

The Parish of Brize Norton
St Britius Church
News Sheet – April 2024



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Services:

Wednesday 2 April - 7.00pm Holy Communion

Sunday 6 April – Fifth Sunday of Lent

9.15am Holy Communion, *Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21, John 12:1-8*

2.00pm Baptism: Reuben Beer

Wednesday 9 April -No service at St Britius

7.30pm at St John's -Licensing service for Rev. Barry Hanson as our new Rector

Sunday 13 April – Palm Sunday

9.15am Holy Communion. *Readings: Psalm 118:1-2; 19 end, Luke 19:28-40.*



Wednesday 16 April – No service

Maundy Thursday 17 April - 7.00pm Holy Communion



Good Friday 18 April – 4.00pm Tenebrae service of readings and reflection.

Saturday 19 April – 3.00pm-5.00pm Easter Vigil - A silent vigil with contemplative music only, no liturgy. You are invited to drop in for as long or as short as you feel.

Sunday 20 April – First Sunday of Easter

9.15am Holy Communion, *Readings: Acts 10:34-43, John 20:1-18.*



Wednesday 23 April – No service

Sunday 27 April - Second Sunday of Easter

9.15am Holy Communion, *Readings: Acts 5:27-32, John 20:20-19-end.*

Wednesday 30 April - 7.00pm Holy Communion

Sunday 4 May – Third Sunday of Easter

9.15am Holy Communion, *Readings: Acts 10.44-end, John 15.9-17*

Contact details:

Team Rector: Rev. Barry Hanson rector@bncbb.org.uk 07949 654 988 (day off Friday)

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Churchwardens: Dr Phil Holmes 01993 843856 p.holmes@brizenorton.org

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Anniversaries this month: Mabel Coldman, Elsie Wiggins, John Oates, Valerie Cusack, Elsie Betts, Jennifer Haslam, Ridley Mackintosh-Smith, George Jackson, Kim Neal, Doris Bartlett, Arthur Woodley, Keith Drinkwater, Lesley Willis, Gwendoline Bown, Agnes Thorne, Joe Pinniger



Happy Birthday: to Joy for 1 April and Deanna for 7 April



Prayers: This month please pray especially for Sandy and Mary Bain, Joe and Jean Barbara, Joy Douglas, Linden Eley and son Timothy Burley, Lyndsay Baker, Bette Holmes, and Rev James. Also Reuben Beer and family, whose Baptism is on 6 April, and Minnie Strong, and family, whose Baptism is on 11 May.

Monthly Prayer Meeting: Next meeting Thursday 15 May 9.45am at St John's.



Pilgrim Lunch: We'll be following our Lent course for the next couple of weeks, so come and join us each **Tuesday 12:00-1:00pm**. Please bring your own picnic style lunch. Contact Phil Holmes 01993 843856 for more information.



Licensing Service: The Licensing service for Rev Barry as our new Rector is on **9 April at 7.30pm** at St John's. Everyone is welcome but please let Rossie know if you would like to attend, for catering purposes.



Easter Flowers: Mary will be pleased to receive donations towards the cost of these.

Grass cutting: We are very thankful to the Parish Council who, subject to formalities, have agreed to take over the maintenance of our closed churchyard as well as helping with the cost of grass cutting in the open churchyard. We really appreciate their commitment to keeping the village tidy and thank them wholeheartedly.



The Oxford Welsh Male Choir are performing a Charity Concert at St John's **5 April, 7.30pm**. Tickets £15 from <https://WitneyRotaryConcert2025.eventbrite.co.uk>

Easter Tea: Saturday 3 May 3.00pm at the Humble Bumble café.

Please see Rossie to book your place at our Easter tea. If you are able, please donate a raffle prize; Easter eggs are particularly welcome.



Our APCM: will be on **Sunday 11 May** after the morning service. The electoral roll has to be revised this year, which means everyone who wants to stay on or join the electoral roll needs to complete a form, so please see Rosemary.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 8 May – VE Day 80th Anniversary. This is a National Day of Celebration and we are looking to work with the Parish Council to mark this important day.

Tuesday 13 May 7.30pm – Brize Norton Annual Village Meeting, Elder Bank Hall.

Sunday 22 June – Village Gardens Open and Flower festival. We expect to serve teas and cake and would really appreciate help with making cakes as well as serving.

For other events at St John's or St Mary's go to www.bncbb.org.uk