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*The Parish Magazine for  
Winterborne St Martin, Winterbourne Abbas,  
Winterbourne Steepleton and Compton Valence*



February 2009

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“ - Bruce Robertson - 880008

Winterbourne Steepleton – John Crawford – 889377

Winterbourne Abbas – Martin Hartley – 889239

Compton Valence- Jeremy Russell – 01308/482227

**NOTE A formal announcement of our new priest is to be made in our churches on Sunday 25th January.** This is after this magazine goes to print so nothing can be put in. Notices will be posted on church notice boards once the public announcement has been made.

Bruce Robertson, Church Warden

*My thanks, as editor, go to Rev Harold Stephens of Dorchester Parish for offering us another letter for our magazine during the interregnum.*

FROM THE PARISH



**February 2009**

**To live without barriers and “become”**

A very happy New Year to everyone - although this comes a little late! In fact, in the Church's calendar, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February marked a turning point; the time in which we leave behind all the ideas associated with Christmas and Epiphany and turn now to await the coming of Lent, Holy Week and Easter. This was the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple when the infant was recognised by two of the prophets and holy people there as the one who will bring hope to a dark world.

*'Look, he is destined for the fall and for the rise of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is opposed and a sword will pierce your soul too-so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'* (Luke 2;vv 34-35)

## **From the Parish (continued)**

So this is a month of transition; a month when one thing leads to another without any forgetting, or rejecting or distancing ourselves from all that has been through the Christmas period.

It is almost as if to say that we should not try to separate up different elements in our lives; we should not try to over-compartmentalise what makes our lives what they are.

It is also recognising that we should seek to work out the narrative of our life - its story of what we are - in clear recognition that we are touched by the most profound reality when we are touched by love.

Too often the pressure is on to play a rôle, to divide home from work from play; to be ill at ease with ourselves and seek to present a different face to society. The call of the Gospel is to that love which says “come” to all and everyone alike. It says “I have called by your name, you are mine.”

And the reality of this sort of “being”; that we are known and loved, can underpin us at whatever stage of life we are at. It calls us to truth, generosity of spirit, service, humility and openness. That we should be the people we are for all.

Next month, on Wednesday evenings in St. Mary’s Church, Dorchester, Fr Timothy Radcliffe will be talking about what it can mean to be “Fully Alive” - a human being before God. He is a well-known broadcaster, writer, theologian and preacher and former head of the world-wide Dominican Order. He is here at the invitation of the Diocese to help us all this Lent to re-focus our perspectives and become clearer about our Christian calling to “live” - to live without barriers and to “become”. I encourage everyone - young and old alike, to come along. You can find out more and hear/see video extracts of Timothy Radcliffe talking by going to the web site [www.fully-alive.co.uk](http://www.fully-alive.co.uk) and reading more in February’s Sarum Link.

Your friend,  
Harold Stephens,

Team Rector, Dorchester.

## **SUNDAY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY**

<b>1st February</b>	<b>Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)</b>	<b>Malachi 3: 1 - 5 Hebrews 2: 14 - 18 Luke 2: 22 - 40</b>
<b>8th February</b>	<b>3rd before Lent</b>	<b>Isaiah 40: 21 - 31 1 Corinthians 9: 16 - 23 Mark 1: 29 - 39</b>
<b>15th February</b>	<b>2nd before Lent</b>	<b>Proverbs 8: 1, 22 - 31 Colossians 1: 15 - 20 John 1: 1 - 14</b>
<b>22nd February</b>	<b>Next before Lent</b>	<b>2 Kings 2: 1 - 12 2 Corinthians 4: 3 - 6 Mark 9: 2 - 9</b>

## **LENT COURSES AND LUNCHES** **ADVANCE NOTICE**

Lent Courses this year will be held on Wednesday afternoons, commencing 4th March, and Thursday evenings, commencing 5th March. Each course will be five sessions. They will be ecumenical and everyone will be welcome. Please check the church notice boards later this month for full details of topics, venues and times. Details will also be published in the March magazine.

