

Please pray for:

- Those getting baptised today: Becky Dunn at St Stephen's and Alexander Finley at St John's.
- Anyone in the Benefice who is unwell especially Adam, Diana Teague, Brenda Beard, Cynthia Hall, Diane Powell, Geoffrey Sidaway, Beryl Evans, Gwen Bedney, Peggy Turley, Joy Wentworth and Neil Wentworth.
- Others around the Benefice who need prayer, especially Someyah, Edna, Eileen Back, Jean Byett, Winifred & Harold James, Ian & Joan Jones, Sandra Morgan, Glyn & Theresa Preest, Marcus Turner and Len Warner.
- Families who have recently been bereaved; especially the families of Keith Bowdler, Roger Powell and Patricia Vickers.
- Marc and Julie who got married Sat 4 May in St Stephen's and Jordan and Sarah who are getting married on Sat 11 May.
- The street pastors in Cinderford as they go out on to the streets, they are out every Saturday from 8 pm until 1 am.
- The people of all countries where there is unrest.
- The financial situation for all the churches across our Benefice.
- Jim and Adalia Fisher in the Philippines.

Prayer Chain – if you have an urgent need for prayer contact
Mike on 01594 822286 or Marilyn on 01594 826326

Pause for prayer Tuesday mornings, 10.30 am at Dorothy Arnison's home: 57 Heywood Rd, Cinderford. If you would like prayer for yourself or someone you know please contact Dorothy on 824840 or pop along and join the group.

Prayer meetings are from 9.30 am at St Stephen's on the 1st Saturday of the month + St Ethelbert's on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

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Churchwardens at St Stephen's: Sheila Cole Tel: 01594 825301
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**If Coffee/Tea is being served after the service
you are attending please stay and join us.**

Benefice of Cinderford with Littledean

**St Ethelbert's, St John's and St Michael's,
St Stephen's and Bilson Mission**



Welcome to our services of worship. If you are a visitor we hope you will feel at home and look forward to meeting you after the service. If you use a hearing aid, please switch to the 'T' setting to access our Loop System (at St Stephen's, St Ethelbert's and St John's).

Readings

May 5: Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Rev 21:10,22 - 22:5 John 14:23-29

May 12: Acts 16:16-34 Ps 97 Rev 22:12-14,16-17,20-end John 17:20-end

Sunday 5 May (1st Sunday)

- 9.30 am - Baptism Service at St John's
- 10.30 am - Morning Prayer at St Ethelbert's
- 11.00 am - Baptism and Holy Communion at St Stephen's
- 3.00 pm - Evensong at St Stephen's
- 3.00 pm - Family Service at Bilson

Week around the Benefice

- Tue 7 - 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm **NO** Arts and Crafts at The Vicarage
- Wed 8 - 10.00 am Holy Communion at St Michael's
- Wed 8 - 2.30 pm Bible Study at Bilson Schoolroom
- Thu 9 - 7.30 pm **Ascension Day Service** (Holy Communion) at St Stephen's
- Fri 10 - 10.00 am Coffee Morning at St Stephen's
- Fri 10 - 4.30 pm - 6.00 pm **F.A.N. Club** (Y1-Y6) at St Stephen's
- Fri 10 - 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm **S.M.I.L.E.** (girls Y7-Y11) at The Vicarage
- Fri 10 - 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm **IF** (boys Y7-Y11) at St Stephen's
- Sat 11 - 9.30 am Prayer Meeting at St Ethelbert's

Sunday 12 May (2nd Sunday)

- 8:30 am - Holy Communion at St Stephen's
- 9:30 am - Communion by Extension at **St Michael's**
- 11.00 am - Holy Communion at St Ethelbert's
- 11.00 am - Morning Worship at St Stephen's
- 3.00 pm - Evensong at Bilson

Please take this notice sheet home with you or download a copy from the website!

Lectio Divina Modus Cinisvadum (Godly reading Cinderford style)

The new benefice-wide group meeting on Wednesday evenings for Bible reading, contemplation, discussion and prayer. The group will meet on the **first** and **third** Wednesday each month during school term-time. The meetings will take place at St Stephen's and will begin at 7.30 pm. The studies will generally last around about an hour and will be followed by tea and coffee. No preparation or biblical knowledge is required. The format will be really easy-going, but we intend to provide opportunities for God to speak to us.

