

THE BENEFICE OF MINCHINHAMPTON WITH BOX AND AMBERLEY

Accept and share the generosity of God's love.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

15th April 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: Acts 3. 12 - 19

Second Reading: 1 John 3. 1 – 7 Gospel: Luke 24. 36b - 48

YOU ARE WITNESSES OF THESE THINGS

The gospel surprisingly begins with a focus on the doubt and uncertainty of the disciples. Even though the pair from Emmaus have arrived and told their story, and though Simon Peter has seen the Lord, nevertheless the group as a whole is 'startled and terrified' by his appearance. Jesus' body wasn't a figment of the imagination or the appearance of a ghost – his body wasn't a restored human body like Lazarus's – he was able to appear and disappear. Jesus' resurrected body was immortal. The resurrection was difficult for them to believe in let alone to comprehend this amazing event. Jesus responds in two ways. First, he demonstrates his physical presence beyond any doubt, through an intensifying sequence of actions: look at me, touch me, give me something to eat. Jesus calmed the disciples disbelief by these actions. The disciples found it impossible to believe until they were faced with the risen Christ in front of them. Then Jesus backs this up by referring once again to the Old Testament as the record of God's purposes, as he had done earlier on the road to Emmaus he said "that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled". So that as they began to believe, they could begin to understand. Having opened their minds to understand the Scriptures Jesus opened their minds to understand where they fitted into the story. The disciples are entrusted with the task of witnessing, in the first place to the reality of Jesus' resurrected body, and to the way in which the Old Testament enables us to make sense of what God has done in Jesus. Their witness is to reach out to all people to proclaim the good news to all nations. Luke wanted everyone to know that Christ's message of God's love and forgiveness should go to the entire world.

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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 Alison Guy

10am Sung Eucharist
President & Preacher: Revd Alison Guy

12noon Interment of Ashes – David Pobjoy

Hymns: 137, 162, 152, 159

5.30pm Sung Evensong
Office & Preacher: Revd Sandy Emery

Hymns: 409, 148, 427, 140

ST BARNABAS, BOX

9am Eucharist
President & Preacher: Revd Sandy Emery

Hymns: 165, 287, 435, 609

HOLY TRINITY, AMBERLEY

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

10am Parish Eucharist
President & Preacher: Revd John Spiers

NOTICES –

THANK YOU – to all who attended the Cheese and Wine evening in church. It was a great event enjoyed by over 100 people. We raised £1095 for the 6P's Appeal - Sandy

THANK YOU - Neil and Clare would like to thank everyone for their prayers and kindness while Neil has been ill. Thank you too for the phenomenal welcome you gave us on Easter Sunday.

MOTHERS UNION MEETING – Wednesday April 18. Please note a later start of 7.30pm.

TRAIDCRAFT - There will be a Traidcraft stall next Sunday (April 22) after the 10am service in the Porch Room. Please come along and buy the usual cards, groceries .

ELECTORAL ROLL – The Annual Parochial General meeting is coming up on Monday April 23. Only members on the Electoral Roll will be allowed to vote at this meeting. If you wish to vote, please ensure your name is on the Roll. The Electoral roll is now on the notice board for you to check your name. Any questions ask Jackie Natt.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES - are due for emptying. Will the box holders deliver their boxes to Ben Codling or a Church Warden at the 10am service on Sundays after March 11. If this is not possible phone 884229 and arrangements will be made for collection. If you would like to hold a box for house collection please contact Mary Codling on the above number.

BUILDING WORKS WEEKLY UPDATE - The stone masons have returned to lay the floor in the Lady Chapel. As much as possible this will be the original stone from the Lady Chapel and nave. Nick Miles's team are working on the floors in the sacristy and choir vestry. The choir vestry wall has been cleaned of mould and re-pointed. The dado panels will now be repaired and refurbished: the nave is almost completed! Dates for your diaries: Dedication service with The Bishop, the Right Revd Rachel Treweek at 6pm. Everyone seated by 5.30pm; church Open Day with activities, refreshments, tours from 10 – 4pm **EVERYONE WELCOME** Saturday May 12.

CHAIR AND CHOIR STAND sponsorship. All twelve of the choir stands have now been sponsored. Thank you to the people who have been so generous. There are still chairs, with or without plaques, looking for sponsors. A very special way to remember a loved one or a special event. Chair leaflets are available in the Porch room and also on line.

COACH TRIPS – Wednesday April 25. Stow on the Wold coffee and lunch followed by PM in National Trust Buscot Park. Friday May 18. Dyffryn House and National Trust Gardens – Newport(ish) Gwent. Contact Ian Jarvis by email – ian@abbeyhall.info or telephone 01453 833131

CHELTENHAM EVERYMAN – Tuesday May 1. **THE FLYING LOVERS OF VITEBSK**. Now full. Waiting list queries to Anne Brookes on 886210.

OPEN DAY – Saturday May 12 10am - 4pm. Come along and help us celebrate our new re-ordered space in the church and see all the different groups of the church in action. Refreshments available.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – Sunday May 13 to Saturday May 19 2018. There is a list on the notice board in the entrance porch asking for volunteers and if you are able to help, please add your name and indicate which street or streets you can cover. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Many thanks Richard & Liz.

THIS WEEK

8am Eucharist (Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat) in the Porch Room, Parish Church
5.30pm Evening Prayer daily (Mon - Sat, 4.30pm on Fridays)

18TH WED	8am	Eucharist - St Barnabas, Box
	11am	Eucharist (BCP) – Porch Room
	2.30pm	Wednesday Cuppa – Porch Room
	7.30pm	Mothers Union Meeting – Porch Room
13TH FRI	5.30pm	Junior Choir Practice – Porch Room
	6pm	Adult Choir Practice – Parish Church
	7.30pm	Bell Ringers Practice – Parish Church

NEXT SUNDAY 22ND APRIL – THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY TRINITY, MINCHINHAMPTON

8am	Eucharist President & Preacher: Revd John Spiers
10am	Sung Eucharist President & Preacher: Revd John Spiers
5.30pm	Said Evening Prayer Office: Revd John Hunnisett

ST BARNABAS, BOX

9am	Eucharist President & Preacher: Canon Mike Tucker
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HOLY TRINITY, AMBERLEY

8am	Methodist Led Revd Simon Topping
10am	Holy Communion President & Preacher: Revd Sandy Emery
5.30pm	Evensong Led by Revd John Spiers
6.30pm	Annual Vestry Meeting followed by ACC Annual Meeting