



NEWS & VIEWS

from the Benefice of Cinderford with Littledean

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Who's on the Trike?



Assistant Curate's Letter

Dear friends,

I am writing this letter on retreat prior to my ordination as priest tomorrow. It is nearly 13 months since my ordination as deacon, but it has whizzed by so terribly quickly. There have been many amazing experiences during this time – there have been highs and lows, sharing in both the joy and sadness of people's lives. And I cannot quite believe that this time tomorrow I will be priested!

A time of retreat is a wonderful gift. A time away from the hustle and bustle of life – a gift I appreciate most of you probably have not had the opportunity to experience. A retreat before something significant in our lives is a good practice. Pre-ordination retreats are not optional! They include times when we have to be silent – I generally savour this time but it is also a time of vulnerability where you are left with your thoughts, your feelings of inadequacy and inability. It is a time to take some rest – I am amazed how exhausting it is! It is a time to be with God; a time for intimate worship; a time to be ministered to, with the retreat leader sharing wise words to help stand us in good stead for our future ministry; a time of building relationships with fellow ordinands in the Diocese – those to be ordained priest along with me and those to be ordained deacon on Sunday. It is a time when we are anointed with oil for healing and have our feet washed should we choose to, and a time to receive our Charge from Bishop Rachel. It is a time for tears and laughter. This has been a precious and special time ahead of what will be a very special weekend for me.

Tomorrow I will kneel at the feet of Bishop Rachel. She will lay her hands on my head along with fellow priests, and I will be ordained priest. It will be very special, surrounded by many of you, my friends from the Benefice, and my family and friends from around the country. It will be an amazing experience I know. I am sure a tear or two will be shed! I will try not to blubber and embarrass my nephews as I did last year! And I will think of the great influences on my life, and especially my father, no longer with us and there to share the occasion. I imagine perhaps a party in heaven!

On Sunday I will preside at Holy Communion for the first time at the Benefice service at St Stephen's. Again, I know it will be a wonderful occasion.

These will both be special occasions for me, and I would like to think they are significant for our Benefice too. So there is a danger I get carried away with all this attention. There is a danger that I might mistakenly think I am important which certainly I am not. I am no more significant than any of you. I have been called by God for this role and the Church has endorsed that, but we are all equally important. Each and every one of us is significant in God's eyes. Each and every one of us has been created by God in His own image.

And each and every one of us is on a journey to become what God has created us to be. On Saturday in the Cathedral, on Sunday at St Stephen's, and next week and the week after, I am doing what I am doing in my life, **through grace alone, by faith alone, in Christ alone.** And my prayer for me, and for every one of you reading this letter, is that we know the grace of God, and know deep in our hearts that He loves us, just as we are, and wants us all, to grow through His grace, by faith in Christ, to become what He has planned for us to be.

With prayers and God's blessing, Anthea



	Bilson*	St Ethelbert's	St John's	St Stephen's
Sun 6 Aug		10.30 am AAW	9.30 am PE	11.00 am HC, JC, WILD
Sun 13 Aug	3.00 pm HC	10.30 am HC	9.30 am PE	11.00 am MW, JC, WILD 7.00 pm Healing Service
Sun 20 Aug		10.30 am JS @ URC	9.30 am PE	11.00 am Baptism 3.00 pm HC
Sun 27 Aug	3.00 pm SW	10.30 am MP	9.30 am CBE	11.00 am AAW
Sun 3 Sep		10.30 am AAW	9.30 am PE 6.00 pm Harvest	11.00 am HC, JC, WILD

*** All Bilson services are currently taking place at Hanover Court.**

AAW = All Age Worship; CBE = Communion by Extension; HC = Holy Communion; JC = Junior Church (preschool up to Y6); JS = Joint Service; MP = Morning Prayer; MW = Morning Worship; PE = Parish Eucharist; SW = Sunday Worship; WILD = Youth Group (Y7 - Y13).

Midweek Service Times

Wed 2 August, 10.00 am HC at St Stephen's

Wed 9 August, 10.00 am HC at St John's

Sat 12 August, 1.00 pm Wedding at St Eth's

Wed 16 August, 10.00 am HC at St Stephen's

Wed 23 August, 10.00 am HC at St John's

Wed 30 August, 10.00 am CBE at St John's

Wed 6 Sep, 10.00 am HC at St Stephen's

Benefice Pilgrimage - Sat 16 Sept

Do consider joining us on our annual walk linking the parishes of the benefice. We have a great day regularly stopping to admire the views, to pray, to eat and drink, and all the while chatting about anything and everything. Try just one or more sections of the walk or the whole journey. For details contact Peter Poole (01594 822967) or Mike (01594 822286).

