

Notice Board
Services and Readings for next week

Sunday 26th February – 1st Sunday of Lent

8.00am	Holy Communion	Bassingbourn
9.15am	Holy Communion	Whadon
10.30am	Morning Praise	Bassingbourn

Bible Readings for Sunday 26th February

Genesis 9.8-17; Psalm 25.1-9; 1 Peter 3.18-end; Mark 1.9-15

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Bassingbourn
Whaddon

Vicar – The Revd Dr Donald McFadyen, The Vicarage, 21 North End, Bassingbourn, Tel. 01763 244836 – *Part-time only*

An induction loop has been fitted in Bassingbourn Church. Those with hearing difficulties are invited to switch their hearing aids to the 'T' position and to take a seat in one of the left hand pews.

BULLETIN Any notices for Bassingbourn to Rosanna McCraith, 01763 248249, e-mail d-rmccraith@supanet.com - **deadline Thursday evening** and Karen Coningsby for Whaddon, 01223 207514, e-mail karen.coningsby@btinternet.com

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Welcome to the
Parishes of Bassingbourn and Whaddon

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Sunday 19th February – Sunday Next before Lent

10.00	Third Sunday Service	Whaddon
10.30	Holy Communion	Bassingbourn
6.00	Evening Prayer	Whaddon

Bible Readings for Sunday 19th February

2 Kings 2.1-12; Psalm 50.1-6; 2 Corinthians 4.3-6; Mark 9.2-9

Collect for the Sunday Next before Lent

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever
Amen

Diary for Bassingbourn

Praying together

During the winter months, mid-week prayer in church will be:
Tuesday 6.30am; Wednesday
9.15am; Saturday evening 5.30pm
when there will particularly be prayer
for the Sunday worship

Street of the week

Pray for all who live in Guise Lane
and Saggars Close

Bishop's Lent Appeal

This year we will be supporting the Bishop's lent appeal which is for the Street pastors of Cambridge and Newmarket. Street pastors walk the streets of city centres at night helping the needy, who are often young and at risk because of drink. Please ask Jeff for further details. There are sticky labels to put on jam jars at the back of church. Thank you **Jeff**

An Invitation to Ray's Celebration Service and Party

Ray's family would be delighted if you would spend some time with them on Saturday 25 February at 12 Noon in church, followed by a buffet lunch in the hall. St. Paul's Church, Letchworth SG6 1QT. Children will be very welcome

Whaddon

Street of the week

Pray for all who live in Cardiff Place

General

ALM Courses

If you were in Ely Cathedral in October when Erica Coomber was licensed as an LLM (Reader), you will have seen many others being authorised as ALMs (Authorised Lay Ministers). These were people who had undergone training in a particular area, and are thereby authorised by the Bishop to offer ministry through their local church. In September training courses covering eight different aspects of ministry will begin, and information about them is available at the back of church. The eight are: Children's ministry, Lay Pioneer Ministry, Music Ministry, Parish Administration, Pastoral Assistants, Social Awareness, Worship Leading and Youth Ministry. If you sense God may be calling you to any of these, please have a look at the information, and talk to me or Di.

Donald

Men's Conference

C3 Church in Cambridge is holding a conference on 10th March, called 'Ascend 2012'. It features speakers Adrian Plass and Paul Reid. Information is available at the back of church.

The state of the Church

'I believe the Church of England has a unique opportunity to help shape the future of our communities.' The words of an archbishop? No, those spoken by Prime Minister David Cameron to the clergy in the Diocese of Oxford shortly before Christmas. He voices what many intuitively believe about the CofE: its historical place in our nation points to the foundational role it has still in making us a nation. Why?

Because building society is integral to Christian faith. That's true on the big scale - our national life - and the small scale - our life in communities like Bassingbourn and Whaddon. It's not always easy to see how this 'works' today; in our busy lives faith can easily be squeezed out. But that is the challenge the church faces, to inspire us so that we allow God to be first, and arrange the whole of our lives around him.

On Monday the book I have co-written with Bishop Michael Turnbull was published by DLT. Entitled 'The state of the Church and the Church of the State: re-imagining the Church of England for our world today', it takes up this challenge. It takes an honest look at where we are as a church, and our need to rediscover God's purposes for us in the nation of England. Bishop Michael and I argue that our development as a nation is inseparable from the church, and that we have a vital role to play in the future. To do so, though, we have to see that God calls us to live *within* the life of the nation, sharing its concerns rather than being caught up with our own internal ones, and pointing our nation to God - the unique opportunity of the C of E. Not everyone sees things this way, of course. Some want to push the church to the sidelines, and keep faith separate from public life. Perhaps you're not sure how Christian faith and values can and should influence our nation.

Whatever your views, I hope you'll find the book stimulating. I have some copies for sale at the bargain price of £10 (its retail price is £14.99). Please

let me know if you'd like a copy.

Donald

Lent and Easter 2012

Later this month, on 22nd February, is Ash Wednesday. It marks the beginning of Lent, the time when we prepare ourselves to remember again the death of Christ for us, and his resurrection from the dead on Easter Day (8th April). Easter is the source of our ultimate hope of God's victory over death, the foundation of our faith. This year we have a particular focus for Lent in our churches: deepening our lives with God and each other through 'prayer and parties' (to use the phrase of Bishop Stephen). We have produced a booklet giving full details, and there is a copy for you to take away. Our PCCs hope it will be a rich time of faith and fellowship, so that by the time Easter comes we'll know each other a bit better, and will have a deeper sense of the depth of God's love for us. Please consider giving time to be part of what is on offer, as we make space for God in our lives this Lent. **Donald**

Advance notice

On 20 April we'll be welcoming back to Bassingbourn Church the Cantilena Singers for an evening 'celebrating the best British Choral Anthems from the last 400 years'. The programme will include pieces by Byrd, Tallis and Purcell. The concert starts at 8pm and tickets will be available on the door.