

Please pray for:

- Jonathan and Joanne who got married at St John's on Sat 22 Feb.
- Those who have recently been bereaved; especially Linda Blagg and family (after the loss of Linda's father) and the families of Jacob, John Griffiths and John Baker.
- Anyone who is unwell, especially Elaine Turner, Roma Greenaway, 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 Street Pastor teams
- 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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Mike Barnsley Tel: 01594 822286.

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www.cinderford-churches.org.uk

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Peter Meredith Tel: 01594 822445

Churchwardens at St John's:

Evelyn Smith Tel: 01594 822755

Peter Poole Tel: 01594 822967

Churchwardens at St Stephen's:

Sheila Cole Tel: 01594 825301

Richard Blagg Tel: 01594 822153

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.

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

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 23: Gen 1:1-2:3 Psalm 136:1-9,23-end

Romans 8:18-25 Matthew 6:25-end

Mar 2: Exodus 24:12-end Psalm 2

2 Peter 1:16-end Matthew 17:1-9

Sunday 23 February (2nd Sun before Lent)

9.30 am Parish Eucharist, St John's

10.30 am Family Service, Littledean URC

11.00 am All Age Worship, St Stephen's

1.00 pm Fellowship Lunch, St Stephen's and **Fairtrade BakeOff**

3.00 pm Holy Communion, Bilson

Sunday 2 March (Sun next before Lent)

9.30 am Parish Eucharist, St John's

with Bishop Michael

11.00 am Holy Communion, St Ethelbert's

with Bishop Michael

11.00 am Holy Communion, St Stephen's

3.00 pm Family Service, Bilson

3.00 pm Evensong, St Stephen's

This Week Around the Benefice

Tue 25 - 10.30am Pause for Prayer
at The Vicarage
Tue 25 - 2.00 pm -4.00 pm 'Craft & a Cuppa'
at The Vicarage
Wed 26 - 10.00 am Holy Communion
at St Stephen's
Wed 26 - 2.30 pm Fellowship at Bilson
Fri 28 - 10.00 am Coffee Morning
at St Stephen's
Fri 28 - 4.30 pm - 6.00 pm **F.A.N. Club**
(Years 1-6) at St Stephen's
Fri 28 - 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm **S.M.I.L.E. group**
(girls, Year 7+) at The Vicarage
Fri 28 - 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm **IF group**
(boys, Year 7+) at St Stephen's
Sat 1 - 8.30 am **Morning Prayer + Men's
Breakfast** with **Bishop Michael**, St Stephen's

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT - Feb 24 - March 9

Feb 23 - **All Age Worship** at St Stephen's
Feb 23 - **Fairtrade BakeOff** (THIS SUNDAY).
Come along to see the variety of Fairtrade
products used. Entries to be eaten for dessert
after Fellowship Lunch (1 pm at St Stephen's).

March 8 - **Big Brew Coffee Morning and Activities Day** from 11 am till 3 pm.

Cakes, light lunches, activities,
Fairtrade displays and stalls,
Fairtrade goodies to try, a **chocolate fountain**
and a **GIANT banana split** (at 1pm).
Please come along and INVITE your friends!
For posters, please contact Rachel (719438).

SHROVE TUESDAY, March 4

Quiet Day at the Cathedral "Journey with Christ to the Cross and Beyond"

Led by Paula Gooder, starting at 10 am,
finishes 3.10 pm with Evening Prayer.

Pancake Evening starts 6.00 pm
at St Stephen's Church.

Sweet and Savoury fillings available.

St John's Pancake Party 7.00 pm,
at The Coombe Drive Centre, Ruspidge.
Entertainment and Raffle.

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 - providing a basic meal
and space for prayer and reflection in church.

All at St Stephen's from 12 noon - 2 pm.

Sat: 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.

Women's World Day of Prayer is Friday 7
March. The Service this year will be at
St John's at 11.00 am. Refreshments after.

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

Sun 2 March -

9.30 am **Parish Eucharist** at St John's &
11.00 am **Holy Communion** at St Ethelbert's

Diocesan Pilgrimage 2014 - Sat 15 March
9am, St Mary's English Bicknor, to St Peter's
Clifford Mesne for Evening Prayer at 6pm.

The **ELECTORAL ROLLS** are due to be revised
before the APCMs. If you aren't on the Roll, or
if any 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 Mar;
St Stephen's: Sun 6 April; **St Eth's**: Tue 8 April.

Fairtrade Easter Eggs - 2 "Real Easter Eggs"

are available from **Traidcraft**, one with
chocolate buttons + an Easter story booklet
(RRP £3.99) and a second larger egg with a
bar of orange chocolate and an olive wood
praying cross (RRP £9.99). Last year they sold
out quite quickly at Traidcraft, so order now!
Contact Rachel (719438) to order.