Food bank donations

Donations for the Salvation Army and / or the Cinderford Branch of the Trussell Trust food banks would be particularly welcome over the summer holidays. Families often find school holidays difficult due to the lack of support through school meals and increased costs trying to organise activities for children.

Your generosity at this time would be particularly appreciated. There are drop off boxes at St Stephen's, St John's and St Ethelbert's.

(If you are in need of support at this time, please contact Mike, in confidence, on 01594 822286.)

Current list of items: Milk (UHT or powdered), sugar, fruit juice, soup, pasta / curry sauce, tinned sponge puddings, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, cereals, tinned rice pudding / custard, tea bags, instant coffee, instant mashed potatoes, rice, pasta, tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned fruit, jam, biscuits, packaged cake, snack bars. (Not on official list: toilet rolls, nappies, jars of baby food, ladies' toiletries - including sanitary products, dog and cat food.)

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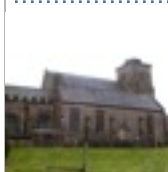
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On the 3rd Sunday of each month a joint service is held at Littledean URC.

GL14 3EX

9.30 am services in the moderate catholic tradition with a Eucharistic and sacramental focus.



St John's, Cinderford,
GL14 3EX
9.30 am services in the moderate catholic tradition with a Eucharistic and sacramental focus.



St Stephen's, Cinderford, GL14 2AA
Different worship styles at 11 am and 3 pm. 11 am services reflect an evangelical tradition with a worship band & children's and youth activities; 3.00 pm services are traditional (BCP) with organ. Various midweek services.

Bilson Mission, Cinderford, GL14 2TQ
Bilson services are currently taking place at Hanover Court, whilst essential maintenance work is being assessed.



From the Registers

Baptisms

2 July Lily Rae Pat Morgan St Stephen's
2 July Max Guy Lane St Stephen's

Ordination as Priest

15 July Anthea Beresford Gloucester Cathedral

Seen walking around the Benefice, but where?

Answers can be found on page 11.



I'm a church around the Diocese, but where?

Answers can be found on page 11.

Our Partner Churches

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Mothers' Union Report

No meeting was held in June, but some members planned to go on a Day Retreat at Ty Mawr Monmouth. However, as their transport failed attendance was not possible.

Our July meeting's highlight was Rachel's photo presentation on her visit with Chris to meet Traidcraft producers in Swaziland. Their holiday included visits/stays in wildlife parks. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the talk with its stunning images, and the chance to see some of the fairtrade goodies brought back. Tea and cake was enjoyed afterwards celebrating significant birthdays for Angela Lewis and Audrey Brigstocke Williams, with a special cake for each.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 5 September from 2.00 pm; although members are encouraged to join the Diocesan Mary Sumner Day picnic at Saul village hall on Wednesday 9 August.

Also our Wave of Prayer slot is 4.30 pm - 5.30 pm on Monday 4 September. Members are encouraged to pray in their own homes. - Nikola Poole

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Operation Christmas Child



Continuing with the aim to pack a hundred shoeboxes at packing parties in October...

In August, we are focussing on bags of various sorts - either pencil cases, bags for toiletries, small handbags or foldable backpacks (the drawstring sort that don't take up much space at all). Cloth shopping bags would also be good to include. Any of the above bags can be handmade or store-bought. So if you are handy with a sewing machine, now is the chance to use up some of your fabric stash!

If you aren't sure if an item is suitable, please speak to Rachel Witham (719438).

In case you missed it: January we were collecting (individually wrapped) soaps and flannels; February was hats, scarves and gloves; March was toothbrushes and toothpastes, April was small toys, May was stationery and June was hairbrush/comb & hair accessories plus jewellery; July was larger toys. We still need more of all items but we are very close on the various toiletries!

If you have any items for the shoeboxes, please bring along to St Stephen's Church, give to a church member to bring or please contact Elaine Bradley (825401).

St Ethelbert's Summer Fayre

St Ethelbert's Summer Fayre was blessed with fine weather and good custom, coupled with its usual cohort of helpers and stall holders augmented by several new members and activities; all of this contributed to a wonderful session of togetherness, jollity and fundraising.



