

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

'To know Christ and to make Him known'



The United Benefice of Mears Ashby, Hardwick and Sywell with Overstone.

February 3rd Candlemass, February 10th 4th Sunday before Lent .

Welcome to our Service.

If you are visiting the Benefice, we welcome you and invite you to make yourself known to Revd Katrina or a member of the team. We hope that you enjoy our service and would direct you to our website www.mearsashbygroup.org.uk to find out more about the life of our churches.

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| Sunday 3rd February | 9.00am | St Leonards, Hardwick | Holy Communion with hymns |
| | 11.00am | Ss Peter and Paul, Sywell | Holy Communion with songs and hymns |
| Sunday 10th February | 9.00am | St Leonards, Hardwick | Morning Worship |
| | 11.00am | Ss Peter and Paul, Sywell | Family Communion with songs and hymns |
| | 4.00pm | All Saints, Mears Ashby | Evensong with hymns |
| Sunday 17th February | 9.00am | All Saints, Mears Ashby | Holy Communion with hymns |
| | 11.00am | Ss Peter and Paul, Sywell | Holy Communion with songs and hymns |
| Sunday 24th February | 9.00am | All Saints, Mears Ashby | Holy Communion with hymns |
| | 11.00am | St Nicholas, Overstone | Family Communion |
| | 4.00pm | St Leonards, Hardwick | Evensong with hymns |

Morning and Communion Readings

February 3rd Malachi 3: 1-5; Luke 2: 22-40
 February 10th Isaiah 6: 1-8; Luke 5: 1-11
 February 17th Jeremiah 17: 5-10; Luke 6: 17-26

PRAYERS PLEASE

Please continue to pray for all our families and friends within the Benefice.

Diary – Forthcoming Events

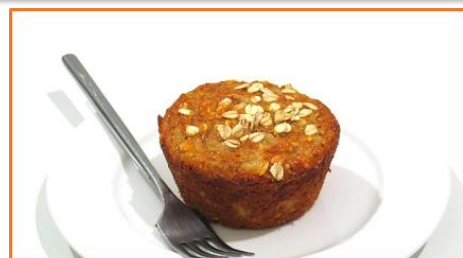
Thursday 7th February 7.00pm PCC Meeting, Mears Ashby.
 Saturday 9th February 10.00am Coffee Morning, Hardwick.
 Wednesday 13th February 7.30pm Fellowship Evening.
 Monday 25th February 7.00pm Choir Practice, Sywell.
 Wednesday 27th February 7.30pm Fellowship Evening.
 Saturday 2nd March 10.00am Coffee Morning, Mears Ashby.

CAN YOU HELP ?

Sywell needs people to help keep the church clean. There is a rota whereby pairs of volunteers help in the church around 3/4 times a year but more help is still needed.

If you can help with the odd hour please contact Jane Groom.

**Information for the newsletter to Tony
 (tony70jema@gmail.com) by Wednesday please. Thanks**



Hardwick Coffee Morning
 10am on Saturday 9 February 2019

SYWELL ROOF APPEAL

Thanks to recent grants and donations our appeal has now reached:
£50,807.12

Thank you to everyone who has helped raise this amount – a truly mammoth effort. We are currently updating our quotes for the work to begin later in the year, BUT we still need to raise around £2,000. Please help us with this last push towards our target. Watch this space.

THE MANNA HOUSE St Giles Street, Northampton

By the time you read this NFTP the Manna House will sadly have closed BUT HEYFORD BOOKS at New Farm Creation, Nether Heyford plan to open a new bookshop and to continue their on line business. The new bookshop is being run in conjunction with the Manna House and hopes to be fully open at the end of April 2019.
WWW.AMAZON.CO.UK/SHOPS/MANNA4THEWORLD
HEYFORD-BOOKS.BUSINESS.SITE
0781455516

ELECTORAL ROLLS

This is the year when new Electoral Rolls need to be completed throughout the Benefice as part of a refresh across the Church of England. Forms are available in each church from the electoral roll officer: Hardwick - Milly, Mears Ashby - Judy, Sywell & Overstone – Paul, or the churchwardens. Please complete forms by Sunday 17th March 2019 so that you can be included.



Ash Wednesday Service

**Holy Communion *with* Imposition of Ashes
(including 4 Villages Community Choir)**

Wednesday 6 March 2019

7.30pm – All Saints Church, Mears Ashby

Like any journey, it is good to prepare well before setting out on our Lenten trek. Ash Wednesday - with the making of the sign of the cross on our foreheads in ashes - is an opportunity to do just this; to reflect on what has been holding us back from loving God (100%, absolutely) and to recommit ourselves to walking closely with Jesus each day of Lent.

MUSIC

3rd February: 9.00am Hardwick, The Nunchuck's Dimittis - Geoffrey Burgon
10th February: 9.00am Hardwick, Hymn Tune 'Cloth Fayre' - John Scott
10th February: 4.00pm Mears Ashby, Beauty for Brokenness - Graham Kendrick
17th February: 9.00am Mears Ashby, Prelude on 'Franconia' - James Fletcher
24th February: 9.00am Mears Ashby, Fugue in D Major - JS Bach
24th February: 4.00pm Hardwick, How can I keep from singing - Peter Lowrey