

Please pray for:

- Cici, Jess, Maddie, Milan, Dylan and Jenson who are getting baptised at St Stephen's today (Sunday 18 May).
- Those who have recently been bereaved; especially the families of Gwendoline Simmonds, May Matthews, Geoffrey Sidaway and Marie Smith
- Anyone who is unwell, especially Margaret Barnsley, Dorothy Arnison, 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).
- 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 Eunice (826753) or Mike (822286).

Prayer meetings are from 9.30 am St Ethelbert's on the 2nd Saturday of the month and alternate Wednesdays at The Vicarage from 7.00 pm. Please do come along.

Vicar: Mike Barnsley

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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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www.cinderford-churches.org.uk

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Evelyn Smith Tel: 01594 822755

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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 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 18: Acts 7:55-end Psalm 31:1-5

1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14

May 25: Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:7-end

1 Peter 3:13-end John 14:15-21

Sunday 18 May (5th Sunday of Easter)

9.30 am Parish Eucharist, St John's

10.30 am Joint Service, St Eth's

11.00 am Baptism, St Stephen's

3.00 pm Holy Communion, St Stephen's

Sunday 25 May (6th Sunday of Easter)

9.30 am Parish Eucharist, St John's

10.30 am Family Service, St Eth's

11.00 am All Age Worship, St Stephen's

1.00 pm Fellowship Lunch, St Stephen's

3.00 pm Holy Communion, Bilson

This Week Around the Benefice

Tue 20 - 10.30 am **Pause for Prayer**, Vicarage

Tue 20 - 2.00 pm **'Craft & a Cuppa'**, Vicarage

Wed 20 - 10.00 am **Holy Communion**,

St Stephen's

Wed 21 - 7.00 pm **Prayer Meeting**, Vicarage

Wed 21 - 8.00 pm **Lectio Divina**, St Stephen's

Fri 23 - 10.00 am **Coffee Morning**

at St Stephen's

Fri 23 - 4.30 pm - 6.00 pm **F.A.N. Club**

(Years 1-6), St Stephen's

Fri 23 - 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm **S.M.I.L.E. group**

(girls, Year 7+), The Vicarage

Fri 23 - 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm **IF group**

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

Sat 24 - 10.00 am - 12 noon **Outreach Event**,

The Triangle

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

Coming Up...

Archdeacon's Visitation - 5.00 pm, St John's

Sunday 1 June (churchwardens to be admitted to their offices)

BoB Breakfast - 9.00 am, St Stephen's,

Saturday 21 June

St Ethelbert's Summer Fayre -

11.00 am - 1.30 pm, Saturday 5 July

Wednesday Evenings

(21 May, 4 June, 18 June, 2 July, 16 July)

Prayer Meeting, Vicarage 7.00 - 7.45 pm

Lectio Divina, St Stephen's 8.00 - 9.00 pm

The theme this term is the Holy Spirit.

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!

CTiC Triangle Outreach Event

Sat 24 May, 10 am - 12 noon in The Triangle.

Music, Face Painting, Cakes, Tea and Coffee
Volunteers needed to make cakes and help on the day with serving refreshments (contact Rachel - 719438), to be available to talk/pray with people and help with moving stuff on the day (before and/or after). Please contact Mike (822286) for more details or to volunteer. All volunteers should meet at the Methodist church at 9.00 am for prayer and briefing.

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.

'Shalom' Meeting, Thurs 22, 7.30 - 9.00 pm, Christchurch C of E Church.

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.



Thank you to all who helped out with Christian Aid collections and to all who have donated. If you still wish to donate, please collect a Christian Aid envelope and bring back to church (any of them) for next week.