Thanks go to all those who helped behind the scenes, operating the stalls and

getting ready for the event itself by way of food preparation, getting set up etc

Our new Kiddies Korner activities revolving around painting enjoyed a goodly number of participants and it will hopefully become established as part of what we do.

All in all, the preserves, cakes and catering went massively well, as did the bottle stall and raffles, plants,



boutiques and bric-a-bac.

What more could one want from a village Fayre!

There was something for everyone which was enjoyed by everyone - excellent!

The total of £880 was raised for our church funds. - Jim Duffin



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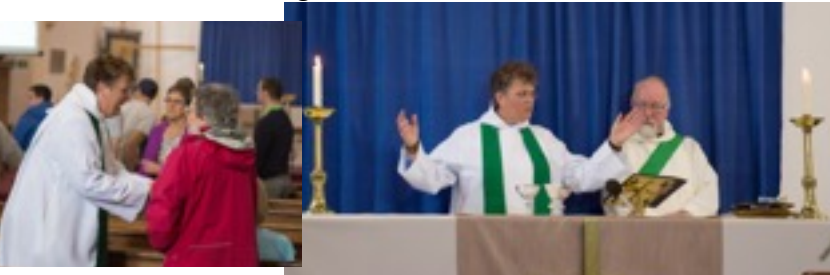
Lynne Chaundy is considering organising a coach trip on Thursday 21 September. Potential places to visit would be Coughton Court, Dyrham Park or Tyntesfield. All three are National Trust properties about an hour away.

There needs to be 25 people who want to go in order to book a coach. If you would be interested in going, please contact Lynne as soon as possible. (01594 825997)

Anthea's First Communion



The newly priested (Rev'd) Anthea presided over her first communion on Sunday 16 July in a very special Benefice service at St Stephen's. The service was a mix of traditions from the three parish churches that make up the Benefice and the congregations had combined to celebrate with Anthea on this exciting occasion.



As promised, copious amounts of cake were enjoyed after the service as everyone spent time chatting with Anthea.

It was also wonderful to see Richard, Lou and Osher on a summer visit back to the UK from their time in America along with Eunice and Peter who were visiting from their new

home in Wales.



Please pray for:

- Bishop Rachel and Bishop Robert
- those who have recently been bereaved; especially the family and friends of Hilary Savin
- anyone who is unwell
- others around the Benefice who need prayer
- those who have recently been baptised, their parents and Godparents; especially Lily Rae and Max
- Paul & Tina, getting married in August
- Gavin & Karen, married in July
- Mike; in his ministry around the Benefice
- Anthea; as she begins her ministry as priest
- Chris, Linda, Lynne and Richard; our licensed readers
- Jim and Adalia Fisher, in the Philippines
- Felipe and Sarah Yanez (CMS partners in Spain) and their sons Sam and Aaron - currently in the UK for six months
- Cinderford Street Pastors
- children, young people and their leaders
- the foodbank in Cinderford and all who need to make use of it over the summer holidays
- all those around the world facing persecution, homelessness or hunger

Putting a Bit Back into the Community

We retired last year and bought a cottage in Cinderford.

We have started a blog at <https://vandaandeddie.uk/>

We wanted to put something back into the community here and have created a free directory for any Forest of Dean business or organisation and an event calendar.

There are no charges at all, so why not take a look?

Vanda & Eddie

Activity and Event Times

Dementia Friendly Training at St Stephen's Wednesday 16 August, 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm
places limited, please book with Rachel (719438 / rachel@cinderford-churches.org.uk)

BoB Breakfast at St Stephen's Saturday 19 August, 9.00 am - 10.00 am
BoB Breakfast is the monthly men's breakfast, all men welcome to attend

Fellowship Lunch at St Stephen's Sunday 27 August, 12.30 pm

Weekly Activities

Monday: 7.00 pm - 8.45 pm Bellringing, St Ethelbert's Church *(not on the first Monday of the month)*

- Group to practice ringing for Sunday services. (Bells rung on a Sunday from 9.45 am - 10.30 am)

Tuesday: 2.00 pm Craft & A Cuppa, St Stephen's Church *(meets during term time; restarts in September)*

- Craft group where members bring along their own craft and share fellowship

Friday: 10.00 am Coffee Morning, St Stephen's Church

- Chance to meet for fellowship and enjoy some Fairtrade tea and coffee

7.00 pm - 9.00 pm IF (boys, Year 7+), St Stephen's Church *(meets during term time; restarts in September)*

- Youth group for boys in secondary school with food, games and activities

Dementia Friendly Training

Catherine Harris from Dementia Action Alliance will be talking about ways to make buildings and activities more accessible for those affected with dementia on the evening of Wednesday 16 August from 7.00 pm at St Stephen's. Refreshments will be available from 6.30 pm. Places are limited, so please book a place with Rachel (719438 / rachel@cinderford-churches.org.uk).



