

## Please pray for:

- Frederick, who is being baptised today (Sun 26) at St Ethelbert's.
- Those who have recently been bereaved, especially the families of Ken Barnard, Dorothy Futcher, 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, Joan & Ian 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.
- More volunteers for the Street Pastor team
- 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:

Eunice Wilson Tel: 01594 826753

Mike Barnsley Tel: 01594 822286.

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### Churchwardens at St Stephen's:

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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. A special welcome to Frederick, his 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

**Jan 26:** Isaiah 9:1-4                      Psalm 27:1, 4-12  
1 Corinthians 1:10-18      Matthew 4:12-23  
**Feb 2:** Malachi 3:1-5                      Psalm 24:7-end  
Hebrews 2:14-end      Luke 2:22-40

### 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

### Sunday 2 February (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday)

9.30 am    Holy Communion, St John's  
10.30 am    Morning Prayer, St Ethelbert's  
11.00 am    Holy Communion, St Stephen's  
3.00 pm    Family Service, Bilson  
3.00 pm    Evensong, St Stephen's

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 28 - 10.30am Pause for Prayer  
at The Vicarage

Tue 28 - 2.00pm 'Craft & a Cuppa'  
at The Vicarage

Wed 29 - 10.00 am Holy Communion  
at St John's

Fri 31 - 10.00 am Coffee Morning  
at St Stephen's

Fri 31 - 4.30 pm - 6.00 pm **F.A.N. Club**  
(Years 1-6) at St Stephen's

Fri 31 - 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm **S.M.I.L.E. group**  
(girls, Year 7+) at The Vicarage

Fri 31 - 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm **IF group**  
(boys, Year 7+) at St Stephen's

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**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. The video lasts about 2.5 hours, so with a break, it is expected to finish about 9.00 pm. 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.

The **Street Pastor** team are out every Sat night in Cinderford between 8 pm + 1 am, providing a prayerful, caring presence in our town. Volunteers are needed to keep this going! For more info, 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).

### 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, **"Leading Intercessions in Sunday Worship"** on Wed 19 Feb, 7.30 pm at St Andrews, Churchdown. The cost is £6. 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! So far people who have booked are staying at Springs Camp - a fully catered camping site, **booking is now open.** For more information contact Mike (822286), or see keswickministries.org and springscamp.org.uk

**Book Library** - The bookshelves at the back of St Stephen's have a wide variety of Christian books that can be borrowed. The collection of books on offer has been revamped and bookmarks for reviews have been placed on the stall. **Please do make use of this resource** and if you read a book (or have previously read one of those on offer, please do leave a review to help guide others!)

## FAIRTRADE

There are several events planned so far during **Fairtrade Fortnight** (Feb 24 - March 9). The All Age Worship service (St Stephen's) on Feb 23 will focus on Fairtrade, the **Fairtrade BakeOff** will take place the same day. You **must use Fairtrade sugar**, and entries will be judged based on the **number of Fairtrade ingredients** and **overall taste and creativity.** Please bring along packets of Fairtrade items that you have used to showcase the variety of Fairtrade products available. Baked goods will be eaten for pudding at the Fellowship Lunch.

The **"Big Brew" coffee morning** is at St Stephen's on Sat 8 March from 11 am till 3 pm. Cakes, light lunches, activities, **Fairtrade displays and stalls**, a **chocolate fountain** and a **GIANT banana split** (at 1pm). Please come along and INVITE your friends! For posters, please contact Rachel (719438).

**Easter Eggs and Valentine's Chocolates**  
2 eggs are available from **The Real Easter Egg**, one with chocolate buttons and an Easter story booklet (RRP £3.99) and a second larger egg, a bar of orange chocolate and an olive wood praying cross (RRP £9.99). Eggs will be ordered on request, the more ordered, the cheaper they will be. Contact Rachel to order.

If you need any **Valentine's gifts or chocolates**, please contact Rachel, there is a poster near the stall at St Stephen's with some ideas, alongside the stall which already contains some lovely gifts. If you are looking for flowers, **Fairtrade Roses** are on sale at various shops, including the Co-op.