

Sunday Services for February to April and part May 2011

Sunday Services	Appleshaw	Kimpton	Thrupton	Fyfield	Shipton Bellinger
6 th February Fifth Sunday before Lent	11am Parish Communion	9.30am Family Worship	9.30am Parish Communion	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 10am Family Worship
13 th February Fourth Sunday before Lent	11am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	9.30am Family Worship	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Communion
20 th February Third Sunday before Lent	11am Family Worship	9.30am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Communion
27 th February Second Sunday before Lent	11am Morning Worship	9.30am Morning Worship	9.30am Parish Communion	11am Family Worship	8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Communion
6 th March Sunday next before Lent	11am Parish Communion	9.30am Family Worship	9.30am Parish Communion	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 10am Family Worship
13 th March Lent 1	11am Family Worship	9.30am Parish Communion	9.30am Family Worship	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Communion
20 th March Lent 2	11am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Communion
27 th March Lent 3	11am Parish Communion	9.30am Morning Worship	9.30am Parish Communion	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Communion
3 rd April Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	11am Family Worship	9.30am Family Worship	9.30am Parish Communion	11am Family Worship	8am Holy Communion 10am Family Worship
10 th April Passion Sunday	11am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Communion
17 th April Palm Sunday	11am Family Worship	9.30am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Communion
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24 th April Easter Day	11am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	8am Holy Communion	9.30am Easter Eucharist and Breakfast
1 st May Easter 2	11am Parish Communion	9.30am Family Worship	9.30am Parish Communion	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 10am Family Worship
8 th May Easter 3	11am Parish Communion	9.30am Parish Communion	9.30am Family Worship	8am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 10am Parish Communion



'SEVEN WHOLE DAYS, NOT ONE IN SEVEN, I WILL PRAISE THEE' - GEORGE HERBERT



CHURCH NEWS FOR THE COMMUNITIES OF
APPLESHAW & CLANVILLE & FYFIELD &
KIMPTON (WITH PART OF SHODDESSEN) &
REDENHAM & SHIPTON BELLINGER & THRUXTON

FEBRUARY 2011 – MAY 2011



Services for Lent and Holy Week

Ash Wednesday – 9th March

Eucharist with ashings and Stations of the Cross – Thrupton at 7.30pm

Maundy Thursday – 21st April

Eucharist of the Lord's Supper – Shipton Bellinger at 7.30pm

Good Friday – 22nd April

Stations of the Cross – Appleshaw at 2.00pm
Morning Prayer – Kimpton at 11.00am
Liturgy and Veneration of the Cross – Thrupton at 7.30pm
Family Worship – Fyfield at 9.30am
Noon Devotional Hour – Shipton Bellinger

Holy Saturday – 23rd April

Vigil and Readings – Appleshaw at 7.30pm

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What's On...

Lent USPG Course at Shipton Bellinger

I would like to run a group using the USPG 'Growing the Church' Course. Suggested dates Thursdays 17, 24, 31 March and 7, 14 April at 7.30pm at Shipton Bellinger Vicarage, but if others offer, venues may vary, but will be published in due course. **Enquiries to me, please: Rev Stuart Kersley 01980 842244.**

NOTICE OF WORK TO HEADSTONES

Attention to some headstones in the five churchyards and churchyard extensions will be taking place shortly. This is a Health and Safety issue, and any concerns should be directed to the Rector in the first place.

The Rector writes...

EVENTS HAPPEN

in people's lives. They either choose them for pleasure – like going out for a meal with friends, or they cannot avoid them – like bouts of illness. Then there are those organised events to arrange – like fetes and other fundraisers.

I am always intrigued by how such events shape the year. The Church's annual round of feasts and fasts, festivals and seasons delineates the re-telling of the Christian story, and keeps it fresh. Each Sunday, new life is celebrated in the Eucharist and from time to time social gatherings focus a sense of community in the villages.

Over the centuries, the local church, in one form or another, has kept this living tradition going and continues faithfully to invite everyone to join in at different times in their experience, such as when marking rites of passage – like weddings, baptisms and funerals. And the main event of weekly worship sustains all these special times and provides a profound rhythm of prayer and reflection, as a resource for spiritual maturing as human beings.

Lent, Holy Week and Easter is an intensive exploration of realism and renewal. The pattern of services at this time of the year provides an opportunity, once more, to journey with Christ and reflect on events in his life and our own.

