

St Mary's Church, North Marston

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The Wesley Centre

Ecumenical Partnership



PEW NEWS

MARCH 2025

CLERGY CONTACT

Rev. Petra Elsmore (07557045703)

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SERVICES

- 2nd - 10.00am - Family Service, Lay-Led by David Heffer
(Welcome Team: Val and Pete)
- 5th - 7.30pm - **ASH WEDNESDAY HC with distribution of ashes**
Schorne Team Service at Quanton Church
- 9th - 9.30am - Family Service with Baptism, Rev. Janet Bayly
(Welcome Team: Tricia and David Bayly)
- 16th - 9.30am - Family Service, Rev Petra Elsmore **(WC)**
(Welcome Team: Elizabeth *and tbc*)
- 23rd - 9.30am - Holy Communion, Rev. Petra Elsmore
(Welcome Team: Aly and Dave)
- 30th - 9.30am - **Mothering Sunday**, Café Church, Rev. Janet Bayly **(WC)**
(Welcome Team: Tricia and David Bayly)

READERS' ROTA

- 2nd - David Heffer to organise (Exodus 34: 29-end)
- 9th - Elizabeth Crocker (tbc)
- 16th - Bradley Simmons (Philippians 3: 17- 4.1)
- 23rd - Clare Johnson (Isaiah 55: 1-9)
- 30th - Sue Chaplin (2 Corinthians 5: 6-end)

PRAYER ROTA

- 2nd - David Heffer to organise
- 9th - Sue Chaplin
- 16th - Dave Perrett
- 23rd - Bradley Simmons
- 30th - Jean Wright

SUNDAY SERVICE COFFEE ROTA

- 2nd - Victoria and Paul
- 9th - *tbc (Baptism)*
- 16th - Jean and Gill
- 23rd - Aly and Dave
- 30th - Café Church

MORNING PRAYERS

You are very welcome to join Petra, and our small prayer group,
for lively discussion and prayers

on Thursday mornings, at 9.30am, in the Wesley Centre.

We use the *Office of Morning Prayer* from the Northumbrian Community as a
starting point to explore and develop our faith.

If you would like to talk, Petra is available immediately afterwards.

COFFEE MORNINGS

Every Friday 10.00am - 12.00noon in The Wesley Centre

Volunteers are needed to help run the Coffee Mornings.

Please sign up, or contact Jennifer Heffer (670273) or Val York (670479)

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Wednesday 12th March from 12noon

You are warmly invited to join us at our community lunch. No need to book in
advance; just turn up and enjoy a wholesome lunch with delicious desserts in good
company! There is no set charge, but donations are welcome.

If you would like to help at the monthly lunches, in any capacity, please contact
Jennifer Heffer (670273) or Val York (670479)



Sunday 9th March 4.00pm

Families with primary school - aged children are most welcome to join us for art and
craft activities, celebration and refreshments on the second Sunday of each month
at The Wesley Centre in North Marston. If you would like to find out more, contact
Petra on 07557045703 or via email: petra.elsmore@gmail.com.

DISCUSSION GROUP

David and Janet will be hosting their Discussion group on **Tuesday 4th March, at
their house, at 7.30pm**. The film we use for our discussion will be *The Upside*,
which is about bridging divisions, it's about respect and compassion, unlikely
friendship and living life to the full. We begin with refreshments. Join us for an
evening of interesting discussion, lively opinions and reflection. Janet Bayly 670245



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 7th March at 2.00pm in the Wesley Centre

The theme this year is *I made you wonderful (Psalm 139:14)*, developed by Christian women of Cook Islands.

Refreshments, bring and buy, cakes and other food items.

(Donations to the World Day of Prayer)

Please ask Jennifer Heffer (670273) for more details.

LENT LUNCHES

13th March, 19th March, w/b 24th March (host needed) and 11th April

Please note the days and venues will vary. If you would like to host or attend a simple lunch during Lent, please sign up on the sheets in church. Donations are welcome and will go to Water Aid.

LENT WALKS

Starting at 2:30 from a Church near you, linking communities of the Schorne Team.

9th March Weedon – Whitchurch (2.4 miles)

16th March Whitchurch – Dunton (2.2 miles)

23rd March Dunton – Granborough (4.2 miles)

30th March Granborough – Oving (2.4 miles)

6th April Oving - Quainton (2.4 miles)

13th April Quainton – Waddesdon (2.2 miles)

NB – Route from Quainton to Waddesdon may change due to HS2 works.

The first Lent Walk starts from Weedon Chapel - just turn up and enjoy!

The walks are suitable for most ages. We walk at a leisurely pace, keeping to footpaths across fields, avoiding roads whenever possible. Each walk takes between 1½ to 2 hours. Participants should also think about co-ordinating transport to enable transfers back to the start of each walk.

Further details available from Martin Wright – martinwright@gmail.com

AYLESBURY FOODBANK

Please keep the donations coming in. The need has never been greater: cereals, soup, baked beans, tinned pasta, pasta sauces, meat, fish, vegetables, pasta, rice, fruit, custard, rice pudding, sponge puddings, biscuits, long-life milk, fruit juice, tea, coffee, chocolate, sauces, mashed potato, jam, toothpaste, shower gel.

In 2024 the Church donated 369.13 kgs of food and household items!