

## Please pray for:

- Samuel Jay who was baptised at St Ethelbert's on Sunday 13 April.
- Those who have recently been bereaved; especially the families of Geoffrey Siddaway, Malcolm Roberts, Joyce Griffiths, Dennis Veal and Geoffrey Fisher.
- Anyone who is unwell, especially Valda Fox, Jennifer Lang, 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 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 upcoming APCMs across the Benefice.
- The street pastors in Cinderford as they go out on to the streets every Sat (8 pm -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 (824840) or Eunice (826753).

**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. In the event Mike is unavailable, please contact a churchwarden - see below)

### Urgent Prayer Requests –

Please contact either:

Eunice Wilson Tel: 01594 826753

Mike Barnsley Tel: 01594 822286.

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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).

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

# Benefice of Cinderford 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

**Apr 27:** Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-end

**May 4:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-7

1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35

### Sunday 27 April (2nd Sunday of Easter)

9.30 am Communion by Extension, St John's

10.30 am Joint Service, Littledean URC

11.00 am All Age Worship, St Stephen's

1.00 pm Fellowship Lunch, St Stephen's

3.00 pm Holy Communion, Bilson

4.00 pm Cakes followed by APCM, St Stephen's

### Sunday 4 May (3rd Sunday of Easter)

9.30 am Parish Eucharist, St John's

10.30 am Morning Prayer, St Eth's

11.00 am Holy Communion, Junior Church and W.I.L.D., St Stephen's

3.00 pm **NO** Evensong at St Stephen's

3.00 pm Family Service, Bilson

### **This Week Around the Benefice**

Tue 29 - 10.30 am Pause for Prayer, Vicarage

Tue 29 - 2.00 pm 'Craft & a Cuppa', Vicarage

Tue 29 - 7.00 pm, Ladies' Curry Meal,

The Curry Leaf, Cinderford

Tue 29 - 7.30 pm, APCM, St Eth's

Wed 30 - 10.00 am Holy Communion,

St John's

Fri 2 - 10.00 am Coffee Morning

at St Stephen's

Fri 2 - 4.30 pm - 6.00 pm **F.A.N. Club**

(Years 1-6), St Stephen's

Fri 2 - 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm **S.M.I.L.E. group**

(girls, Year 7+), The Vicarage

Fri 2 - 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm **IF group**

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

Sat 3 - 9.00 am, Parish Prayer, St Stephen's

**Ladies' Curry Meal.** Tuesday 29 April, 7 pm.  
The Curry Leaf, Cinderford. Menus available.  
Please give menu + deposit to Sian (822286),  
these need to be in by TODAY (Sunday 27).

**Christian Aid Week** this year is 11-17 May, a collection takes place at the Co-op County Store (Dockham Road) each year, with volunteers from across the Benefice. There are still a few hour-long slots to be filled on Thursday 15 and Friday 16 May. Please contact Ann Ladd (822735) if you are available to help.

**Families Come First** A day of fun, activities, stalls at Gloucester Cathedral on Saturday 28 June, 11 am - 4 pm. Run by Mothers' Union.

### **Vicarage Open Day**

**Saturday 17 May**, from 1 pm - 5pm.

Please come and join us to share time together along with cakes and drinks!

### **Annual Parish Council Meetings**

These meetings are to elect churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives and PCC members.

St Stephen's APCM will be held TODAY (Sun 27 April), starting with cake at 4.00 pm.

St Ethelbert's APCM will be held on Tuesday 29 April, starting at 7.30 pm.

All who are on the relevant Electoral Roll are welcome to attend the meeting and are eligible to be nominated for election. (Others may attend but cannot participate in the meeting - but you can eat cake!)

A group from around the Benefice is heading to the **Keswick Convention** again this year, attending week 2 (July 19-26). The conference itself is free to attend and the (fully catered) campsite (**Springs Camp**) still has a few places remaining. See Mike (822286) for more details.

The **Methodist Church** would like to invite people to join them Sunday 4 May at 3.30 pm for a service to mark the **re-dedication of the refurbished church**. Tea and cakes will follow the service.

### **FAIRTRADE**

The stall at St Stephen's is well stocked with a wide range of treats, pantry staples and gifts from Traidcraft. If you would like to order anything else from the Traidcraft catalogue, please let Rachel know (719438). Regular orders are placed, and goods arrive within a week of ordering. Thank you.



### **St Stephen's Summer Fayre**

**Saturday 7 June**

**10.30 am until 3.00 pm**

Please let Rachel (719438) know if you would like to be part of the band of volunteers needed to make the event run smoothly.

If you can't help, please put the date in your diaries and come along to support the event!

If you have items to donate, please talk to Rachel - we can arrange collection.

Posters and fliers available at the back of church. Please advertise as widely as possible and pass fliers out to family and friends!

### **Coming Up Soon**

**Lectio Divina Bible Studies** - restart on Wednesday 7 May, 7.30 pm at St Stephen's

**Healing Service** - the next service will be held on Sunday 11 May, 7.00 pm at St Stephen's