



Taking Hold of our Finances in Lent

As well as focussing on the Eucharist in our Lent course and Compline addressees, this Lent we will also be talking about our parish finances and our personal giving. Jesus talked about

money all the time: Money is a gospel issue and how we handle money is important for people of faith. Jesus saw that the rich young man's money was blocking him from truly following God, and in the parable of the talents he taught about accountability and the responsible use of all that we have been given. He recognised true generosity in the widow's mite, spoke of money / wealth / riches in 11 of the 36 parables, and constantly reiterated the scriptural bias towards the poor and needy. How we use money is definitely a question for each of us to ask ourselves as part of our following of Christ so it's appropriate to think about finance in the season of Lent.

All ministry costs money - some things are exciting to fund (special events, equipment....) other things are less exciting (the gas bill, salary costs....) but all are equally needed for a healthy ministry. Right now we have a £20,000 deficit so we really need to address this. There will be information packs available for everyone through Lent and we will be thinking about this in 3 topics on Sundays in each of our churches and across all our varieties of worship:

1. Who are we and what do we do? Are we even worth funding?
2. What is our financial situation?
3. What can I best do?

If you are not able to be in church during Lent we can also hand deliver or post the pack to you if you would like to receive one.

Thank you in advance for considering and praying about this

Sunday 22nd Feb
First Sunday in Lent

8am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

10am Joint Parish Holy Communion
(St John's and livestream)

NO 10am Service at St Mary's this week
9pm Compline (Chancel in St Mary's)

Mon, Weds and Fri
10am Pause for Prayer online

Tuesday 24th Feb
7.30pm Iona Service (St John's)

Weds 25th Feb
11am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

Sunday 1st Mar
Second Sunday in Lent

8am Holy Communion (St Mary's)

10am Holy Communion
(St Mary's and livestream)

10am All Together Service (St John's)

10am Holy Communion (Hampton Poyle)

9pm Compline (Chancel in St Mary's)

All livestreams are here:
www.youtube.com/@KidHPChurch

Don't forget our service sheets are downloadable and online. Feel free to bring a tablet to the service to help the environment.

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Lent 2026



'Come and See'

This Lent, we're inviting you to *Come and See* - an opportunity to explore the profound meal at the heart of Christian life. Whether you're new to faith, returning after a break, or have been part of church for years, this is a chance to pause, reflect and explore what the Eucharist might have to say to you. In addition to the group, you can also sign up to receive free daily Lent emails with short reflections, plus a weekly video from Bishop Steven. You do not need to sign up to take part in the group, but if you wish you can sign up here: <https://oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see>

We'll be running *Come and See* at St Marys on Mondays from 2:30pm - 4pm, starting on February 23rd, in a discussion group similar to previous years.

"The Making Group: Lent 2026"

The Making Group is convening again to respond to the Diocesan Lent Course "Come and See" in our own unique way. The group will meet on Friday afternoons in Lent, on the following dates:- Friday 20th and 27th February, 6th, 13th, 20th March, with 27th March as the day to put it all together. The Refectory, 2:30-4:00pm. All are welcome, and no particular skill is required. Just bring your imagination, an open mind, and a willingness to use your hands to create something special for Lent.

Please let Rosemary Meara know if you would like to join the group. Rosemary.meara@gmail.com

Compline Services and Talks – St Mary's Kidlington 8.45-9.15pm

On each Sunday evening during Lent and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week, starting at 8.45pm, there will be a short talk followed by the service of Compline (starting at 9pm).

The ancient office of Compline is a service of quietness and reflection at the end of the day.

Children & Young People: News

Would your youngster(s) be interested in attending the Diocesan youth weekend away from Friday 10 to Sunday 12 July 2026? It's about £120 per child (with some discount for multiples from one family) and will be at Adventure Plus, Clanfield (just the other side of Witney). More details on the diocesan website here: <https://oxford.anglican.org/amplify-adventure>

Also I'm pleased to announce the launch of the Youth Homegroup every 4th Sunday 7.00pm to 8.30pm at St John's Vicarage (next door to the church). It's for anyone of Secondary School age. Dates for this year are: April 26th, May 24th, June 28th July 26th [not August], September 27th, October 25th, November 22nd [not December]. Each week we'll look at one of Jesus's parables to see what we make of it and how it might have something to say to us. This will form the starting point of a discussion where they can raise or explore ideas and issues, ending with a short and simple time of prayer. Everyone is welcome to one or the other or both – but NB spaces may be limited.

We're not booking places yet but if you're interested in finding out more just RSVP to Oliver: 07787 991320 or oliver@kidhp.org.uk

Help needed

Sarah and Jason, who have just joined us while Jason is studying for ordination, are expecting their second child any day now, and we would love to be able to support them and lend a helping hand. One way we can do this is by providing a meal that they don't have to prepare. It's one less thing they'll have to think about amid the busyness of having a newborn. Because of allergies, meals need to be vegetarian, and milk and gluten free. If you'd like to help out like this then please get in touch with Paul (curatepaul@kidhp.org.uk).

Did you know?

