NORTH WEST HAMPSHIRE BENEFICE

ASHMANSWORTH + CRUX EASTON + EAST WOODHAY + HIGHCLERE + WOOLTON HILL

...making Christ known in our communities

Sunday 4th February 2024

2nd Sunday before Lent

9.30am All Together Woolton Hill

Minister: Suki Coe

II.00am Matins Highclere

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11.00am Parish Communion East Woodhay

President & Preacher: The Associate Priest

6.00pm Evensong Ashmansworth

Minister: The Associate Priest

Readings: Proverbs 8: 1,22-31 ,Psalm 104:26-end,

Colossians 1: 15-20, John 1: 1-14

Sunday IIth February 2024

Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion East Woodhay

President: The Associate Priest

9.30am Parish Communion Woolton Hill

President & Preacher: The Associate Priest

II.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Highclere

Minister: The Associate Priest

Readings: 2 Kings 2: 1-12, Psalm 50: 1-6, 2 Corinithians 3: 3-6,

Mark 9: 2-9

Wednesday 14th February Ash Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion – with ashing

Woolton Hill

President & Preacher: Revd Dodie Marsden

7.30pm Holy Communion – with ashing

East Woodhay

President & Preacher: Revd Dodie Marsden Readings: 2 Corinthians 5: 20-6:10, Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

Sunday 18th February 2024

Lent I

9.30am Morning Worship Woolton Hill

Minister: Suki Coe

9.30am Holy Communion Ashmansworth

President & Preacher: Visiting Clergy

11.00am Parish Communion Highclere

President & Preacher: Visiting Clergy

6.00pm Evensong East Woodhay

Minister: Suki Coe

Readings: Genesis 9: 8-17, Psalm 2: 1-9, 1 Peter 3: 18-end,

Mark 1: 9-15

Sunday 25th February 2024

Lent 2

9.30am Parish Communion Woolton Hill

President & Preacher: The Associate Priest

9.30am Morning Worship East Woodhay

Minister: Suki Coe

II.00am Holy Communion Crux Easton

President & Preacher: The Associate Priest

Readings: Psalm22: 23-end, Romans 4: 13-end, Mark 8: 31-end

A prayer for our parishes:

Eternal Father, we give thanks for calling us to be fellowpilgrims in Christ. Strengthen our faith, renew our common life and guide us into the future in the power of your Spirit. With your grace may we be faithful witnesses, in both word and deed, to your love and saving presence in all our communities. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rector: Vacancy Benefice Office 07577 423715 Associate Priest: Revd Professor Chris Hancock 254718

Reader: Suki Coe 07990 755323 Reader Emeritus: Rosemary Cahill 253306

Benefice Co-ordinator: Sue Hopkinson e-mail: coordinator.nwhb@outlook.com

Monthly Notice Sheet:

Please send details of church news and events for this sheet to Bertha (253199 or berthab@btinternet.com) by the 24th of the preceding month.

Update from the Benefice: February 2024

Our Associate Priest will be holding 'Open Door' at The Clergy House on Mondays from 5.30-7.30pm This is for anyone who wants to see him about anything for a brief conversation. He can also be contacted during this time by phone. Telephone 254718.

All PCC members across the Benefice are encouraged to ensure that their Safeguarding training is up to date – there will be an in person session at Jo Walsh's home (Highclere Farm) on the 20th February I-4pm. Preferential treatment will be for Highclere PCC members but any spare spaces are available to other PCCs; so if people would like to express an interest then there will be a reserve list. If the training is successful we can approach the Diocese Safeguarding Team to run another one. Contact Jo Walsh on 07774 919443, or 01635 255013 email pandjwalsh@outlook.com all welcome.



On Monday 12th February Dodie will be giving a talk about Mityana and the most recent visit in October 2023, at St Mary's Church Rooms in Overton. From 12 noon with soup and bread and fruit for lunch, a donation box to cover the cost of the food. A quick email to let us know if you are coming would be helpful for catering purposes.

If anyone is interested there is also an opportunity to talk about 2024's October trip. Places available. Email: dodie.marsden@gmail.com Phone: 01264 738211

Aladdin's Cave Saturday 17th February 2024 10.30am-Ipm in Woolton Hill Church Hall in aid of **St Thomas' Church.** Please come along and support the event, donations of new items welcome. Contact Carol 253082 or Angie 253233.

Prayer Group. Wednesday 7th February 2024 at St. Thomas' Church at 10am. Everyone welcome. Contact Rachael or Netty 07979 952611

The Community Café is every Friday from 10.00am in St Thomas' Church, Woolton Hill. All welcome.

Please see previous page for contact details of the Benefice telephone number and email address which are now in use.