

Dates for your diary

March 24th. Vestry Meeting 7.30pm
March 31st. Fete Committee meeting 7.30pm
April 12th. APCM meeting 12 midday

St. Bart's Book Swap and Library

IS OPEN for swapping books. Please feel free to borrow books from the library or bring books in for others to share.

Medieval Music Concert:

On Friday 15 May 2026 at 7:30pm (doors 7:00pm), at the historic **St Mary's Church, Northchurch, Marco Cannavo** and **Steve Tyler** present **Musica Medievalis**, an instrumental journey into the music of medieval Europe. Featuring hurdy-gurdy and its early predecessors, alongside harp, lute, citole, portative organ, bladder pipe, and tambourine, the concert explores rhythms and melodies from both sacred and secular traditions, interpreted with imaginative freedom while remaining rooted in historical sources. Tickets are £15.00 and concessions £12.00. Please follow the link: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/marcocannavo/2018737>

Wigginton History Society Tuesday April 7th - 8pm start
Village Hall, Wigginton

The Mysterious Death of the Duke of Kent

In August 1942, Prince George - the Duke of Kent - set out on a special mission, only to be killed in a mysterious air crash on a remote Scottish hillside. All documents relating to the crash have since gone missing. Hugely popular with the British public in the 1930's he is now the Forgotten Prince. In this talk, Tony Eaton separates the facts from fiction and reveals the secrets behind this hidden part of WW2 history.

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Rector: Rev. Canon Jonathan Gordon 01442 871547
Priest: Rev. Michael Eggleton 0758 5600408
Readers: Peggy Sear and David White

Sunday 22nd March Fifth Sunday of Lent

8am Holy Communion BCP
10am Parish Eucharist
Hymns: 442, 231, 479, 30

Readings

Ezekiel 37: 1-14
Psalm 120
Romans 8; 6-11
John 11: 1-45

6pm Evening Prayer

Psalm 30
Lamentations 3: 19-33
Matthew 20: 17-end

Sunday 29th. March Palm Sunday

8am Holy Communion BCP
10am Parish Eucharist
Hymns: 11, 53, 46, 153

Readings:

Isaiah 50: 4-9
Philippians 2: 5-11
Matthew 27; 11-54

6pm Evening Prayer

Psalm 80
Isaiah 5: 1-7
Matthew 21: 33-end

Remember, our clocks go forward on
29th. March at 1am from GMT to BST



***Services during
Lent and Easter***

***Friday 27th March
School Easter Service***

***Sunday 29th. March
Palm Sunday 10am***

***Thursday 2nd. April
Maundy Thursday
7.30pm***

***Friday 3rd. April
Good Friday Devotions
2-3pm***

***Sunday April 5th.
Easter Day
8am Holy Communion
10am He is Risen
Eucharist
Easter Egg hunt at
11am***

Origin of Hymns

Be still for the presence of the Lord

“Be Still for the Presence of the Lord”
was written in one hour by British
composer Dr. David Evans during a
quiet time with God.

The basis of the song was birthed from
a longstanding frustration in feeling that
contemporary music did not focus
enough on the majesty and presence of
God. Although he participated in
contemporary worship at the time, Dr.
Evans desired for the lyrics to hold
more theological weight.

One example that played a part in the
lyrics was his belief that God didn't
need to be called down to come and
meet with His people because His
presence was already there with them
and in them.

There are several Bible verses with
similar wording, such as Psalm 46:10a:
Be still and know that I am God, but
there is no mention of these verses
being used as the basis for the song
“Be Still for the Presence of the Lord.”
And yet, it is a wondrous truth to
ponder.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord , we come to you today hearing that you are the resurrection
and the life and yet so much of our world seems to be dying. We are
surrounded by news of war. And so we pray for Ukraine; for the
Middle East, especially Iran; and for many parts of Africa which don't
often make the headlines. Lord, bring your peace.

We hear in the news about so many places where there is political
unrest...We know that much of your beautiful world has been spoiled
by our actions. We cry out to you for a polluted world, where multi-
nationals argue over the use of fossil fuels; where our supermarkets
continue to use plastics; where floods and droughts cause endless
problems and ruin livelihoods. Lord, bring your renewal.

Lord, you brought such joy to Mary and Martha as you raised
Lazarus from the dead, but we know that people we know and love
have died or are facing pain and illness right now. We remember all
those in our community who have died recently, as well as those
who are marking the anniversary of losing someone, especially
naming... We pray for all those who are mourning their loss. Lord,
come close to them in their sorrow, bring them the comfort of your
love. Help us to know how to support them at this difficult time.

And Lord, we pray for all those who are sick, those awaiting a
diagnosis or test results or a date for an operation... Lord, we pray
that you will bring healing, wholeness and patience. We thank you
for our health services and all who care and support those who are
unwell. We pray for their families, that they will also know the support
of friends and neighbours. We pray for all those in the UK affected by
the meningitis outbreak. Lord. you wept because you saw and
understood their pain. You wept because death was not what your
Father had originally planned. You wept because you care deeply for
all our hurts and sorrows. Thank you, Lord, that you care. Even when
you may feel miles away and distant, you are still caring, still
weeping, still loving. Thank you, Lord.

