

## 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 Beryl Evans, Rhod Neep, 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 try to avoid contacting Mike on his day off - Monday)

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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](mailto: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. 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 15:** Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 146:4-end James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11

**Dec 22:** Isaiah 7:10-16 Psalm 80:1-8 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-end

## Sunday 15 December (3<sup>rd</sup> 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

## Week around the Benefice

Tue 17 - 10.30 am Pause for Prayer at The Vicarage

Tue 17 - 2.00 pm Arts and Crafts at The Vicarage

Tue 17 - 7.00 pm **Ladies Meal at Sophia's**, The Triangle, Cinderford

Tue 17 - 7.30 pm **Rotary Club Carol Service** at St John's

Wed 18 - 10.00 am Holy Communion at St Stephen's

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

Fri 20 - 10.00 am Coffee Morning at St Stephen's

Fri 20 - **NO** F.A.N. Club (Years 1-6), S.M.I.L.E. (girls 11-16) or IF (boys 11-16)

\* all groups restart in term time in the New Year \*

Fri 20 - 7.00 pm **Carol Concert** at Bilson Mission

## Sunday 22 December (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

9.30 am - Holy Communion at St John's

10.30 am - Family Service at St Ethelbert's

11.00 am - **NO MORNING SERVICE** at St Stephen's

4.00 pm - **Christingle** at St Stephen's

6.00 pm - **Carol Service** at St Stephen's

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



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).

A volunteer to take over as the **Children's Society Collection Box Secretary** for St Stephen's is required. Please see Mike (822286) for more details. A big THANK YOU to Karen Wentworth for all she has done. All donations from the Christingle services benefits the Children's Society. See [childrenssociety.org.uk](http://childrenssociety.org.uk) for more information about the charity and the vital work it does.

A group from the Benefice is going to the 2014 **Keswick Convention** from Sat 19 July to Sat 26 July (convention week 2). If you are interested in joining them please see Mike (822286). The conference is free to attend! In the past Benefice groups have stayed at Springs Camp - a fully catered camping site (Adults £135, 12-15's £120, 6-11's £80, 3-5's £50, 1-2's £25), and the booking for that opens in January, so start thinking about your plans now.  
For more info: [keswickministries.org](http://keswickministries.org) and [springscamp.org.uk](http://springscamp.org.uk).

Mike and Sian would like to invite everyone to a **NEW YEARS EVE PARTY** from 7.00 pm at St Stephen's Church (December 31). All welcome, but an idea of numbers would be helpful - please see Sian (822286).

The **Ladies' Christmas Meal** is this Tuesday, **Tue 17 Dec at Sophia's** at 7.00 pm. It's not too late to book a place, there are 7 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 TODAY (Sun 15 Dec).**

**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.

There are a few **Christmas Postcards** (with all the Christmas services around the Benefice listed) remaining to be posted. If you think you would be able to distribute any, please let Rachel or Chris know which roads you'd be able to cover and to check on which roads have already been done!  
Contact 719438 or [news@cinderford-churches.org.uk](mailto:news@cinderford-churches.org.uk)

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

## Christmas Around the Benefice

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

