

Please pray for:

- Nancy Iris Ann, who is getting baptised at Bilson today (Dec 1).
- Those who have recently been bereaved, especially the families of Barbara Holder and Monica Barnard.
- Anyone who is unwell, especially Dorothy Arnison, Hilary Savin, 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.
- All those in training for reader and ordained ministry; Anthea, Eunice, Linda, Richard and Chris.
- 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.

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 The Vicarage. If you would like prayer for yourself or someone you know please contact Dorothy on 824840 or Eunice on 826753 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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Please take this notice sheet home with you or download a copy from the website!

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.

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. A very special welcome to Nancy Iris Ann and her family and friends. 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

Dec 1: Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11-end Matthew 24:36-44
Dec 8: Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7 Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12

Sunday 1 December (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 - Baptism at Bilson

Week around the Benefice

Tue 3 - 10.30 am Pause for Prayer at The Vicarage
Tue 3 - 2.00 pm **NO** Arts and Crafts at The Vicarage
Tue 3 - 2.30 pm **Mother's Union Advent Service** at St Stephen's
Wed 4 - 10.00 am Holy Communion at St Stephen's
Wed 4 - 7.30 pm Lectio Divina at St Stephen's
Fri 6 - 10.00 am Coffee Morning at St Stephen's
Fri 6 - 4.30 pm - 6.00 pm **F.A.N. Club** (Years 1-6) at St Stephen's
Fri 6 - 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm **NO S.M.I.L.E.** (girls 11-16) or **IF** (boys 11-16)
Fri 6 - 7.00 pm **Talent Show** at St Stephen's
Sat 7 - 9.30 am Parish Prayer at St Stephen's

Sunday 8 December (2nd Sunday)

8.30 am - Communion by Extension at St Stephen's
9.30 am - Communion by Extension at St John's
10.30 am - Holy Communion at St Ethelbert's
11.00 am - Morning Worship at St Stephen's
3.00 pm - Evensong at Bilson
4.00 pm - **Carol Service** at St Michael's
7.00 pm - **Healing Service** at St Stephen's

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

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all those who helped at and attended St Ethelbert's Christmas Market yesterday. The grand total raised will be revealed soon.



The **Fairtrade** Stall at St Stephen's is stocked with food, gifts and lovely hampers ready to buy for Christmas. There are some packs of Christmas Cards available, if you wish to order any more cards, gifts or other items from the catalogue, please contact Rachel (719438).

There will be another **Healing Service** next Sunday (December 8) at St Stephen's Church, 7.00 pm. The service involves times of worship, teaching and prayer alongside opportunities to receive individual prayer for healing.

TALENT SHOW

Friday 6 December at St Stephen's, 7.00 pm
Fun, Fellowship, Food and a showcase of talent from across the Benefice!

Mother's Union Advent Service at St Stephen's. Tuesday 3 December, 2.30 pm.
There will be a short service followed by seasonal refreshments.
ALL are welcome (there is no need to be a mother - or even a lady!).

The **Ladies' Christmas Meal** is **Tue 17 Dec at Sophia's** at 7.00 pm. There are 10 places left. £12.95 for starter, main and pudding with a £5 deposit securing your place. Names, deposits and menu choices to Rachel (719438) or Sian (822286).

Volunteers are required for the Cinderford Street Pastors (out on Saturday nights in Cinderford), for more information contact Mike (822286).

Lectio Divina Modus Cinisvadum (Godly reading Cinderford style)

The last date this term is this Wednesday (Dec 4) from 7.30 pm at St Stephen's. Please come along for Bible reading, contemplation, discussion and prayer.

Old bikes, preferably mountain bikes, required for refurbishment by young people in Littledean, please contact Mike (822286).

Christmas Postcards have been made with all the Christmas services around the Benefice listed, there is enough for each house in Cinderford, Littledean and Soudley. If you are able to distribute any, please let Rachel know which roads you'd be able to cover. Contact 719438 or news@cinderford-churches.org.uk

Looking for the Light is a service (Wed 18 Dec, 7.00 pm at St Stephen's) intended particularly for those who find Christmas a difficult time, possibly due to bereavement, loneliness, broken relationships or illness. Please come along if you think this service might be helpful for you and prayerfully consider if there are others you know who may benefit from an invitation.

Christmas Around the Benefice

Tue 3 Dec - 2.30 pm - **Mother's Union Advent Service** at St Stephen's

Wed 4 Dec - 6.30 pm - **Littledean Churches Carol Singing** in Littledean

Sat 7 Dec - 10.30 am - **CTiC Carol Singing** in The Triangle

Sun 8 Dec - 4.00 pm - **Advent Carol Service** at St Michael's

Wed 11 Dec - 6.30 pm - **F of D District Council Carol Service** at St Stephen's

Sat 14 Dec - 10.00 am - **CTiC Carol Singing** in The Co-op County Store

Tue 17 Dec - 7.30 pm - **Royal F of D Rotary Club Carol Service** at St John's

Wed 18 Dec - 7.00 pm - **Looking for the Light Service** at St Stephen's

Thu 19 Dec - 7.30 pm - **A Celebration of Christmas** at St Ethelbert's

Fri 20 Dec - 10.30 am - **Christingle Service** at St Ethelbert's

Fri 20 Dec - 7.30 pm - **Christmas Concert** at Bilson Mission

Sun 22 Dec - 4.00 pm - **Christingle Service** at St Stephen's

Sun 22 Dec - 6.00 pm - **Carol Service** at St Stephen's

CHRISTMAS EVE (Tuesday 24 December)

4.00 pm - **Christingle Service** at St John's

10.00 pm - **Holy Communion** at St John's

11.30 pm - **Holy Communion** at St Stephen's

11.30 pm - **Joint Watchnight Service** at the URC, Littledean

CHRISTMAS DAY

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

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

10.00 am - **Communion by Extension** at Bilson Mission

11.00 am - **Family Communion** at St Stephen's