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Harvest at St John's

Harvest will be celebrated at St John's Church on Sunday 3 September. All are very welcome to the service beginning at 6.00 pm and followed by a Bring & Share supper.

Bellringers Striking Championship

Littledean Bellringers once again came first at the Forest Bellringers striking championship on Saturday 17 June retaining their trophies. The championship was held at Minsterworth church, it is very light hearted and always fun.

The Littledean band ring every Sunday for services and meet for ringing every Monday evening (except the first in the month) from 7 - 8:45 pm. If you are interested in learning to ring come along on a practice night. You will be made very welcome.



Shalom 21st Birthday Party

The original Shalom group was formed in 1996 by Sedbury and Stroat Evangelical Churches. The name for the group at that time was 'On the Level'. The group started as a small and committed group of people with and without learning disabilities who met together to learn more about Jesus, making the Gospel more accessible to those people who were unable to read and write and had cognitive difficulties in learning.



The name changed to Shalom but the ethos of the group has never changed. Over the years the group has grown and reshaped to meet the needs of those attending and the churches they are connected to. Shalom has met in different venues and churches across

the Forest including the Woodcroft Christian Centre. The groups now meet at St Stephen's in Cinderford along with Christchurch in Christchurch and St Mary's in Lydney.

On Saturday 8 July the Shalom groups from across the Forest came together at St Stephen's to celebrate the groups 21st birthday.

The day was very hot and sunny, perfect for a BBQ on the vicarage lawn (although not so perfect for those cooking in the heat). Games were played on the lawn and time was spent catching up with people from the various groups. There were 2 large birthday cakes to

celebrate the day; one sporting the groups' logo and the other the figures '21', all covered in strawberries, raspberries and cream. Then came the time to worship and praise, giving thanks to God for the last 21 years and for what is still to come as the groups grow. The service consisted of song, dance, puppets, prayer and testimonies.

The St Stephen's Shalom group meets alternate Wednesdays from 7.30 pm– 9.00 pm. Why not come along and see for yourself what the group is all about? You would be made very welcome and are guaranteed to have fun. All very welcome.



Mike's Question:

On Sunday 16 July, at Anthea's first Communion service as priest, we sang "Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord" (from I the Lord of Sea and Sky). Who does the Bible record as saying "Here I am" to God (the Father)?

Mike's Challenge:

What is God calling you to? Is your response "Here I am."?

Answers will be in next month's "News & Views" but please do discuss with Mike in the meantime!

Answers to last month's ?'s:

The number of times Jesus is described as having compassion for others or Jesus describes someone else as having compassion in the Gospels varies slightly from version to version, but the following are the occurrences in the NRSV, ESV and NIV: Matt 9:36 (NRSV, ESV, NIV), Matt 14:14 (NRSV, ESV, NIV), Matt 15:32 (NRSV, ESV, NIV), Matt 20:34 (NRSV, NIV), Mark 1:41 (NIV), Mark 6:34 (NRSV, ESV, NIV), Mark 8:2 (NRSV, ESV, NIV), Mark 9:22 (ESV), Luke 7:13 (NRSV, ESV), Luke 10:33 (ESV), Luke 15:20 (NRSV, ESV, NIV). (July's challenge was to identify what these passages had in common. Let Mike know what you think.)

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Favourite colour?
Green.
Favourite film?
Saving Grace.
Favourite season?
Spring.
Favourite flower or tree? Linden.
Favourite TV programme?
Father Ted.



