

Please pray for:

- Those who have recently been bereaved.
- 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.
- BoB Day, the upcoming men's day on Saturday 15 February.
- 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:

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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 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

Feb 9: Isaiah 58:1-9a Psalm 112:1-9

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 Matthew 5:13-20

Feb 16: Deut 30:15-end Psalm 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Matthew 5:21-37

Sunday 9 February

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, Junior Church, and W.I.L.D., St Stephen's

3.00 pm Evensong, Bilson

6.00 pm **Matthew's Gospel**, St Stephen's

Sunday 16 February

9.30 am Holy Communion, St John's

10.30 am Joint Service, Littledean URC

11.00 am Morning Worship and Junior Church, St Stephen's

3.00 pm Holy Communion, St Stephen's

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

This Week Around the Benefice

Tue 11 - 10.30am Pause for Prayer
at The Vicarage

Tue 11 - 2.00 pm -4.00 pm 'Craft & a Cuppa'
at The Vicarage

Wed 12 - 10.00 am Holy Communion
at St Michael's

Fri 14 - 10.00 am Coffee Morning
at St Stephen's

Fri 14 - 4.30 pm - 6.00 pm **F.A.N. Club**
(Years 1-6) at St Stephen's

Fri 14 - 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm **S.M.I.L.E. group**
(girls, Year 7+) at The Vicarage

Fri 14 - 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm **IF group**
(boys, Year 7+) at St Stephen's

Sat 15 - 9 am - 9 pm **BoB Day** at St Stephen's

Band of Brothers. On **Sat 15 Feb** a men's day is taking place at St Stephen's Church, starting at **9 am** with a **cooked breakfast**. During the day, there will be a **trip** to catch a little of the Wydean Forest Rally and a light lunch. The day will finish with a **Pie and a Pint supper** and a **movie**. Please feel free to come along and join us for any part(s) of the day. If you know you are coming (especially for meals), please let Chris or Mike know. For more info speak to Mike (822286) or Chris (719438).

Matthew's Gospel. THIS **Sunday (9 Feb)** from **6.00 pm** at St Stephen's, a video of the gospel of Matthew will be shown. **As the lectionary focuses on Matthew this year, the idea is to listen to the entire gospel.** The video lasts about 2.5 hours. With a break, it is expected to finish about 9.00 pm. Contact Mike (822286).

LIVE LENT

There will be a variety of opportunities this year to "Live Lent".

Lent Course - 7.30 pm at St Stephen's, Wednesdays. 12, 19, 26 March and 2, 9 April.

Lent Book - Mike is going to be reading "Lent for Everyone: Matthew" + encourages others to join him. Books cost £5 from Mike (please order asap) **or** you can access a mini version on the YouVersion App for FREE (see Chris). Please let Mike know if you plan to join in.

Live Lent Lunches - this year will be slightly more reflective, providing a basic meal and space for prayer and reflection in church.

All at St Stephen's from 12 noon - 2 pm.
Saturdays: Mar 22, Mar 29, April 5, April 12.

Christian Aid Count Your Blessings - These are leaflets provided by Christian Aid with daily reflections for use during Lent and opportunities to donate to Christian Aid. They will be available soon from Mike.

The **ELECTORAL ROLLS** are due to be revised before the Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs). If you aren't on the Roll, or any if your details have changed, please get a form from your Electoral Roll Officer: St John's (+St Michael's): **Jennifer Lang**; St Stephen's (+Bilson): **Rachel Witham**; St Eth's: **Ann Ladd**.

APCMs: St John's: Sunday 6 April, 3.30 pm
St Stephen's: Sunday 27 April, 4.00 pm
St Eth's: Tuesday 29 April, 7.30 pm

Last dates for forms: **St John's:** Sun 16 March;
St Stephen's: Sun 6 April; **St Eth's:** Tue 8 April.

FAIRTRADE

Fairtrade Fortnight is Feb 24 - March 9.

Feb 23 - **All Age Worship** at St Stephen's

Feb 23 - **Fairtrade BakeOff**

March 8 - **Big Brew** Coffee Morning
and Activities Day

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.

For any **Valentine's gifts or chocolates** (this coming Fri), please contact Rachel. If flowers are required, **Fairtrade Roses** are on sale at various shops, including the Co-op. Look for the Fairtrade logo on any chocolates you buy!

BISHOP MICHAEL DATES

Fri 28 Feb - 6.30 pm Supper at Christchurch

Sat March 1 - 8.30 am Morning Prayer and Men's Breakfast at **St Stephen's**

Sat 1 March - Teaching Day at St John's Primary, Coleford
