! The chair leaflet is available on line, in the Porch room, in Church or from the Church Office: Plaques are £10 each and part sponsorship is welcome. [mandyjutsum@btinternet.com](mailto:mandyjutsum@btinternet.com) 01453 882477

REVD HELEN BAILEY - in the Diocese of Salisbury. Her licensing takes place in Broadstone on Wednesday March 7 at 7pm. Anyone is welcome to attend that service. Distance and the time of service may make that hard, but should anyone be interested in more details or intends coming, do email Helen at [revdhelenbailey@gmail.com](mailto:revdhelenbailey@gmail.com) so she can let the new parish know for catering purposes.

## THIS WEEK

**8.30am Eucharist (Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat) in the Porch Room, Parish Church**  
**5.30pm Evening Prayer daily (Mon - Sat, 4.30pm on Fridays)**

12TH MON 2-5pm Buildings Group Meeting – Porch Room

13TH TUES 6pm Shrove Tuesday Pancakes provided by Mothers Union  
- Porch Room

### 14TH WED **ASH WEDNESDAY**

8am Eucharist with Ashing - St Barnabas, Box

11am Eucharist (BCP)with Ashing – Porch Room

11am Holy Communion at Cecily Court

2.30pm Wednesday Cuppa

7.30pm Eucharist with Ashing – Parish Church

16TH FRI 5.30pm Junior Choir Practice – Porch Room

6pm Adult Choir Practice – Parish Church

7pm Bell Ringers AGM – Porch Room

7.30pm Bell Ringers Practice – Parish Church

## **NEXT SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY – The First Sunday of Lent**

### **HOLY TRINITY, MINCHINHAMPTON**

8am Eucharist  
President & Preacher: Revd Alison Guy

10am Sung Eucharist  
President: Revd Sandy Emery Preacher: Revd Alison Guy

2.30pm Messy Church – Porch Room

5.30pm Sung Evensong  
Office & Preacher: Revd Sandy Emery

### **ST BARNABAS, BOX**

9am Eucharist  
President & Preacher: Canon Mike Tucker

### **HOLY TRINITY, AMBERLEY**

8am Said Communion 1662  
President & Preacher: Revd John Spiers

10am Parish Eucharist  
President & Preacher: Revd John Spiers