

### Please pray for:

- Cici, Jess, Maddie, Milan, Dylan and Jenson who are getting baptised at St Stephen's on Sunday 18 May.
- Those who have recently been bereaved; especially the families of Geoffrey Sidaway, Ryan Probert, Marie Smith, Malcolm Roberts, Joyce Griffiths, Dennis Veal and Geoffrey Fisher.
- Anyone who is unwell, especially Margaret Ricks, 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 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 St Ethelbert's on the 2nd Saturday of the month and various Wednesdays at The Vicarage from 7.00 pm. Please do come along.

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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.

### Visit the Benefice Website:

[www.cinderford-churches.org.uk](http://www.cinderford-churches.org.uk)

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[www.facebook.com/cinderfordchurches](http://www.facebook.com/cinderfordchurches)

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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 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

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

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

**May 11:** Acts 2:42-end Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-end John 10:1-10

### 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

3.30 pm Methodist Rededication Service

### Sunday 11 May (Christian Aid Sunday)

9.00 am Holy Communion, St Stephen's

9.30 am Communion by Extension, St John's

10.30 am Holy Communion, St Eth's

11.00 am Morning Worship, Junior Church and W.I.L.D., St Stephen's

3.00 pm Evensong, Bilson

7.00 pm Healing Service, St Stephen's

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

Tue 6 - 10.30 am **Pause for Prayer**, Vicarage

Tue 6 - 2.00 pm **'Craft & a Cuppa'**, Vicarage

Wed 7 - 10.00 am **Holy Communion**,

St Stephen's

Wed 7 - 7.00 pm **Prayer Meeting**, Vicarage

Wed 7 - 8.00 pm **Lectio Divina**, St Stephen's

Fri 9 - 10.00 am Coffee Morning

at St Stephen's

Fri 9 - 4.30 pm - 6.00 pm **F.A.N. Club**

(Years 1-6), St Stephen's

Fri 9 - 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm **S.M.I.L.E. group**

(girls, Year 7+), The Vicarage

Fri 9 - 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm **IF group**

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

Sat 10 - 9.30 am **Parish Prayer**, St Ethelbert's

**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.

Noah is coming to The Palace (Belle Vue Rd) this Friday. Mike and Sian are planning on going on Monday 12 May to the 6.00 pm showing. Anyone who would like to join them would be most welcome. (£5.20 for adults)

### **Vicarage Open Day**

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

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

### **CTiC Triangle Outreach Event**

Saturday 24 May, 10 - 12 in The Triangle

Music, Puppets, Cakes, Tea and Coffee

Volunteers needed to make cakes and help on the day. Please contact Mike (822286) for more details or to volunteer.

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).

### **Access Ministries BBQ**

Thursday 3 July, 6.00 pm

The Vicarage

Please come along if you are interested in finding out a bit more about the new Access Ministries 'Shalom' Group that will be meeting at St Stephen's from September.

**Lectio Divina Bible Studies** - restart this week

**Wednesday 7 May, 8.00 pm at St Stephen's.**

The theme for this term will be the Holy Spirit.

Please note the change of time!

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

**BoB Breakfast**, 9.00 am, Sat 17 May.

### **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!

The raffle is being run slightly differently this year, the aim is to make up some nice themed hampers. Please see the lists at the back of St Stephen's and sign up for what you plan on bringing! We also need donations of various things for the other stalls including wine, shloer, homewares, jewellery, toiletries, gifts, toys along with homemade goods (cakes, scones, jams and chutneys).

If you have items to donate, please talk to Rachel (719438) - 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!**