Favourite food & drink? Anything and Guinness.
What would be your ideal holiday? A month in North Island, New Zealand.
Favourite book? The Complete Works of Shakespeare.
Would you prefer to live in a big city or small village? Small village, every time.
Favourite hymn or church song? Be Thou My Vision.
First car (and did it have a name)? 1957 Ford Popular, Bernard.
If you could have any car, what would it be? My old volvo. Really!
Where would you most like to be right now? West coast of Ireland, watching the waves crash.
Favourite place to eat out? Little Italian place in Blakeney.
Favourite place to go shopping? Cameron's in Newnham in Severn.
What was your best holiday? New Zealand / Australia.
Favourite Church building? St Ethelbert's, of course.
Are you a cat person or a dog person? Neither.
Favourite family memory? Playing on the sands at Castlerock, Co Derry.
What four people (dead or alive) would you invite to a dinner party? The Pope, Genghis Khan, Donald Trump and my mum to keep them all in order.
First Job? Paper round.
Worst Job you've ever done? Coalman.
Earliest memory? Being taken to see a train on Gloucester Railway Station.
Which living person do you most admire? The Queen.
Best job you've ever had? Tutoring.
What do you owe your parents? My looks.
If you could be any animal, what would it be and why? A mole, so I can keep my head down.
What would your superpower be? Hindsight.
If you could go back in time, where would you go, and why? I'm very happy with this time now.
Most treasured possession? St Christopher.
When were you happiest? In the embrace of my family.
What keeps you awake at night? Traffic on the A48, softened by the soporific sounds of the freight trains.

News & Views

Lectionary

6 August (Transfiguration)

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Psalm 97
2 Peter 1:16-19 Luke 9:28-36

13 August (9th Sunday after Trinity)

1 Kings 19:9-18 Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33

20 August (10th Sunday after Trinity)

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15:21-28

27 August (11th Sunday after Trinity)

Isaiah 51:1-6 Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20

Harvest Readings

Deuteronomy 8:7-18 or 28:1-14 Psalm 65
2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Luke 12:16-30 or 17:11-19

3 September (12th Sunday after Trinity)

Jeremiah 15:15-21 Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:-9-end Matthew 16:21-end

Healing Service

Healing services take place every two months at St Stephen's. The next one will be on Sunday 13 August at 7.00 pm. They are informal and normally include a time of sung worship, teaching relating to healing, a time of prayer along with the opportunity to receive prayer ministry. Services are open to all and you can join in as much or as little as you want.

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Littledean Church of England Primary School

Come Dine With Me

The children in Holly Leaves have been busy cooking up a storm for their parents, who came into school to sample dishes made out of some of the produce the children have grown in the school garden.



Art Competition Winners Lots of the children in the school created art work to be displayed at the Community Centre Summer Fayre. This year the theme was 'summer flowers' and one



winner from each class was chosen to receive a prize – they are very proud.



Ride & Stride - Saturday 9 September

Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust's Ride & Stride fundraiser takes place on Saturday 9 September this year. The Ride & Stride is a great opportunity to visit churches around the county as well as raising money for GHCT and our own churches.

St Stephen's will be open from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm. The day will be combined with Cinderford Town Council's annual memorabilia day which is being held at St Stephen's to provide more space for exhibits. Light lunches and refreshments will be available. Andy and Chris will be riding around churches in the Forest (on bicycles) and are happy for others to join them.

St. Ethelbert's Church will be open from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. Refreshments will be available along with book, cakes and bric-a-brac stalls. Members of St Ethelbert's will continue their 25 year tradition of completing the Ride & Stride on an exercise bike in the church.

St John's will not be open unfortunately but the usual notice will be available to record visitors. A team from St John's are intending to try and visit as many churches as possible in Gloucester City.

Sponsorship for any of our riders and striders will be most welcome – remember half of monies raised locally will come back to church funds. Please speak to Chris Witham (719438) for more info about sponsoring or joining in!

News & Views

Everyone is invited to St Ethelbert's on Sunday 6 August at 10.30 am for an All Age Worship service
learning more
about the story of
5 loaves and 2 fish.



St Ethelbert's All Age Worship

The Littledean Open the Book team brought 'Tea at Auntie's House' to St Ethelbert's church for a fun filled all age service in July. The story, based on Jesus' visit to Martha and Mary's house, gave a chance for adults to see what goes on in school when the team visit.

During the service a chocolate microwave cake was made and our prayers were written on flowers, coloured and then floated in water as we gave them to God.

The service was followed by coffee and more cake. The next all-age service at St Ethelbert's is on Sunday 6 August.



