

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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Evelyn Smith Tel: 01594 822755

Peter Poole Tel: 01594 822967

Churchwardens at St Stephen's:

Sheila Cole Tel: 01594 825301

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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.

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

Mar 2: Exodus 24:12-end Psalm 2

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

Mar 9: Genesis 2:15-17,3:1-7 Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11

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

Sunday 9 March (1st Sunday of Lent)

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

This Week Around the Benefice

Tue 4 - 10.30am Pause for Prayer, Vicarage

Tue 4 - **NO** 'Craft & a Cuppa'

Tue 4 - 2.30 pm Mother's Union, St Stephen's

Tue 4 - 6.00 pm **Pancake Night**, St Stephen's

Tue 4 - 7.00 pm St John's **Pancake Party**,

Coombe Drive Centre, Ruspidge

Wed 5 - 10.00 am Holy Communion,

St Ethelbert's (Ash Wednesday)

Wed 5 - 7.30 pm **Holy Communion**, St John's

Fri 7 - **NO** Coffee Morning, St Stephen's

Fri 7 - 11.00 am **Women's World Day of**

Prayer, St John's

Fri 7 - 4.30 pm - 6.00 pm **F.A.N. Club**

(Years 1-6) at St Stephen's

Fri 7 - 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm **S.M.I.L.E. group**

(girls, Year 7+) at The Vicarage

Fri 7 - 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm **IF group**

(boys, Year 7+) at St Stephen's

Sat 8 - 9.30 am Parish Prayer, St Ethelbert's

Sat 8 - 11am - 3pm **Big Brew Coffee Morning**

+ Activity Day, St Stephen's

Women's World Day of Prayer is Friday 7 March. The Service this year will be held at **St John's** at 11.00 am. This is an opportunity for women from the churches across Cinderford and Littledean to join together in prayer (united with women all over the world who will be doing the same). **Please do come along. Refreshments served after.**

The next **BoB Breakfast** will be Sat 15 March at St Stephen's from 9 am till 10 am. Men, please put the date in your diaries.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY, March 5

10 am Holy Communion at St Eth's
7.30 pm Holy Communion at St John's

LIVE LENT

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

Lent Book - Mike's will be reading "Lent for Everyone: Matthew." A mini version can be accessed online or phone app (see Chris).

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 - leaflets from Christian Aid with daily reflections and opportunities to donate to Christian Aid

"**Bring Me Sunshine**" a light-hearted look at the ups and downs of family life. With Rob Parsons and John Archer. **Tue 11 March** at The Capital Venue, GL2 2AB. Tickets £5, www.careforthefamily.org.uk/sunshine

Congratulations to Maggie and Ceci, our first prize winners at the BakeOff last week!

A big thanks to all who entered, what a fabulous range of very tasty cakes!

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT - Feb 24 - March 9

Saturday March 8 - from 11 am till 3 pm

Big Brew Coffee Morning + Activities Day

St Stephen's Church

Cakes, tea and coffee, light lunches, activities,

Fairtrade displays and stalls (special offers!),

variety of Fairtrade goodies to try,

a **chocolate fountain**

and a **GIANT banana split** (at 1pm).

Please come along and INVITE your friends!

Fairtrade Easter Eggs - 2 "**Real Easter Eggs**"

are available from **Traidcraft**, 1 with chocolate buttons + an Easter story booklet (RRP £3.99)

2 is a larger egg with a bar of orange chocolate and an olive wood praying cross (RRP £9.99).

Contact Rachel (719438) to order.

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.