

Please pray for:

- Chloe who is getting baptised on Sep 29 at St Stephen's.
- Those who have recently been bereaved, especially the families of Chrissie Hatton and Myrtle Powell.
- Anyone who is unwell, especially Hilary Savin, Margaret Barnsley, Margaret Boey, Roger Miles, Adam, Diana Teague, Brenda Beard, Cynthia Hall, Diane Powell, Beryl Evans, Gwen Bedney, Peggy Turley, Joy Wentworth and Neil Wentworth.
- Others around the Benefice who need prayer, especially Tania, Someyah, Edna, Eileen, Jean Byett, Harold James, Ian & Joan Jones, Sandra Morgan, Glyn & Theresa Preest, Marcus Turner and Len Warner.
- Anthea as she starts her ordination training. For peace about how it is all going to fit in and wisdom to know when to say no.
- Richard and Chris as they prepare to start their first year of Reader ministry training; Eunice and Linda as they prepare for their second year.
- The Jones Family and join with them in giving thanks for a positive outcome in Chloe's adoption.
- The street pastors in Cinderford as they go out on to the streets, they are out every Saturday from 8 pm until 1 am.
- Jim and Adalia Fisher in the Philippines, who are planning to visit Cinderford in October/November.

Prayer Chain – if you have an urgent need for prayer please contact Eunice on 01594 826753 or Mike on 01594 822286.

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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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, and a special welcome to Chloe and her family and friends. 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

Sep 29: Genesis 28:10-17 Psalm 103:19-end Rev 12:7-12 John 1:47-end

Oct 6: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-9 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10

Sunday 29 September (5th Sunday)

8.30 am - Communion by Extension at St Stephen's

9.30 am - Holy Communion at **St Michael's**

10.30 am - Joint Holy Communion Service at The URC

11.00 am - Baptism at St Stephen's

1.00 pm - Bring and Share Fellowship Lunch to celebrate Chloe's Adoption and Baptism at St Stephen's

6.00 pm - **Harvest Service and Supper** at St John's

Week around the Benefice

Tue 1 - 2.00 pm **NO** Arts and Crafts at The Vicarage this week

Wed 2 - 10.00 am Holy Communion at St Stephen's followed by Mother's Union Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale

Wed 2 - 7.30 pm **Bishop Michael Teaching on the Eucharist** at St Stephen's

Fri 4 - 10.00 am Coffee Morning at St Stephen's

Fri 4 - 4.30 - 6.00 pm **F.A.N. Club** (Years 1-6) at St Stephen's

Fri 4 - 7.00 - 9.00 pm **S.M.I.L.E.** group (girls 11-16) at The Vicarage

Fri 4 - 7.00 - 9.00 pm **IF** group (boys 11-16) at St Stephen's

Sat 5 - 9.30 am Parish Prayer Meeting at St Stephen's

Sunday 6 October (1st Sunday)

9.30 am - Holy Communion at St John's

10.30 am - Morning Prayer at St Ethelbert's

11.00 am - Holy Communion at St Stephen's

3.00 pm - Evensong at St Stephen's

3.00 pm - Family Service at Bilson

If Coffee/Tea is being served after the service
you are attending please stay and join us.

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

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all who supported the various bake sales, coffee mornings and Harvest events held across the Benefice this last week. The Fairtrade BakeOff raised £50 for Traidcraft Exchange, a charity who help to set up new Fairtrade companies. The MacMillan Coffee Morning raised just under £100. Again, big thanks!



The **SHINE Ladies' Conference** is fast approaching, the event will be held at St Stephen's on Fri 11 and Sat 12 October. The theme this year is "I have called you Friends" and will look at the friendship we have with Jesus. There will be a range of speakers, prayer, worship (various styles), food, craft and time for fellowship. Please register online (www.cinderford-churches.org.uk/shine) or using a registration form. See the website or contact Sian (822286) or Rachel (719438) for more info.

