

Hello Everyone

This week seems to have gone past so very quickly and suddenly we find ourselves in March! How quickly the days are moving forward. Bulbs are appearing, buds and blossom are forming on the trees and the days are lengthening. All points to springtime.. but we have a colder week ahead of us so do please wrap up and stay warm.

It has been a busy week, but there have been some very special times: Toddington and Chalgrave Lent courses had their first sessions and we shared happy times of fellowship plus good conversation as we all considered a Bible passage. The groups continue this week and you are very warmly invited to join us (see details below). Seated Pilates on Monday afternoon was well received too.

On Tuesday evening youth group went well with another very interesting conversation about Lent with cupcakes to tempt us all - plus some games to keep us on our toes. The morning knitting group enjoy meeting too with happy conversation interspersed with knitting.

Wednesday Lent lunch (with soup provided during Lent by the different churches) was well received with a lovely variety of soups on offer. This week Toddington provided and next week Chalgrave will be serving.

Thursday morning school assembly at St George's school left Nigel and I smiling broadly as we looked across at a sea of beautiful, coloured costumes worn by children and staff for World Book day. Everyone looked wonderful (although Nigel and I felt a little underdressed in ordinary clothes). Then there was a quick dive across to Wilkinson Hall for the first Ploughman's lunch of the year with hot meals and tasty puddings. There was such a wonderful buzz of contented conversation with the tables filled by happy customers. Friday morning art group met again in the hall and then later in the afternoon about 40 people from local churches celebrated World day of Prayer in a joint service at Toddington Baptist church. I had the privilege of leading a funeral for a dear lady from Chalton and of meeting her friends afterwards, and we hope to arrange to meet again.

The week finished with a wonderful celebration with Cynthia of her special birthday. Such a delight to mark the occasion.

Thank you to you all for all your hard work helping to support these events.. but most of all for your love, care and kindness, and for your warmth and generosity of welcome to all who attend.

Can I please ask you to pray for Eddie, for a good and full recovery.

Sunday services for Sunday 5th March

9.30 am Holy Communion, Chalgrave Church

11.00 am Holy Communion, Toddington Church

Other events this week:

Monday 6th March

9.30 am Morning Prayer, Toddington

11.00 am Toddington Church Lent Course, The Rectory, 41 Leighton Road, Toddington LU5 6AL

Tuesday 7th March

10.30 am Knitting Group, Wilkinson Hall

Wednesday 8th March

12.00 noon – 2.00 pm Lent Lunch, Wilkinson Hall

7.30 pm Chalgrave Church, Lent Course, the Calders house.

Thursday 9th March

2.00 pm Fellowship with Friends, Wilkinson Hall

Friday 10th March

10.30 am Painting for Pleasure group

Saturday 11th March

10.00 am Coffee Morning, Wilkinson Hall

Sunday 12th March

9.30 am Holy Communion, Chalgrave Church

11.00 am Holy Communion, with the baptism of baby Eric

6.00 pm Evensong, Toddington Church (*a new service*)

I wish you a blessed week and look forward to seeing you.

with love and prayers

Linda