And so, events, whether chosen, imposed or arranged, can be seen in this way and in this context, and can become signs of ultimate reality, meaning and purpose, and chances for growth, both personally and corporately.



An invitation from the clergy...

Please let us know if you would like to arrange a baptism (christening), confirmation, wedding, burial, cremation, communion at home, confession, counsel, pastoral or hospital visit or any other related matter, or if you would like to know more about the local church or the Christian faith. The parish churches welcome people to worship from all parts of the Church, as well as those who would like an enquiring environment in which to explore spirituality, meaning and purpose in their lives.

Contact details are on the front cover.

Copy for the next edition to the Rector by 11th April – preferably electronically



Ride and Stride

Three of the benefice churches are in the top twenty fundraising churches in Hampshire region this time. All five churches took part and excelled again in different ways – cycling, walking, providing refreshments, sponsoring, meeting and greeting. Thank you to everyone who supported this annual event. It was a brilliant achievement. This year Ride and Stride is on Saturday 10 September.

News from St Peter's, Shipton Bellinger

Who wished for a white Christmas? We all know what happened. Fun for some. Problems for others. Sadly, it meant the cancellation of the annual carol singing around the village. Thanks to the efforts of all involved, the other seasonal arrangements went as planned, despite ice and snow. It's good to think that lighter days are now here, and Spring, Lent, Holy Week and the great festival of Easter will soon be with us.

Did you know this year 'Real Easter Eggs' are being produced – the only ones to mention Jesus on the box? They have been developed by the Meaningful Chocolate Company, using Fairtrade chocolate. We can use them as a tasteful reminder of who is at the heart of Easter.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Marriage

17th December Mark Thompson to Rebecca Stephens at Shipton Bellinger

Burial

3rd December Victor Dugdale at Shipton Bellinger
18th January Peter Wilson at Kimpton

Cremation

17th November Florence Wise, formerly of Thruxton

Burial of Ashes

18th January Danny Bulpitt at Kimpton



A year on from the quake

It's been twelve months since an earthquake struck Haiti on 12 January 2010. Christian Aid has been working through partners to respond to the needs of the people most affected by the devastation, helping them rebuild their lives.

Working through local Haitian and Dominican Republic organisations, we have been supporting more than 60,000 people whose lives and livelihoods were shattered.

Challenges and achievements

Christian Aid has 30 years experience of working with grass roots organisations in Haiti but the sheer scale of the earthquake made responding to the immediate needs of the most vulnerable a logistical challenge.

One of the strengths of Christian Aid's response in Haiti has been the way in which we work through local grassroots organisations.

Our partners are Haitians, people who fully understand the context in which they work and live, are best placed to determine the way forward for the recovery of their country.

Christian Aid believes that the greater the involvement of Haitian people in the reconstruction of their country, the more likely we are to see a Haiti that is built back better than before the quake.

Deanery link with Uganda

The Rev Andrew Ashdown who chairs the Andover Deanery Overseas Committee, sent this message recently, after Mrs Letitia Adams went to her first meeting as our benefice representative:

"It's wonderful that Letitia has agreed to be the Link Co-ordinator for the Appleshaw and Kimpton, Thruxton, Fyfield and Shipton Bellinger link, and I know that she has good ideas to share with you and with the parishes. I know, too, that the Vurra Archdeaconry are much looking forward to developing the relationship.

I am particularly excited by the Vurra link, because the Church in Vurra is the oldest in that part of Central Africa. It was founded by the African Inland Mission as a remote outpost for mission to the Congo. (Until the 1920s this part of Uganda belonged to Congo). Now the border is literally just one mile from Vurra Church and village! The ministry in the Archdeaconry is a very exciting one and it is also a centre for Training Lay Leaders in Bible study and teaching etc.

Particularly important is that in the latter part of August 2012. We have been invited to bring at least two people from each Benefice link in the Andover Deanery to visit their link Archdeaconry in Uganda. This will be a wonderful venture and an amazing opportunity to develop relationships at a grass-roots level in a way that involves everyone in our parishes. I'm hoping parishes will be able to identify people who would like to join this visit and represent their benefice on it."

Fyfield 100 Club winners:

October	November	December
Mrs Kluckow	Mrs A Boyd-Moss	Mrs C Baster
Mr J Youngs	Mrs M North	Mr M Pearson
Mr H Hamilton	Mrs B Glover	Mrs C Richens
Mrs P Messenger	Mrs E Brinton	Mrs D Appleton