

Hello Everyone

On Thursday afternoon Nigel and I spent a few lovely hours at Anglesey Abbey enjoying the beautiful snow drops which are in full flower. Different varieties of snowdrops were mixed in areas with yellow aconites, winter cyclamen, winter roses and a few discreet crocuses, all offering a sense that Spring is in the air, despite the cold biting wind. On today's walk at Wrest Park I noticed dead looking twigs beginning to display new buds. How wonderful nature is, that despite the cold ice still lingering on the water, the ducks and birds abound, and each day now draws us all forward to brighter, longer days, sunlight and new growth.

Today, we received a wonderful surprise visit from 2 members of the church family and are still smiling with joy after a most enlightening conversation with a very articulate young man. What joy these short moments in time offer. We give thanks and praise to God for special times of blessing and joy and we pray that this week you will receive a blessing of encouragement and joy to ease you forward.

This Sunday's services:

9.30 am Holy Communion Service, Chalgrave Church - Linda

11.00 am A 'Healing' Service with Holy Communion, Toddington Church - Linda and Nigel

Services and Events this week:

Monday 13th

9.30 am Morning Prayer, Toddington Church

2.00 pm Seated Pilates, Wilkinson Hall, Toddington

Tuesday 14th

10.30 am Knitting Group, Wilkinson Hall, Toddington

Wednesday 15th

10.30 am - 2.30 pm Warm Winter Wednesday - with soup and baked potato lunch, Wilkinson Hall, Toddington

Thursday 16th

2.00pm St George's Fellowship, Wilkinson Hall, Toddington

Friday 17th

10.30 am Painting for Pleasure group, Wilkinson Hall, Toddington

12.30 pm Memorial Service for Philip Henden, St George of England Church.

Services and events for February and beyond

Sunday 19th February

9.30 am Service of Holy Communion, Chalgrave - Nigel

11.00 am Service of Holy Communion, Toddington - Nigel

Monday 20th

Morning Prayer, 9.30 am Toddington

Shrove Tuesday 21st

Knitting Group 10.30 am, Wilkinson Hall

Youth Group 5.45 pm, Wilkinson Hall (and Tuesday 28th February)

Ash Wednesday 22nd February (The start of Lent)

Final Wednesday Winter Warmer gathering, 10.30 am, Wilkinson Hall - (to be replaced by Wednesday Lent lunch, 12.00 noon)

Chalgrave Pop Up Tea Room, Tebworth Memorial Hall 11.00 am – 1.00 pm
Ash Wednesday 6.00 pm evening service, with Holy Communion, Toddington Church

Thursday 23rd

11.30 pm Funeral of Sheila Parks, Chalgrave Church

7.30 pm Quintet Choir Rehearsal, Toddington Church - (Looking towards Easter) - all welcome

Friday 24th

10.30 am Painting for Pleasure group, Wilkinson Hall

2.00 pm Rehearsal for World Day of Prayer service, Toddington Baptist Church

3.30 pm Messy Church, Wilkinson Hall

Sunday 26th

9.30 am Holy Communion, Chalgrave

11.00 am Holy Communion, Toddington

Monday, 27th

9.30am Morning Prayer, Toddington

11.00 am The Lent Course, Toddington, Mondays, 27 Feb, 6, 13, 20 and 27 March and 6 April. All Welcome. Come when you can. Location Rectory or Wilkinson Hall. tbc

2pm Seated Pilates, Wilkinson Hall

7pm Chalgrave PCC

Tuesday 28th

10.30 am Knitting Group, Wilkinson Hall

3.00 pm Toddington PCC

5.45 pm Youth Group, Wilkinson Hall

Wednesday March 1st

12.00 noon, Lent lunch, Wilkinson Hall

Chalgrave Lent Bible reflection group (each Wednesday evening during March) time tbc

Thursday March 2nd

12.00 noon Ploughman's Lunch, Wilkinson Hall

Friday March 3rd

World Day of Prayer, Toddington Baptist Church, 2.00 pm

Please hold the people of Turkey, Syria and Ukraine in your prayers this week.

And so, the weeks speed forth into Spring, towards Easter.

Have a good week.

Sending you every blessing.

Linda (and Nigel)

Rector Toddington and Chalgrave