

Please pray for:

- Nancy Iris Ann, who was baptised last week.
- Those who have recently been bereaved, especially the families of Vivian Weaver, Carol Trigg and Christine Cartwright.
- Anyone who is unwell, especially Junior, 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 8: Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7 Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12

Dec 15: Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 146:4-end James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11

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

Week around the Benefice

Tue 10 - 10.30 am Pause for Prayer at The Vicarage

Tue 10 - 2.00 pm Arts and Crafts at The Vicarage

Wed 11 - 10.00 am Communion by Extension at St Michael's

Wed 11 - 2.30 pm Bible Study in Bilson Schoolrom

Wed 11 - 6.30 pm **FODCC Civic Carol Service** at St Stephen's

Fri 13 - 10.00 am Coffee Morning at St Stephen's

Fri 13 - 4.30 pm - 6.00 pm **F.A.N. Club** (Years 1-6) at St Stephen's

Fri 13 - 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm **S.M.I.L.E.** (girls 11-16) at The Vicarage

Fri 13 - 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm **IF** group (boys 11-16) at St Stephen's

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

Sunday 15 December (3rd Sunday)

9.30 am - Holy Communion at St John's

10.30 am - Joint Service at St Ethelbert's

11.00 am - Morning Worship at St Stephen's

3.00 pm - Holy Communion at St Stephen's

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

There is another **Healing Service** this 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.



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). An order will be placed this Sunday and will arrive by next Friday (13).

A volunteer to take over as the Children's Society Collection Box Secretary for St Stephen's is required. Please see Mike for more details. A big THANK YOU to Karen Wentworth for all she has done.

St Stephen's is hosting the **Forest of Dean District Council's Civic Carol Service** this Wednesday (11 December) at 6.30 pm. All are welcome, please do come along and support those involved, including the Forest View School Choir.

St Ethelbert's Christmas Market raised £649 for church funds. Thanks again to all who helped make this possible in a huge variety of ways!

The **Ladies' Christmas Meal** is a week this Tuesday, **Tue 17 Dec at Sophia's** at 7.00 pm. It's not too late to book a place, there are 8 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) by Sunday 15 December.

Looking for the Light (Wed 18 Dec, 7.00 pm at St Stephen's) is a service 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.

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

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

Christmas Around the Benefice

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

