

Please pray for:

- Those who have recently been bereaved, especially the families of Dorothy Futchter, Vivian Weaver, Carol Trigg and Christine Cartwright.
- Anyone who is unwell, especially Beryl Evans, Rod Neep, Junior, Dorothy Arnison, Hilary Savin, Margaret Boey, Roger Miles, Adam, Diana Teague, Brenda Beard, Cynthia Hall, Diane Powell, Gwen Bedney, Peggy Turley, Joy Wentworth and Neil Wentworth.
- Others around the Benefice who need prayer, especially Jenny, Wesley, 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. 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 22: Isaiah 7:10-16 Psalm 80:1-8 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-end

Dec 24: Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1:1-4 John 1:1-14

Dec 25: Isaiah 62:6-end Psalm 97 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:[1-7], 8-20

Dec 29: Isaiah 63:7-9 Psalm 148:7-end Hebrews 2:10-end Matthew 2:13-end

Sunday 22 December (4th 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

Tuesday 24 December (Christmas Eve)

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

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

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

Wednesday 25 December (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

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

Week around the Benefice

Tue 24 - 10.30am/2.00pm **NO** Pause for Prayer or Arts and Crafts

Fri 207 - 10.00 am Coffee Morning at St Stephen's

Fri 27 - **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 *

Sunday 29 December (5th Sunday)

9.00 am - Communion by Extension at St Stephen's

9.30 am - Communion by Extension at St John's

10.30 am - NO Service at St Ethelbert's

11.00 am - Morning Worship (Joint Service) at St Stephen's

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

All donations from the **Christingle** services are given directly to **The Children's Society**. Some information from The Children's Society: **The most disadvantaged children rarely suffer on just one front. We work with these children to ensure that they are loved, valued and listened to. With them we fight childhood poverty, harm and neglect. Our network of programmes includes drop-in services for runaways, children's centres and support for young carers. We support children who are refugees from violence, and we give those in care a voice. We transform children's lives by pressurising central and local government to protect them, and we challenge attitudes that perpetuate harm and injustice. In hard times, children are among the hardest hit. We don't just help them survive - we help them flourish.**

See childrenssociety.org.uk for more information about the charity and the vital work it does.

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.



The **Fairtrade** Stall at St Stephen's is stocked with food, gifts and lovely hampers ready to buy for Christmas. If there is anything you would like to see the stall starting to stock in the New Year, please contact Rachel (719438).

The 3.00 pm Evensong on January 5 (1st Sunday) at St Stephen's has been cancelled. All other services around the Benefice will be as planned.

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 together 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 and 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 for catering - please see Sian (822286).

The **Ladies' Christmas Meal** was a very enjoyable evening, 30 ladies attended and we enjoyed great company and food! More events planned for 2014.

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

Christmas Around the Benefice

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

