

## 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, 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. Mike is on annual leave from 20-23 January, please contact a churchwarden from the list below during this time)

### **Urgent Prayer Requests –**

Please contact either:

Eunice Wilson Tel: 01594 826753

Mike Barnsley Tel: 01594 822286.

### **Visit the Benefice Website:**

[www.cinderford-churches.org.uk](http://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](mailto:news@cinderford-churches.org.uk).

## Benefice of Cinderford Churches 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**

**Jan 19:** Isaiah 49:1-7          Psalm 40:1-12  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9      John 1:29-42

**Jan 26:** Isaiah 9:1-4          Psalm 27:1, 4-12  
1 Corinthians 1:10-18      Matthew 4:12-23

### **Sunday 19 January (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)**

10.30 am **Churches Together in Cinderford Joint Service** at St Stephen's

### **Sunday 26 January (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)**

9.30 am    Holy Communion, St John's  
10.30 am    Baptism, St Ethelbert's  
11.00 am    All Age Worship, St Stephen's  
1.00 pm    Fellowship Lunch, St Stephen's  
3.00 pm    Holy Communion, Bilson

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

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### This Week Around the Benefice

Tue 21 - 10.30am Pause for Prayer  
at The Vicarage  
Tue 21 - 2.00pm **NO** 'Craft & a Cuppa'  
at The Vicarage  
Wed 22 - 10.00 am Communion by Extension  
at St Michael's  
Fri 24 - 10.00 am Coffee Morning  
at St Stephen's  
Fri 24 - 4.30 pm - 6.00 pm **F.A.N. Club**  
(Years 1-6) at St Stephen's  
Fri 24 - 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm **S.M.I.L.E. group**  
(girls, Year 7+) at The Vicarage  
Fri 24 - 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm **IF group**  
(boys, Year 7+) at St Stephen's

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### 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 Fri 28 Feb and the day of Sat 1 March in your diaries. More info 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 to Sat 26 July. 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), **booking is now open**, so start thinking about your plans for the summer now. A £30 deposit secures your place - there's no need to pay in full up front. For more information contact Mike (822286), or see [keswickministries.org](http://keswickministries.org) and [springscamp.org.uk](http://springscamp.org.uk)

**Healing Services.** 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.

**Matthew's Gospel.** On **Sunday 9 February** from 6.00 pm at St Stephen's, a video of the gospel of Matthew being read will be shown. As the lectionary focuses on Matthew this year, the idea is to listen to the entire gospel to gain more insight into the gospel as a whole. For more info, contact Mike (822286).

**Mother's Union** meets on the first Tuesday of every month. The AGM will be on Tuesday 4 February from 2.30 pm at St Stephen's. All welcome.

**Street Pastors.** The Street Pastor team for Cinderford are out every Saturday night between 8 pm and 1 am, providing a prayerful and caring presence in our town. For more information, contact Mike (822286).

**Men's Day** A men's day called "Band of Brothers" will take place on Sat 15 Feb starting at 9 am with cooked breakfast. There is also a light lunch, a walk followed by a "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) from 11 am till 3 pm at St Stephen's. There will be cakes, drinks and light lunches available alongside games and activities regarding Fairtrade and stalls.