It is also proposed to hold Friday Lent lunches again this year, commencing Friday, 27th February at 12.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

## **FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT** **23rd February to 9th March**

**Fairtrade Coffee Morning**  
**Saturday 7th March, 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon**  
**at**  
**Turnpike Cottage, Weymouth Road, Martinstown**  
**Everybody Welcome**

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER  
( Interdenominational )**

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**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE  
( Interdenominational )**

**FRIDAY MARCH 6th**

**10.30 A.M. at ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH  
FORDINGTON GREEN, DORCHESTER**

**Speaker will be Jo Lacy-Smith  
and**

**7.30 p.m. at SOCIETY OF FRIENDS,  
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**Q Why is "Lent" so-called?**

**A Lent is an old English word meaning 'lengthen'. Lent is observed in spring, when the days begin to get longer.**



## St Valentine's Day

**St. Valentine** was a priest in Rome, and was condemned to death on February 14th 269 A.D. after it was discovered that he had been helping Christian martyrs and secretly marrying couples. The emperor Claudius II had prohibited men in his army to marry, as he felt their strength would be sapped!

Before his execution **St. Valentine** left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter, signed 'From Your **Valentine**', and so began the tradition of sending a card from a secret admirer.

## PARISH DIARY

(For church services see back cover)

Date	Time	Event & Venue
		(If not Martinstown Village Hall)
Early		Snowdrop display/lunches/teas Compton Valence

## FEBRUARY

1 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Film "M Hulot's Holiday"	Brewers Arms
7 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	MCC Jumble Sale	
9 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	WI Open evening – Talk on "Rajasthan and the Pushkar Camel Fair"	
14 <sup>th</sup>	All day!	St Valentine's Day	Everywhere!
15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Artsreach "Spaghetti Swing"	
28 <sup>th</sup>	8 pm	Valley Club	Barn Dance

## MARCH

1 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Film "How to Steal a Million"	Brewers Arms
7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Talk/slide show "Wings over Weymouth"	
16 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Valley Club Talk on "Garden Design"	

My apologies in advance for any omissions which I am sure will be brought to my attention! BB

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February 2009

As ever, Christmas was much enjoyed by everyone and particularly the children. The interregnum didn't interrupt the normal seasonal train of events thanks to much unseen hard work by our Church Wardens, and too many others for me to try to list. One of the outstanding performances was a certain fox at the Crib Service! This service was marked by shepherd deciding his lamb should not go to Baby Jesus but instead would be given to the nice fox, who at the time was in the pulpit!!

A formal announcement about our new parish priest will have been made on 25<sup>th</sup> January, too late for me to print but before the magazine reaches you. There will also have been notices posted on church notice boards.

I knew from the Guinness Book of Records that Martinstown could be very wet, reinforced by Arthur Singleton's figures on page 18. But – nobody told me how cold it could get. Waking up to minus 10C at the back door never happened in balmy Weymouth!

Spring can't be too far away as this issue contains information about Lent, snowdrops, and even advance warning that in July our village gardens will once more be open to admiring visitors. Actually, this depends on some of you long-suffering gardeners being prepared to welcome visitors as generously as on the last occasion! (See page 21). Let's hope for drier weather than two years ago!

Brian B



## MARTINSTOWN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

February 2009

The speaker at the first meeting of the New Year was Mrs Jean Lang who spoke about the role of women in Iran, where all women, including tourists, are required to be veiled; this means covering the hair completely and wearing a full length skirt or floppy trousers and long sleeves (even in 40°C temperatures).

She told us of the many other restrictions imposed on women, however, it was encouraging to hear that there are now more female students than male at University and more women doctors and teachers. After hearing Mrs Lang's account of life in Iran we were all very thankful for the freedom we enjoy in this country.

Refreshments were kindly provided by Christine Gibson and Denise Parmiter.

The next meeting will be on 9<sup>th</sup> February in the Village Hall when Mrs Chris Shaw will be speaking on "Rajasthan and the Pushkar Camel Fair". This will be an Open Meeting and all visitors are welcome at 8 pm. Do come and join us to hear this popular speaker, her talks are always very interesting.

