

Please pray for:

- Those who have recently been bereaved, especially the families of Ken Barnard, Dorothy Fitcher, Vivian Weaver, Carol Trigg and Christine Cartwright.
- Anyone who is unwell, especially Beryl Evans, Dot Sandford, 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 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.
- Children, young people and leaders involved in F.A.N. Club, S.M.I.L.E, IF and Sunday morning groups.
- 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.

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)

Urgent Prayer Requests –

Please contact either:

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Visit the Benefice Website:

www.cinderford-churches.org.uk

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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 Cinderford Churches



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

Jan 12: Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29
 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-end
Jan 19: Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-12
 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42

Sunday 12 January (2nd Sunday)

9.00 am Holy Communion, St Stephen's
9.30 am Communion by Extension, St John's
10.30 am Holy Communion, St Ethelbert's
11.00 am Morning Worship, St Stephen's
3.00 pm Evensong, Bilson
7.00 pm **Healing Service**, St Stephen's

Sunday 19 January (3rd Sunday)

10.30 am **Churches Together in Cinderford Joint Service** at St Stephen's
Please come along and join as we all worship together.

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

This Week Around the Benefice

Tue 14 - 10.30am Pause for Prayer
at The Vicarage

Tue 14 - 2.00pm 'Craft & a Cuppa'
at The Vicarage

Wed 15 - 10.00 am Holy Communion
at St Stephen's

Fri 17 - 10.00 am Coffee Morning
at St Stephen's

Fri 17 - 4.30 pm - 6.00 pm **F.A.N. Club**
(Years 1-6) at St Stephen's

Fri 17 - 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm **S.M.I.L.E. group**
(girls, Year 7+) at The Vicarage

Fri 17 - 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm **IF group**
(boys, Year 7+) at St Stephen's

"Craft & a Cuppa" meets Tuesday afternoons (2-4) at The Vicarage. Please bring along your own craft to work on whilst having a drink and a time to chat. Once a month, there's an opportunity to try out different crafts through workshops. All welcome. Please see Sian (822286) or Rachel (719438) for more info.



Healing Services. The first healing service of 2014 will be **TODAY** (Sunday 12 January) at 7.00 pm at St Stephen's Church. There will be healing services throughout the year, (9 March, 11 May, 13 July, 14 September + 9 November).

The services will have a time of worship, Bible readings and teaching with prayer ministry available at the end of the service. All welcome, please come along and invite anyone you feel would benefit from the services.

The **Churches Together in Cinderford Joint Service** take place next week (Sun 19) at St Stephen's Church at 10.30 am. It will be an opportunity for all the churches in Cinderford and Littledean to join together in worship. Please come along and join us.

Teaching Opportunities with Bishop Michael

Bishop Michael will be in the Forest for some **teaching days** at the end of February, please put the evening of Friday 28 February and the day of Saturday 1 March in your diaries. More info on times and locations available soon.

Bishop Michael is also leading a Workshop entitled **"Leading Intercessions in Sunday Worship."** This will take place on Wed 19 Feb, 7.30 pm at St Andrews Church, Churchdown. The cost is £6 and places need to be booked. Please contact Anthea (822396) for more info.

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 mid-January, so start thinking about your plans for the summer now.

For more info: keswickministries.org and springscamp.org.uk

Men's Day

A men's day called "Band of Brothers" will take place on Saturday 15 February including a cooked breakfast, a light lunch, pie and a pint supper and a movie. For more info speak to Mike (822286) or Chris (719438).

Fairtrade around the Benefice:

St Stephen's is a Fairtrade church and St John's is working towards achieving Fairtrade status. This means that both churches are committed to only using Fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar at all events alongside promoting Fairtrade at events throughout the year.

There is a **Fairtrade Stall** at St Stephen's which is stocked with a variety of food and gifts (from Traidcraft). If there is anything you would like to see the stall starting to stock in the New



Year, please contact Rachel (719438).

Fairtrade Fortnight is coming up, in 2014 it will be from February 24 - March 9. There will be a variety of events taking place around the Benefice, including a Fairtrade Bakeoff (held as part of the Benefice Fellowship Lunch on Feb 23) and a Big Brew (Sat March 8). More info soon.

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