

BENEFICE OF ARICONIUM

26th October
Last Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Old Testament Joel 2. ^{23-end.}
New Testament 2 Timothy 4. ^{6-8, 16-18.}
Gospel Luke 18. ^{9-14.}

ELEVATED INDECRETIONS

The news recently has been dominated by two stories; Gaza and Prince Andrew. On the basis that the former will be with us for some time and the latter will fizzle out soon, I feel bound to consider the latter first. You might not be a red-hot royal enthusiast but the story is still a gripping one.

To some extent Andrew became the victim of a Mr Epstein who made it his business to procure young girls for his own use and the use of others whom he favoured. He ended up in prison and in due course took his own life. He had become friends with Andrew and allegedly provided "interest" for him, unfortunately young, and the "interest" grew up, has written an autobiography, and alas has also taken her own life. Andrew has paid the price in that he has had to relinquish his royal honours and titles but as I write not his accommodation and income, though it is hard to see how his future will pan out.

This country cherishes its Royal Family. It is a continuity with the past and the study of its historic adventures is in itself fascinating. Actual governing power has passed to Parliament but is exercised in the name of the monarch. Many find this an agreeable outcome of history and a moderating influence. We are a democracy so the Royal Family is us, the British population. Most families have a "black sheep", or two, it is human nature. It is worth remembering that quite apart from the actual monarch the Family tries to provide an example of godly responsibility, the ideal family life. In doing so they succeed very well, but we should remember that their godly habit and example of church attendance is a balance to their family life with all its variety. Let us not forget Andrew's siblings Princess Anne and Prince Edward, quietly ploughing their own furrows for the nation with great success, and the King himself of course.

Our God is a forgiving God, a fact that Andrew will find important in time to come. This fact is a reminder for us all, one that we need to remember with adequate frequency, and be glad to embrace.

Robin Noble.

Services next Sunday 02nd November – All Saints Day

Weston-under-Penyard	Morning Worship	11.15 a.m.
The Lea	Family Communion	9.30 a.m.
Hope Mansell	Parish Communion	9.30 a.m.
Aston Ingham	Evensong	4.30 p.m.
Linton	Remembering Service	5.30 p.m.
Upton Bishop	Mattins	10.30 a.m.

Forthcoming Services & Events

WESTON. ALPHA YOUTH GROUP, An informal group to chat, to explore Christianity and to eat cake. Weston Village Hall, Thursday September 25th, 5pm - 6.30pm for Anyone aged 11 – 18.

UPTON BISHOP. Murder Mystery Frid 7th November @ Millenium Hall. An evening of detective work while you eat your Supper, Solve the mystery of **The Body in the Library**. Actors and chefs as well as diners required! **Book your place 07496685960** Entrance and Supper £15. **BYOB**. Proceeds to Church Heating Fund.

LEA SHOE BOX APPEAL. "Sorry to mention it, but Shoe-box time is coming around again. on-line boxes, www.samaritans-purse.org.uk click on the Shoebox Appeal, Operation Christmas child section and they'll walk you through it. Please let me know if you do an online box, so I can include. Any questions 01989 750808.

UPTON BISHOP NO LEGO CAFÉ UNTIL AFTER CHRISTMAS

WESTON: "Join us for our Autumn series of Bible studies led by David and Ewan as we explore the Pastoral letters of St John. We meet at 2.30 pm. On the Thursday dates below at, Penyard Rise, WUP HR9 7PH. You and your contribution will be most welcome. **23rd October** 1 John 1 v 5 to 22, **13th November** 1 John 2 v 3 to 14, **27th Nov**, 1 John 2 v 15 to 29, **11th December**, 1 John 3 v 1 to 10,

Christmas break

Please note if any date changes we'll let you know. Tony Mary Pitt 07534510614.

UPTON BISHOP have a BCP communion Service at 9.30 am on the first Wednesday of each month. A quiet midweek service. All welcome"

Please be aware that if you have any events you would like to advertise here, do please contact Debs directly (details below) and she will be pleased to include them.

Please pray for all who are sick, Margaret Minnet (AI)

Please pray for all who have died, Mr William Victor Gardner (WuP)

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