Next Scrabble – 5<sup>th</sup> February at 8 pm at 1 Hardy Close. All welcome.

Angela Barrett 889628

**Notice seen in a public park**

**“Attention Dog Guardians: Pick up after your dogs. Thank you!”**

**Attention Dogs: Grrrrr, bark, woof. Good Dog!”**

# THE VALLEY CLUB

February 2009

The Valley Club is a corporate member of the Gardens Group Gold Club. This entitles all Valley Club members to certain benefits during the year at Poundbury Garden Centre (and also at Castle Gardens in Sherborne and Brimsmore Gardens in Yeovil).

If you have not received your Spring order forms for composts and other sundry goods at a substantially discounted price, and Spring discount vouchers, please contact Eileen Fisher on 889584. For a full list of Gold Club benefits go to [www.thegardeneronline.co.uk](http://www.thegardeneronline.co.uk)

Our next event will be our annual Barn Dance on 28<sup>th</sup> February with 'Jump at the Sun'. The Barn Dance is in Martinstown Village Hall from 8.00pm to 11.30pm. Tickets cost £8 for members and £10 for non-members which includes a ploughmans supper. There will also be a cash bar. This is always a popular event so get your tickets as soon as possible from Eileen Fisher tel. 889584, Sally Webb tel. 889097 or the Martinstown village shop.

## Future Events:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm - AGM + a talk by James Foster-Pegg on

'Garden Design'.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm - 25% Discount Evening for members at

Poundbury Garden Centre.

Pat Willetts Tel 889597

## **Babes and sucklings (again!)**

On the loss of a pet:-

"My hamster went to heaven, and came back a different colour"

**WINTERBOURNE VALLEY**  
**TODDLER GROUP**



**MEET**  
**MONDAY MORNINGS**  
10am ~ 12 Noon



**MARTINSTOWN**  
**VILLAGE HALL**

We are a small friendly group.  
All bumps, babies, and toddlers welcome.  
Come along for coffee/squash and a chat/play.

Contact Kay (Chairperson) on 01305 889140

## **Winterbourne Valley Toddler Group**

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Toddler Christmas party in December. There was a wonderful turnout and was obvious that all of the children had a great time meeting Father Christmas, decorating biscuits and making glitter Christmas tree decorations. For me, it was a lovely sight to see 25 children and parents sat in a circle playing pass-the-parcel after a strenuous rendition of “Hokey Cokey”!

Another thank you needs to be extended to The Brewers Arms for the Mums night out later the same day. We all thoroughly enjoyed the gorgeous Christmas Meal, finished off nicely with watching the X Factor result on the pub’s TV. Thank you John and Jackie, well beyond the call of duty!

We have had Tea Towels produced, showing the named handprints of 25 of our members. These are available at our regular meetings or through me at a price of £3 each. Please support our group and buy one while stocks last.

Monday meetings continue onwards in the village hall from 10am to 12pm. No breaks now until the Easter Monday Bank Holiday. Just come along or call me for more details. Everyone welcome from bumps and babies to Toddlers.

Kay Dawson 01305 889140

# JUMP START NEWS

Our first session in February will be Thursday 5th with a visit from Treats Toy Library. Jenny will be bringing a collection of craft activities and equipment for you to stock up on for the impending half term along with her resource catalogue which enables you to borrow toys and equipment by either visiting the local branch in Bere Regis or collecting it from a variety of 'drop off points in and around Dorchester.

On the 12th February. Phoenix Cards will be here with a selection of greeting cards, wrapping paper and stationery.

Jumpstart sessions are held term time only in Martinstown Village Hall and begin at 9.30 a.m. for under two's and 10.30 a.m. for over two's. Each session costs £2.60. For further information, please contact Becky Dovey on Tel 01305 889250.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Becky Dovey

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## Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings

From an impoverished child:-

“All my clothes have had other people in them!”