Open the Book is a group of volunteers who go into schools to share Bible stories. St White's and Littledean Primary teams could do with more members. St White's - Nikola Poole (822967) and Littledean - Ann Ladd (822735).

Lectio Divina Modus Cinisvadum (Godly reading Cinderford style)

The group meets on various Wednesdays during term-time from 7.30 pm at St Stephen's for Bible reading, contemplation, discussion and prayer. This term's theme is **Prayer**, dates are Oct 9, Oct 23, Nov 6, Nov 20 and Dec 4.


Art, Craft & Drama Workshops - Wednesday afternoons starting 16 Oct from 2 - 4 in the function room at The F of D Salvation Army HQ, Broadwell. £7.50 per session. Contact Shona: 829963 or contact@accessministries.co.uk

The Book Sale planned at St Ethelbert's on Oct 12 (and advertised as such in the magazine) has been cancelled indefinitely. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Could you make the world a friendlier place by offering an invitation to an international student at a UK university at Christmas? Young adults from many countries would love to have a homely break and discover the real life of this country. **HOST** is a well-established charity which takes care in linking students with volunteer hosts. www.hostuk.org or call Lynette Chappin, 02920 693903.

Preparations are well underway for the St Stephen's **Christmas Fayre, Sat 23 November** (11 am - 3 pm). If you'd like to volunteer to help on the day, please contact Rachel (719438). Please start collecting handbags, teddies + toiletries.

Community Prayer Morning. Sat 19 Oct, 8:45 for 9:00 am, St Stephen's Church. We will be praying for Parliament, Policing and the Town Council. Mark Harper MP, Superintendent Phil Haynes and Councillor Di Martin will all hopefully be in attendance. Please come along and support these people in prayer.

Mother's Union Coffee Morning - Wednesday 2 October at St Stephen's. Communion at 10 am followed by Coffee at 10:30 am with Bring and Buy Sale and Raffle; at 12 noon light lunches will be served.  All money raised for Mother's Union Overseas Work.

Teaching Event with Bishop Michael Bishop Michael will be speaking at St Stephen's again this Wednesday (2 Oct). The theme is "**Understanding the Eucharist**". Teaching starts promptly at 7.30 pm and the evening will end by sharing Holy Communion together. Please come along if you can.

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Shoebox Packing Party - Wed 30 October, 2.30 pm at Bilson. Please start collecting shoeboxes, toothbrushes, toothpastes, soap, flannels, hairbrushes, combs, hairbobbles and slides, bracelets, necklaces, teddies, small cars, pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, pencil cases, small notebooks, tennis balls, bouncy balls or other small toys. **NO WAR RELATED**



ITEMS. Packets of sweets *NO chocolate!* with a best before date of May 2014 or later. Please contact Lynne (825997) or Rachel (719438) for more info about what is needed or the work of OCC. **Also donations towards the £3 transportation cost per box.**

Parenting Course Mike (the Vicar!) is planning on running a parenting course soon. If this is something you think you may be interested in attending (or for more details) please **contact Mike ASAP!** (822286)

Dates for your Diaries

- 11 and 12 October - **Ladies' Conference** at St Stephen's
- 13 October - 7.00 pm **Healing Service** at St Stephen's
- 24 October - 7.00 pm **CTiC Skittles Night** at The Belfry
- 3 Nov - 6.00 pm **All Souls Service** at St John's
- 8 Nov - 7.30 pm for 8.00pm **Poppy Appeal Concert** (run by British Legion) at St Stephen's
- 16 November - **Deanery Discovery Day** at Viney Hill
- 19 November - **CTiC Teaching Evening** with Paul Mallard at Cinderford Methodist Church
- 23 November - **St Stephen's Christmas Fayre**
- 30 November - **St Ethelbert's Christmas Market**
- 8 December - 7.00 pm **Healing Service** at St Stephen's

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.