

# Royal Wootton Bassett United Reformed Church March 2015 Newsletter



## Services

Sunday services begin at 10:30am

1 <sup>st</sup>	Revd Andrew Francis including Holy Communion
8 <sup>th</sup>	Revd Adrian Heath
15 <sup>th</sup>	Madge Sutton
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bernard Crabb
29 <sup>th</sup>	Revd Sarah Simpson



## Women's World Day of Prayer Friday 6th March 2pm



The service this year will be at our church and is written by the women of The Bahamas. The theme is "Do you know what I have done to you?". The speaker is Revd Sarah Simpson. The service will commence at 2pm, followed by light refreshments.

A warm welcome is extended to everybody to attend.

We are pleased to welcome Wootton Bassett Community Church who will begin to hold their Worship on Sunday afternoons in our church from late March.

We look forward to a very positive relationship between our communities as we all use our well loved spiritual space.

## Churches Together - Lent Programme 2015

Again this year we are sharing acts of worship in each of our churches. Each service will be led by the host church and the address will be given by one of the other ministers in the town. All services will start at 7.30pm. The venues, and preacher are as follows:-

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Methodist Church	Revd Jemma Sander-Heys
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	St Bartholomew's	Father Anthony
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sacred Heart Church	Revd Sarah Simpson
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Sacred Heart Church	Stations of the Cross, followed by bring and share supper

And in Easter Week

**Palm Sunday**, 29<sup>th</sup> March – 10am Blessing of Palms at Town Hall

**Good Friday** 3<sup>rd</sup> April – 10am Walk of Witness from Sacred Heart to Town Hall, followed by hot cross buns in our church hall.

**Easter Day** 5<sup>th</sup> April as well as our morning service there will be a Pastorate

**Happy Birthday** this month to Tom Stratton and Peter Butler

### Rotas for March

	<b>Church Flowers</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Vestry</b>	<b>Readings</b>	<b>Junior Church</b>	<b>Crèche</b>	<b>Tea</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Angela	Jack	Bob	Nicky, Andrew	Angela	Eileen	Joy, Eileen
8 <sup>th</sup>	Doreen	Bob	Jenny	Joy, Tom	Jenny	Nicky	Margaret, Ron
15 <sup>st</sup>	Margaret	Elizabeth	Fiona	Margaret, Ron	Jenny	Fiona	Brian, Andrew
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Barbara	Sheila	Elizabeth	Elizabeth, Jack	Jenny	Isobel	Fiona, Elizabeth
29 <sup>th</sup>	Elizabeth	Richard	Bob	Sheila, Brian	Jenny	Elizabeth	Jack, Isobel

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## Murmurings from the Manse

I have a nose for sniffing out strange stories and this week I found one that ranks amongst the strangest. An Indian Bride married one of the guests instead of her intended husband. After I got past the intriguing headline I found out that the groom collapsed at the wedding, he suffered from some illness which he had not disclosed and so the bride decided she wasn't going to marry him and married one of the guests instead. She argued that he had lied by omission and her culture stated that their marriage 'contract' could thus be broken, so she did!

Had he lied, as we understand a lie or had he simply withheld a piece of information?

It is a grey area and it is one humanity has struggled with ever since we learnt the difference between right and wrong. Along with free will God has given His people the responsibility to make up their own minds and to live by their decisions, and that is not always easy.

We are accountable for our actions and we have to be able to justify them if challenged to do so.

We are now in Lent, with our eyes beginning to look toward Jerusalem and the cross; a time when the actions of some are highlighted and judged; but we were not there and we do not know, only at second or even third hand, but still we express our opinion, and often it is based on emotion not fact – always a dangerous reaction.

This year I would offer this suggestion for Lent, instead of giving up or taking up, pause for Lent. Pause to reflect and consider, pause to read the narrative once again and do so with fresh eyes, pause and ask yourselves what it must have been like to live through that time; and see if this Lent is then different to any other.

Yours in Christ

*Sarah*

## Date for your April diary

### **A Musical Evening**

Varied pieces played by members and friends of the Church, on strings, piano, trumpet and sax. Tickets £5 adults £1 children, proceeds to RWB Allsorts Pre-school and to church funds.

Saturday 25th April 7pm

## Church Diary for March

### **Vision4Life Larks bible study**

Tuesday 3rd March 10:15am

### **Elders' meeting**

Thursday 5th March 1.30pm

### **Women's World Day of Prayer service**

Friday 6th March 2pm Our church

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**Music Group** in Church 7pm

**Badminton** in the Church Hall 7.45pm

Local Mission and Ministry Review

Revd Heather Whyte visiting to lead meeting of pastorate Elders

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 10.00-11.30

### **Annual Church Meeting**

Thursday 12th March 7.30pm

Friday 13th March

**Music Group** in Church 7pm

### **Vision4Life Owls bible study**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 10:15am

### **Church Walk at Lydiard Park**

Friday 20th Meet 10am at car park

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> items for next newsletter to Jenny, please



**Hive Coffee Club** for parents, carers, and babies and toddlers, meets  
Thursday mornings, 9:30 till 12.