

The Wylve and Till Valley Benefice

*Berwick St James, Great Wishford, Little Langford, South
Newton and Stoford, Stapleford, Steeple Langford, Stockton,
Winterbourne Stoke and
Wylve with Fisherton de la Mere*



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Sunday 14th April 2024 **The Third Sunday of Easter (CW)** **The Second Sunday after Easter (BCP)**

(Zeph 3: 14 – end); Psalm 4; Acts 3.12-19; 1 John 3: 1 – 7; Luke 24: 36b-48

09:30am	Great Wishford	Holy Communion (CW)
10:30am	Steeple Langford	Holy Communion (CW) at Little Langford
6:00pm	Stockton	Evening Worship

Dear Friends,

“You are witnesses of these things.” The tomb is empty. “Christ is risen!” Now we are challenged to move on *from the* resurrection to *experiencing the* resurrection, to recognize that the risen Christ among us. That is surely the gift of Easter.

Jesus appears once more to His friends and gives them His peace. In their fear was this Jesus or was it a ghost? The disciples continue to live, think, and understand in human categories, but the Resurrection shatters how God works in this world. Jesus’ resurrection compels us to step outside our usual human understandings and enter into the divine reality. Jesus “showed them his hands and his feet” and had some food. Jesus is revealed in and through material things: His body; touch, hearing and food. Jesus also unites the visible and invisible, humanity and divinity.

Do we limited ourselves ~ to the material, created order and to our fears, attachments and even beliefs ~ so much that we lose the ability to live in the sacred, which is the very opposite of resurrected life. Christ asks us to open our minds to understand the scriptures and revealed about Him in whatever form that happens and has happened. They/we are witnesses but this does not mean we have all the answers. It does mean that we now have the life Jesus wants us to have. We are witnesses based not on what we know, but on who we are, how we live, and our relationship with the risen Christ. Amen

Annual Parochial Church Meetings ~ the AGMs of our Parish for 2023-24

Berwick St James

Friday 12th April, 6:30pm in the Church.

Lower Wylve and Till Valley Parish

(Winterbourne Stoke, Stapleford, South Newton and Great Wishford)

Tuesday 16th April 6:00pm at St Mary’s Church, Stapleford

Middle Wylve Valley Parish

(Steeple and Little Langford, Stockton and Wylve)

Wednesday 17th April, 6:00pm at St Mary’s Wylve

Please pray for

The long-term need for prayer	Angela and David Baldwin (South Newton), Joyce Binder (Steeple Langford), Diane Blake (S Newton), Rosemary Borthwick-Clarke (Hanging Langford), Ann Brierley (Stapleford), Pat Considine (Steeple Langford), Liz Dilnot (Stockton), Anton Funnell; June Howes (Wylve), Valerie Palmer, Sheena Pratt (Stapleford), Mike Wilkinson (Great Wishford),
The urgent sick	
The Departed	John Middleton (Steeple Langford); Pam Grunsell (formerly SL); Neville Phillips (SN)
Those being baptized	
Weddings	

From the Benefice Prayer Sheet

14	The Third Sunday of Easter/2nd Sunday after Easter We thank you, Lord, the church of which we are members, and for the Holy Spirit at work amongst us all. Be with those who lead us in our worship of you. We pray your blessing on all who share with us in this church's life, that we may all grow in a knowledge of your love. Help us as children of your family to respond to the needs of others by our understanding, by our support and by the love we show them.
15	We prayer for the pupils, staff, governors and families of Great Wishford Primary School at the start of the Summer Term. May they know the love and purpose of God in all that they do. Amen.
16	We pray for the church and village community of Berwick St James. We pray for Bill Hiscocks and James Douse Churchwardens of Berwick St James.
17	We prayer for all our LPAs: Anna, Daphne, Gill, Caroline, Ro and Beth. May they be empowered and strengthened in their ministry through the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
18	Lord, we pray that people everywhere become more caring towards the environment in which they live, and that politicians, planners & developers seriously consider environmental concerns when making decisions. Amen
19	We pray for the work of CRESS and for our brothers and sisters in S Sudan and those in Exile in Northern Uganda. Amen.
20	God of Justice we pray that Ukraine, Gaza, the Holy Land, and Haiti may be delivered from violence, death and destruction. Have mercy on and heal this land in order for it to enjoy peace and the chance to develop as a nation that values truth, justice and freedom, all rooted in the goodness of God. Amen.
21	4th Sunday of Easter/3rd Sunday after Easter We pray for the church, the Village Hub and community of Winterbourne Stoke and their Churchwarden Dee Montagu-Pollock.

Sunday 21st April – Fourth Sunday of Easter/Third Sunday after Easter

09:00am	Little Langford	Holy Communion (BCP)
10:00am	Berwick St James	Matins for Lent (BCP)
10:30am	Wylve	Matins for Lent (BCP)
11:00am	Stapleford	Holy Communion (CW)
4:00pm	South Newton	T@4 Family service with afternoon tea

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