### MARTINSTOWN VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

**November** £25 Monica Ellis  
£10 Ralph Browning £5 Ann Siingleton

**December** £25- Patrick and Margaret Jeffrey  
£10-Christine Mooney £5- Rosemary Duke

## **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (Abbotsbury & Portesham Branch)**

It is with great sadness that we record the death of **Tom D. Dunford** (Portesham).

A true gentleman and friend of many of our members he was one of the most regular attendees at our events and we shall sorely miss him. Our sincere condolences to Betty and family.

The Portesham **Village Café** in the Hall from 10 a.m. 'till noon on 31<sup>st</sup> January will be in aid of special reserves with which the Branch intends to fund prizes to further our relationships with the village school and the Chesil Scouts (consequent upon recent affiliation).

**“Riverdance”**, B.I.C. Bournemouth (sold out) Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2009. Coach departures are: Winterborne Abbas 6 p.m., Abbotsbury Square 6.15 p.m., Portesham Green 6.20 p.m., 35a London Rd. Dorchester 6.40 p.m.

**“Rome & Environs”** holiday is from 21<sup>st</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 and coach departures are:

Bridport 4.15 a.m., Abbotsbury 4.40 a.m., Portesham 4.50 a.m., Dorchester 5.20 a.m. Puddletown 5.35 a.m.

The Branch **Annual Dinner** will be held at Upwey Wishing Well Restaurant on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2009. Booking has now opened. Menu and coach details will appear in the next Branch Newsletter.

We are exploring the possibility of a 3 day trip to **Stoke-on-Trent**, visiting gardens and potteries, together with **Alrewas National Arboretum Memorial Gardens** and Lichfield Cathedral in May/June. It would be helpful to the Entertainments Committee to know if this interests you.

An 8-Day tour of the Poitiers and Limoges area of France is being planned for September, 2009. If you are interested in this or any of the above, please telephone me on 01305 267617.

Des Baker, Branch Vice Chairman



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(no previous experience necessary)*

## **“The Rain in Spain, or rather, Martinstown!”**

2008 rainfall statistics compiled by Arthur Singleton

<b>Month</b>	<b>Rainfall (in mms)</b>	
January	225	NB January, July, August and October all had more than 200 mm (8")
February	104	
March	166	
April	87	More than a quarter of last year’s rain fell in the two “summer” months of July and August!
May	195	
June	60	
July	217	
August	292	
September	147	
October	228	
November	164	
December	123	
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>2008</b>	(What a coincidence!)
Will we have 2009 mms this year??		2008 mms = 79 inches

**Winterbourne Valley Pre-School**  
**THE TIMES / SUNDAY TIMES**  
**FREE BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS**

Please could readers of the above newspaper collect the tokens which will be published daily and hand them into Martinstown Village Shop?

Alan Pascal has kindly agreed to keep a container on the counter for us to collect the vouchers in. Once we have finished the collection, we will endeavour to let you know how many books were raised throughout the campaign. Very many thanks for your co-operation and support.

Becky Dovey, School Governor

**Chesil Beach events - February 2009**

**Sat 07 Feb Scavenger Hunt**

Winter storms wash up many fascinating objects on to coastal beaches. Come down to Chesil as we explore the natural treasures, flotsam and jetsam thrown up by the storm waves. Meet Chesil Centre, 10:00. Children £2, adults free!

**Sun 15 Feb West Fleet Walk**

Chesil and the Fleet make up one of Western Europe's most important marine nature reserves; the reserve has a broad range of habitats and is of vast historic importance. On this walk we take a look at one of the more secluded parts of the Fleet. Meet Abbotsbury Swannery, 10:30. Children £2, adults £3.

**Sat 21 Feb Fossils at Pirates Cove**

As the tide falls leaving the Fleet foreshore exposed, now is the perfect time to explore the seabed for fossils. Ammonites, belemnites and brachiopods are just some that can be found (sea urchins a speciality). Join one of our guides to help you identify your finds. Meet Camp Rd, 10:00. Children £2, adults £3.