The theme for the sessions running until summer is "I am" and based on the passages surrounding Jesus' 7 "I am" statements found in John's gospel. Dates for this term (all Wednesdays!): May 15, June 5, June 19, July 3, July 17.

Everyone is welcome, it would be good to see you there.

Benefice Healing Service There will be a healing service in St Stephen's on Sunday 9 June at 7.00 pm. The service will be informal and will include a time of worship, some teaching relating to healing, a general time of prayer and the opportunity to receive prayer ministry. We believe in God's healing power and want to give him the opportunity to move among us through his Holy Spirit bringing wholeness and healing of body, mind and spirit. Please come and join us as we seek to enter God's presence and allow him to touch our lives.

St Stephen's Summer Fayre will be held on **Saturday 22 June**. Plans are already underway and at this point we are looking for donations of any buttons, ribbons, fabric and interesting shaped jars (with lids)! Also bottles of wine, clean toys and games, jewellery, toiletries, homewares and gifts. For those of you with cooking and baking talents, homemade jams, chutneys and cakes are always needed and very welcome, but a little closer to the day! See Rachel (719438) or Sian (822286). If you know somewhere that you could put a poster up advertising the Fayre, please see Chris or Rachel (719438) or email news@cinderford-churches.org.uk for a copy of the poster!

Dates for your diary:

22 May - Bilson Spring Lunch

12 noon onwards, to book please phone Kath Greenman (827098)

13 June - CTiC Skittles Night at Sal Army Pub, Broadwell 7.30 pm

15 June - St Ethelbert's Summer Fayre

22 June - St Stephen's Summer Fayre

25 September and 2 October - Bishop Michael's Teaching Evenings on the Eucharist at St Stephen's

11 and 12 October - Ladies' Conference at St Stephen's

Christian Aid Week is 12 - 18 May, there will be a collection at the Co-op on Thursday 16 and Friday 17 May. It would be great to come along and support those helping with the collection. For any more info see Ann Ladd (822735).



Several of the services around the Benefice in the next few weeks will focus on the work of Christian Aid. May 5 at Bilson, 3.00 pm; May 12 at St Ethelbert's and St Stephen's.

If you would like to **donate to the work of the foodbank**, they request items off a specific list, please place items in the box at the back of St Stephen's. The list is taped to the top of the box. If you know someone who needs assistance from the food bank, please contact Captain Viv (Salvation Army) on 823462.

A Fairtrade Update. St Stephen's are in the process of applying for Fairtrade Church status and the stall has been restocked ready for World Fairtrade Day on Saturday 11 May. See Rachel for more info (719438).



There are several people in the St Stephen's fellowship that would benefit from lifts to church and events / Bible studies. If you would be able to provide lifts and would be willing to go on a list to make it easier to facilitate providing lifts to members of the fellowship, please contact Rachel (719438). Also if you would like a lift to an event, please let Rachel know.

Gloucester Pilgrim People Walk Sat 15 June, St James', Staunton (GL19 3QS) meeting at 08:30 am for Morning Prayer then to St Mary's, Forthampton (GL19 4QW) for Eucharist. The day will finish at St Nicholas', Kemerton (GL20 7HX) with Evening Prayer. The total distance walked will be 15.75 miles.

Until further notice, from Monday 6 May all services in the Parish of St John's Cinderford, Ruspidge and Soudley will be held in St Michael's, Soudley whilst work is completed on installing a toilet at St John's church!

Shona at Access Ministries (829963) has invited anyone who would like to join their L.I.F.E./Shalom groups that meet Wed or Thurs nights around the Forest. These are groups that aim to be a night of fun and fellowship for people with learning difficulties and without to share together. Contact Shona for more info.

Just Praise Jesus The next event will take place on Saturday 11 May at Ruardean Hill Baptist Church from 2 - 5 pm. Refreshments are available. Please come and go as you please. For more info speak to Shona (829963).

If you have a notice you would like to be on the notice sheet please contact Rachel on 719438 or news@cinderford-churches.org.uk.