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## Sunday 18th February 2018 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

<b>8am</b>	<b>Woodstock</b>	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> <i>The Reverend Canon Adrian Daffern</i>
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Bladon</b>	<b>Family Service</b> <i>The Reverend Alice Venning</i>
<b>11am</b>	<b>Woodstock</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist</b> followed by <i>Lent Lunch</i> <i>The Reverend Canon Adrian Daffern</i> <i>Preacher: The Reverend Dr Megan Daffern</i>
<b>4pm</b>	<b>Woodstock</b>	<b>Young Families Service</b> <i>The Reverend Alice Venning</i>
<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Spencer Court</b>	<i>led by Woodstock Baptist Church</i>

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted  
forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are,  
yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves  
in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Readings*

Genesis 9.8-17                      p. 10  
Mark 1.9-15                              p.1002

### **Church Office**

Open Tuesday and Thursday 9.30am-1pm, and on Wednesday 2pm-5pm.  
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## Amongst the many needs of the church and the world, please pray for

- Justin, our Archbishop
- Steven, Bishop of Oxford; Colin, Bishop of Dorchester; Judy, our Archdeacon
- Andy Brown and Sarah du Boulay, on placement from Cuddesdon
- Robert, our Member of Parliament
- Rosalind, Pieter, Gay, Andrew, and all those who have asked for our prayers
- The family and friends of Herbert Gardner, Gemma Szucs, David Rowe, Richard Axtell, Brenda Baxter and all who mourn
- Our friends in the Pastorat of Gränna-Visingsö in the Church of Sweden
- With the World Council of Churches, we pray for Christians in France, Germany, Monaco.

**Today at St Mary Magdalene's** we are delighted to welcome Adrian's wife, The Reverend Dr Megan Daffern, as our preacher at 11am. Megan's book **Songs of the Spirit** is already proving popular and receiving great reviews. Those attending the 11am service in Woodstock today will be able to buy signed copies after the service.

Please also stay for a simple Lent Lunch after the service: all proceeds to the work of the Oxford Winter Night Shelter, an initiative of the city centre churches.

### **Woodstock Family Ministry**

Our new afternoon service starts today at 4pm! An informal afternoon service for our younger members (and the young at heart). A very sociable monthly event with Bible stories, prayers, songs, activities, food and more. Do come.

**Woodstock Planned Giving Officer** A reminder that Glynda Salter has taken over from Carol Holmes as planned giving officer. You can contact Glynda in church on a Sunday morning or at [glynda.salter@gmail.com](mailto:glynda.salter@gmail.com)

**Friends of St Martin's Bladon** invite you to an evening with heart surgeon and bestselling author of *Fragile Lives - A Heart Surgeon's Stories of Life and Death on the Operating Table*, Professor Stephen Westaby on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm in the Church Room. Tickets £5 including a glass of wine. Signed copies of the book for sale after the talk. Tickets from Mollie [mollie.hance@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:mollie.hance@tiscali.co.uk) 811354 or Chris [chris.corser@googlemail.com](mailto:chris.corser@googlemail.com) 813071.

**PCC Members** We have our annual parochial church meetings in March (Bladon) and April (Woodstock) – and there will be elections to our Parochial Church Councils. We are blessed with super PCCs: but they flourish best when they are truly representative, with a healthy mix of experienced members and new faces. Have a word with Adrian, Alice, or any PCC member to know more.

**Electoral Roll** If you are a regular worshipper, you should be a member of the church's Electoral Roll, and it is time to add new members to the lists. If you are not already a member, please make sure that you join. You will find Electoral Roll forms at the back of each church, and further information is available from Cindy Smith (for Bladon), and Gill Morris (for Woodstock).

**School Governors** The Rector is seeking new Foundation Governors for both **Woodstock Primary School** and **The Marlborough School**. This is a demanding but immensely rewarding ministry. If you would be interested, or know someone who might be, please speak to Adrian.

## LENT

During Lent, be thinking about making time for God each day in prayer and study. Think also about your giving to God, both financially, and in time and talents. Don't forget that there are daily prayers in Woodstock; and a special ecumenical service every Wednesday evening at 8pm. There are leaflets about our Lent programme at the back of church.

## This Week

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

9.05am	Woodstock	Morning Prayer
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### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

9.05am	Woodstock	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Woodstock	Pastoral Team Meeting
1pm	Woodstock	Archdeaconry Pastoral Committee
7.45pm	Bladon	Bell Practice

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

9.05am	Woodstock	Morning Prayer
10am	Woodstock	Holy Communion (BCP)
8pm	Woodstock	Churches Together Lent Service <i>led by Adrian</i>

### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>

9.05am	Woodstock	Morning Prayer
7.30pm	Woodstock	Bell Practice
8pm	Woodstock	Thursday Group at 8a Crecy Walk

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

9.05am	Woodstock	Morning Prayer
2.30pm	Woodstock	Memorial Service for Gemma Szucs
7.30pm	Woodstock	Choir Practice

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>

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