

**THE BENEFICE OF
MINCHINHAMPTON WITH BOX AND AMBERLEY**
Accept and share the generosity of God's love.
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
21st February 2021

A warm welcome to this service, especially if you are here for the first time. All are welcome to receive bread and wine at Communion.

SERVICES AT OUR CHURCHES TODAY

HOLY TRINITY, MINCHINHAMPTON

8am Holy Communion
President & Preacher: Revd Jane Walden

10am Said Eucharist
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ST BARNABAS, BOX

9am Said Holy Communion
President & Preacher: Revd Canon Howard Gilbert

HOLY TRINITY, AMBERLEY

NO SERVICES

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LENT COURSES - Our **Lent Course** this year is **“Why Pray?”** (<https://prayercourse.org/>), a course that aims to help you to be better at hearing God’s voice, to experience more of His presence, to process some of your previous disappointments in prayer, and to unlock the power of prayer. **Commencing Tuesday afternoons at 2pm from February 23 and Thursday evenings at 7.30pm from February 25.**

Howard the Rector will be hosting this for the **whole benefice on Zoom**. We shall start together with an introduction and video. We will then discuss the theme of the week in “breakout rooms” before coming back together to finish. Please do let Christine in the Benefice Office know if you would like to join us.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3869678340>

Meeting ID: 386 967 8340 Passcode: 1662

THROUGH A GLASS DARKLY – LENT RETREAT on zoom with the Bernardines at Brownhill. Based on the themes of the Sundays in Lent. If you are interested the retreats will take place on Saturday afternoons 3pm – 4pm. Dates – Feb 20 and 27. March 6, 13 and 20. For details -Website – www.bernardine.org/brownhill-programme

MARAH – URGENT REQUEST – As the cold weather bites, our guests are desperately in need of warm gloves. (not mittens thanks). If you have any to spare, please leave in the Marah box in the porch room and I will collect. They do not have to be new.

We would still appreciate instant coffee (any kind), long life milk, white sugar and toiletries (any sort). If you have any donations please leave in the box labelled Marah in the Porch Room or contact me to arrange collection. Thank you. Jackie Natt Tel: 731018.

MAKING A WILL - is always important but often neglected. Our churches always welcome legacies if people consider it appropriate to leave a proportion of their estate to their church. A legacy form is available at the rear of the church. Alternatively, please discuss what may be possible with Revd Canon Howard Gilbert or Revd John Spiers.

AMBERLEY

PRAYER BOARD - As the prayer board in church is off-limits at the present time, new names cannot be added. If you know of anyone in need of our prayers who should be included in the weekly pew sheet please contact Jane Fearnley on

872296 or fearnley@globalnet.co.uk or John Spiers. The name will be included for a period of six weeks after which time it will be removed, unless we are notified that it should remain.

MINCHINHAMPTON AND BOX

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT - The PCC met on 28th January and these are three key items discussed.

Safeguarding – Angie Ayling (Churchwarden) recommended national online safeguarding training she had completed. All PCC members need to complete the Basic level training and everyone agreed to do this by the time of our next meeting in March. The training is open to anyone interested to complete it and can be found at <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>.

Livestreaming Worship - The PCC recognised that broadcasting our worship has been very much welcomed by those unable to attend church when it has been open, and also by people who have moved away from the area and want to keep in touch. The benefits of this will continue beyond the current lockdown and other restrictions both to allow participation in worship for those unable to attend, and also, for example, to enable people unable to get to funerals for any reason to participate or to stream future concerts or talks to a wider audience. Thus we started thinking about our options for improving the quality, reliability, and useability of our system, and how we might fund those improvements.

New drainage and repairs to the Chancel north wall - A grant application to Historic England's Covid-19 Emergency Heritage at Risk Response Fund had been made for the cost of these urgent repairs. Since the meeting, we have had the excellent news that £21,176.40 has been awarded from the fund. This will meet the bulk of the costs which would otherwise have used up the remaining amount in the Fabric Fund. Margaret Sheather (PCC Hon Sec)

GREETINGS CARDS - Having made recent contact with Glos. Arthritis Trust please be aware they are very grateful for our efforts and we now realise they are able to invite any sort of greeting cards for recycling. Therefore please use the same box in the baptistry to deposit any other card.

COMMUNION - If you require a gluten free wafer, or would rather receive a blessing, please indicate this when the priest comes to you.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 28TH FEBRUARY 2021 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 17. 1 – 7, 15 - 16

Romans 4. 13 - end

Mark 8. 31 - end

THIS WEEK at Holy Trinity Minchinhampton and Box

23RD TUES 2pm Lent Course – via Zoom
24TH WED 11am Eucharist (BCP) – Parish Church
25TH THURS 7.30pm Lent Course – via Zoom

THIS WEEK at Holy Trinity Amberley

SERVICES WILL RESUME WHEN LOCAL CASE RATES AND THE LOCAL VACCINATION UPTAKE ARE AT LEVELS THAT MINIMISE THE RISK OF THE IMPACT OF CORONAVIRUS ON OUR COMMUNITY.

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