For further information please contact the Chesil Beach Centre  
Tel 01305 759692 or visit our website [www.chesilbeach.org](http://www.chesilbeach.org)

# MARTINSTOWN VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

## News and events

**ANN MATTHEWS Telephone 889248**

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### **BINGO ON FRIDAYS**

**6th and 20th February**

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### **VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS**

The Booking Secretary is Tessa Clark

Telephone 889493 (Please call between 9am to 8pm only)

### **POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT DATES**

We are looked after by our  
Community Beat Officer Sandy Redford (PC178) assisted  
by

Sarah Pilcher (PCSO 5410) and Jacqui Allen (PCSO 5396)  
Sarah will also be back at Stevens Farm shop on Wednesdays  
4th & 18th February 1.30-3pm,- subject to operational  
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### **MARTINSTOWN ON THE NET**

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If you can't wait for the next issue of Valley & Valence go to

**[www.martinstown-news.co.uk](http://www.martinstown-news.co.uk)**

## **Artsreach @ Martinstown Village Hall**

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2009 @ 7.30pm

All the way from Italy for our delectation....

### **Spaghetti Swing**

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**ADVANCE  
NOTICE  
Martinstown**

**Open Gardens  
Weekend**

**11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2009**

**12-00 / 6-00pm Sat—Sun.**

**We can not organise this event  
without your gardens,  
so if you are willing to open yours,  
PLEASE let us know!**

**Tel Ann Matthews on 889248**

**A TALK AND SLIDESHOW**

# ***Wings OVER Weymouth***

**1900 – 1980**



**BY**

**SQUADRON LEADER COLIN POMEROY RAF(RET)**  
TRANSPORT & MILITARY HISTORIAN

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**Martinstown Village Hall**

**Saturday 7th March 2009**  
**7.30pm**

**Admission: £2.00 • Refreshments**

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MARTINSTOWN CRICKET CLUB

**JUMBLE**

**SALE**

ON

**SATURDAY**

**7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

AT

**MARTINSTOWN**

**VILLAGE HALL**

2.00 P.M.

Admission 30p

Refreshments available

Raffle

*JUMBLE, BOOKS, BRIC-A-BRAC ETC REQUIRED -*

*PLEASE DELIVER TO THE HALL*

*FROM 10.30 A.M. ON THE DAY*

## **Winterbourne St Martin Parish Council Meeting on 24th November**

The meeting started with the Chairman apologising for missing the last two meetings as he had been abroad. He thanked Brian Thompson for standing in for him. David Crowhurst, the District Councillor, opened the meeting at 7.30 pm by giving his report. The main issues were the state of the stream bank opposite Burnside Cottage, and the unilateral withdrawal by the District Council from stream clearing, which was their responsibility this year. The response from the District Council was noted. They felt there was no risk of the bank collapsing after they had carried out a visual inspection. The Parish council asked Mr. Crowhurst to request a structural survey as they disagreed and the Parish Council would ensure the District Council's Insurers were aware of our concerns. The matter of stream clearing was discussed and several actions suggested.

Ian Shaw told Mr. Crowhurst that the SID device at Mallards Green had shown an average speed of 42 mph and a top speed of 80. These findings were similar to previous printouts but still no obvious action was forthcoming so we were advised to write to the lay Policy Authority asking them to pursue the matter

The planning application for an extension at Linden Lea has been withdrawn for the moment. The lay-by opposite the village hall was now been surfaced with tarmac and thanks given to Mike Fry for his help with this project which has improved the village. The flower troughs will continue though not without opposition from some members. Ian Gibson will remain in charge of the planting scheme and when his enthusiasm disappears the project will be reviewed.

Patrick Jeffrey, Chairman

### **Notes**

- 1 WA & WS PC meetings:-  
17th November - nothing to report  
19th January - Report in March magazine
- 2 There will be no PC meetings in February

# Ecuador Update

by Dick Corbett-Winder

I last visited Ecuador in 2006 with Nigel Tooth and Rosie Duke. Many of you will remember our work with street children, tales of guinea pig eating, climbing volcanoes, and swimming with alligators.