- That every Tuesday and Thursday mornings the 'Little Acorns' and 'Toddler Group' sessions at St John's and St Mary's are full to bursting with children and parents /carers? Both of these groups are so appreciated by families and are just two of the sessions offered through our pre-school project 'Kidlinks'.

Change of date The next Parish Lunch will NOT be on Wednesday 25th February, rather it will be on Weds 4th March 1.00pm at The King's Arms, The Moors. If you haven't yet booked please contact Anne. All are very welcome. Anne (378267)

Bach to Bollywood concert

We are delighted to let you know that a concert, "Bach to Bollywood", will take place on the evening of **October 24th**, 2026, at St Mary's. All are invited to perform!

You could sing, dance, play an instrument or recite a poem as a solo or ensemble, and are welcome to offer a piece of any genre.

Please note that the duration of your performance should be a maximum of 4 minutes.

If you would like to participate, please contact Daffy (daffkrish@gmail.com) and Shreya (shreya@krishnam.com).

Serving the Community

Dates for your diary :

Funerals:

4th Mar, 1pm St Mary's
Irene Greenway (Eileen)

10th Mar, 11am St Mary's
Christopher Hair

11th Mar, 1pm Oxford Crematorium
Mavis Fry

In our Prayers this Week

Peter, Eirian and James

Sheila

Sarah and Vassilis

David and Tricia, Pat, Pam, Diana

Tracey

Andrew

David and Joan T

Graham Bullock

Those who have died: Mavis Fry

We continue to pray for all where there are wars and that the cease-fire in the middle east will hold.

HAVE YOU LOST A SET OF KEYS?

A large bunch of keys was found in St John's Lady Chapel more than a week ago but we've still not been able to track down the owner. If these are yours please contact Margaret Day.

Eco team meet Sat Feb 21st 10.30am St Mary's

Parish Services

	St John's	10am	Joint Parish Communion
22 February	St Mary's K	9pm	Compline
1 March	St Mary's K	10am	Holy Communion
	St John's	10am	All Together
	St Mary's HP	10am	Holy Communion
	St Mary's K	9pm	Compline
8 March	St Mary's K	10am	Holy Communion
	St John's	10am	Holy Communion
	St Mary's K	9pm	Compline
15 March	St Mary's K	10am	Open Space
	St John's	10am	Holy Communion
	St Mary's HP	10am	Holy Communion

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A service for everyone!

Friday 6 March

I will give you rest, come

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Please join us for this
service
at
St John's Church
The Broadway OX5 1DD
at 7.30pm

All welcome



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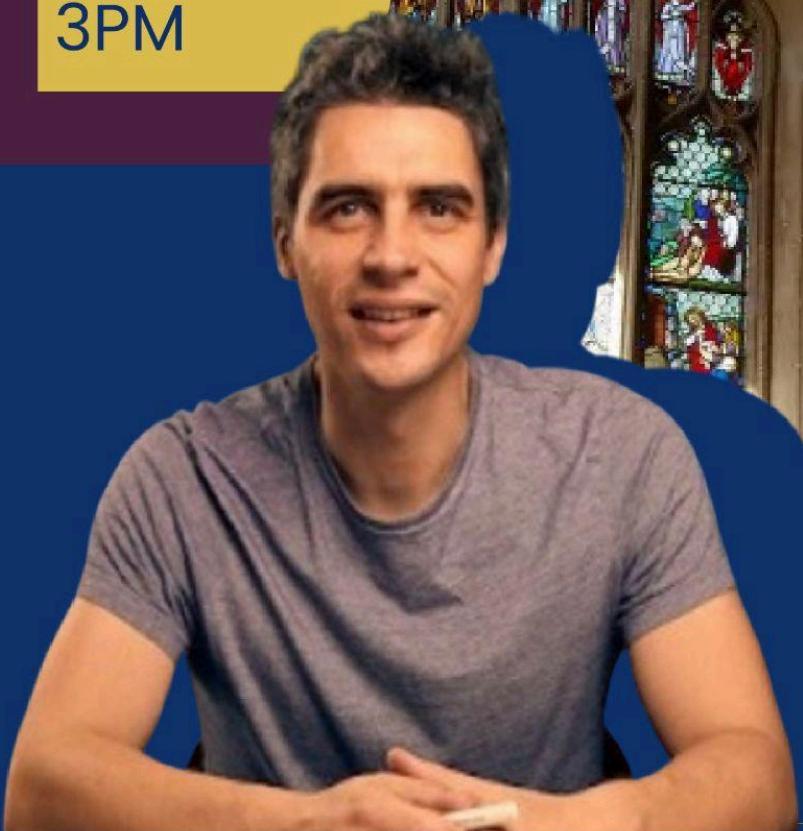
TEA TALK AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Church St, Kidlington,
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SUNDAY
8TH MARCH
2026 AT
3PM

DAVID HEWETT

Professor of Mathematics at
UCL and Director of Music at St
Mary's Kidlington



FREE ENTRY

In this talk, which will feature live musical demonstrations, David will explore some of the many connections between mathematics and music, sharing some insights into his academic research into the mathematics of acoustics and his maths-music collaboration with a professional percussionist.

Tea follows the talk – Donations in aid of Church Funds