

### Please pray for:

- 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 family of Mark Howell.
- Marc and Julie who were married Sat 4 May in St Stephen's and Jordan and Sarah who were married Sat 11 May in St Stephen's.
- Anthea as she prepares for her Bishop's Advisory Panel (17 - 19 June).
- 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 12:** Acts 16:16-34 Ps 97 Rev 22:12-14,16-17,20-end John 17:20-end  
**May 19:** Acts 2:1-21 Ps 104:26-36,37b Romans 8:14-17 John 14:8-17

### Sunday 12 May (2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### Week around the Benefice

Tue 14 - 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm Arts and Crafts at The Vicarage  
Tue 14 - 7.30 pm St John's PCC at The Vicarage  
Wed 15 - 10.00 am Holy Communion at St Stephen's  
Wed 15 - 7.30 pm Lectio Divina (Bible Study) at St Stephen's  
Fri 17 - 10.00 am Coffee Morning at St Stephen's  
Fri 17 - 4.30 pm - 6.00 pm **F.A.N. Club** (Y1-Y6) at St Stephen's  
Fri 17 - 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm **S.M.I.L.E.** (girls Y7-Y11) at The Vicarage  
Fri 17 - 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm **IF** (boys Y7-Y11) at St Stephen's

### Sunday 19 May (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday)

9:30 am - Holy Communion at **St Michael's**  
10.30 am - Joint Service at the URC  
11.00 am - Morning Worship at St Stephen's  
3.00 pm - Holy Communion at Bilson

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

### 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).



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.

St Stephen's are in the process of applying for Fairtrade Church status, the stall at the back of St Stephen's has been restocked (please use the honesty box if unmanned) and there are a few catalogues available from Traidcraft. If you wish to place an order from the catalogue or request something for the stall, please see Rachel (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, 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!

### **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 7.00pm**. 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.



A **Summer Fayre** will be held on **Saturday 22 June** at St Stephen's. Plans are already underway and at this point we are looking for donations of any buttons, ribbons, fabric and interesting shaped jars (with lids)! We are planning to do a 'crockery smash' so any broken plates/cups etc you have at home would be put to good use! (NOT glasses!) Also full bottles of wine (we have enough empty ones), 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](mailto:news@cinderford-churches.org.uk) for a copy of the poster!

Churches Together in Cinderford Skittles Night, Thursday 13 June at the Salvation Army Pub, Broadwell. 7.30 pm, all welcome.

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](mailto:news@cinderford-churches.org.uk).