In late 2008 I returned to revisit our projects and to inspect, on behalf of a volunteer placement company, other humanitarian projects.

A new president had brought changes, - cars displaying number plates, and a new, totally incomprehensible, one-way system. Our old projects seemed much the same, just different children; same problems.

The city of Quito has a rubbish dump where about 300 people dig through the rubbish to extract anything that they can recycle to sell. As they rip open the bags to find things to recycle, they receive cuts and needle punctures, often resulting in infections and disease.

Until recently the children of these workers were beside their parents, playing in the garbage and eating what they could find. The parents travelled at least two hours each way by bus to get to the dump and work in 12 hour shifts.

The project goal is to break the cycle of generations of families working in the dump, without education and without hope. This will be achieved by providing care, feeding, healthcare and education for the children of the workers. These children can then improve their lives and not have to spend the rest of their lives digging through the rubbish.

Quito is not immune from the credit crunch – the price of recyclable goods has dropped by half. The price of food has risen. The families still need to eat.

A return visit to the jungle, to continue my search for El Dorado, along with a visit to upset the wildlife of the Galapagos was also on the agenda.

**Right:- A Galapagos tortoise  
Greeting Dick!**



**ADULT BRAIN TEASER**  
(Answers by e-mail please)

**Answer to December/January teaser**

The next number in the series 1, 6, 120, 5040, 362880 is 39,916,800 ("factorial" 11 – following "factorial" 1,3 5, 7, & 9)

Winner – Irene Troup

Sir Isaac Newton, Humphrey Bogart & Kenny Everett were all born on Christmas Day – No winner

My link with The Flight of the Bumble Bee. It was composed by Rimsky-Korsakoff, was a Russian Naval Officer and I was also a Naval Officer. – No winner

**FEBRUARY TEASER**

1. What is the next digit, "x" in this series?

1,9,1,4,1,  
9,1,8,1,9,  
3,9,1,9,4, "x"?

Once again - a Guinness for an entry chosen from correct replies.

**AND CHILDREN'S PUZZLE**

**JUNIOR SUDOKU**  
Fill in blanks with only one of each number in any line or rectangle.



		3			
6					
		4			2
1			3		
		2			4
			1		

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<b>Sunday 1st</b>	<b>Presentation of Christ in the Temple</b>	
9.30 a.m.	Parish Communion (CW)	Winterbourne Abbas
	Rev Richard Adams to celebrate	
11.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist (CW)	Martinstown
	Rev Fred Noy to celebrate	
<b>Tuesday 3rd</b>		
12.30 p.m.	Valley View Lunch Club	Farm Shop
<b>Wednesday 4th</b>		
10.00 a.m.	Teddy Praise	Martinstown
<b>Sunday 8th</b>	<b>3rd Sunday before Lent</b>	
8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)	Martinstown
	Rev Nigel Tooth to celebrate	
9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)	Compton Valence
	Rev Richard Adams to Celebrate	
11.00 a.m.	Family Eucharist (CW)	Winterbourne Steepleton
	Rev Jane Culliford to celebrate	
<b>Thursday 12th</b>		
7.30 p.m.	Home Group, 5, Hardy Close	Martinstown
<b>Sunday 15th</b>	<b>2nd Sunday before Lent</b>	
9.30 a.m.	Parish Eucharist (CW)	Martinstown
	Rev Peter Gregson to celebrate	
11.00 a.m.	Come & Praise	Winterbourne Abbas
	Nigel Power to lead	
6.00 p.m.	Taizé Service	Winterbourne Steepleton
<b>Sunday 22nd</b>	<b>Next before Lent</b>	
9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)	Steepleton Manor
	Rev Roy Bennett to celebrate	
11.00 a.m.	Come and Praise	Martinstown
	Nigel Power to lead	
<b>Wednesday 25th</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	
7.30 p.m.	Parish Eucharist	Martinstown
	Rev Dick Luther to celebrate	

### Weekday Services – February

Subject to availability of leaders.

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Tuesdays	8.30 a.m. - Morning Prayer	Martinstown
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