Fairtrade Focus

Pineapple Crunch Cake

If made using gluten free oats, this cake can be gluten free and vegan very easily! The cake does not require baking, but does require freezing overnight and then thawing before consuming - so needs making the day before!

A 'cup' is a volume measure - if you don't have a 'cup' measure it works out about 250 ml volume, so you can use any measuring cup.

Ingredients

1 cup Tropical Wholefoods Fairtrade dried pineapple*

2 cups oats

1 cup ground almonds

1 lemon (squeezed) #

pinch salt

pinch cinnamon #

6 tbsp honey* (or maple syrup #)

6 tbsp coconut oil* (or sunflower oil)

coconut flakes*

Topping

6 tbsp coconut oil* (or sunflower oil)

1 1/2 tbsp (vegan) margarine

185g Fairtrade dark chocolate*

pinch salt

1 cup coconut flakes*

All starred () ingredients are Traidcraft products available at the Fairtrade stall at St Stephen's (or can be ordered); ingredients marked with a hashtag (#) are available as Fairtrade but not from church - speak to Rachel for advice on where to purchase if needed - 719438.*

Method

1. Prepare an 8" / 20 cm silicone cake shape (or greased and floured cake tin suitable to be placed in freezer).
2. Put pineapple, oats, ground almonds and lemon juice into food processor on high speed until well blended.
3. Add oil, honey (or syrup), cinnamon and salt and re-mix until fully blended creating a sticky mixture.
4. Push the mixture into the prepared silicone cake shape / cake tin and sprinkle a layer of coconut flakes over the top.
5. Put all topping ingredients into a saucepan and melt down.
6. Pour topping onto the cake mixture.
7. Add a top layer of coconut flakes and place cake into freezer overnight.
8. Bring out of freezer and place into fridge 3 hours before serving.

Did you know? The dried pineapple can be rehydrated by soaking for 30 minutes in water, fruit juice or even alcohol!



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and because they are dried at less than 42°C, they can be eaten as part of a raw food diet. The flavour is sweet and zingy with only 30g of sun dried pineapple making up one of your 5 a day.

Tropical Wholefoods have worked with rural co-operatives and women's groups in Africa since 1989. Their speciality is the solar drying of fresh fruits and vegetables using technology which is environmentally friendly and low cost. They teach people how to

construct and use solar driers and guarantee trainees a good market for their products.

In Uganda, Tropical Wholefoods partner with Fruits of the Nile (FON) to buy Fairtrade Organic sun dried pineapple and banana from 5 farmers groups in Southern and Central Uganda who together form the Fruits of the Nile Growers Association. FON has about 700 members, about a third of whom are pineapple farmers and two thirds of whom are banana farmers. About a tenth of the farmers also run small businesses solar drying their fresh fruits. The farmers group sell their solar dried fruits to FON who grade and pack all fruit ready for export at their purpose built factory in Njeru, Uganda.

FON have been popularising solar drying amongst farmers, because they believe that solar drying is an affordable way for farmers to preserve their fruits, and add value to them. In addition, solar drying has minimal environmental impact by using renewable energy, retaining waste at the point where it is grown and minimising transport costs by transporting fruit only when it has been dried - and in bulk.

With the guaranteed income from Fairtrade along with the Fairtrade premium, producers are able to send their children to school; some of the families have been heavily hit by the AIDS epidemic and so money goes towards farming grandparents, who have become guardians, paying for educational supplies.



Seen walking around the Benefice, but where?

Forest High School, Causeway Road



A huge thank you from Anthea

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came to the Cathedral for my Ordination. I know there were others who would have liked to have come but were unable to for differing reasons. It was wonderful to feel so supported. Seeing the bank of friendly faces as I entered the Cathedral was touching – and the cheer as I left was simply humbling!

Thank you also to all of you who were able to come to my first service presiding at Communion. Again, it was touching how many were there, and the sense of love and support I felt from all there was quite overwhelming. It was wonderful to see so many from the different churches in the Benefice, as well as so many from Littledean LEP. Thank you also for the messages of support I received from those unable to be there.

A special thank you must also go to the bakers of the wonderful cakes. They were delicious as ever. I hope the bakers do not mind me saying an especial thank you to Maria for the simply amazing cake she made. The detail on the cake was simply amazing.

And finally, thank you to all who took part in the service on Sunday who helped to make it a truly memorable experience.

God bless you all. Anthea

Who's on the Trike?



Roger Sterry
Mayor of Cinderford

I'm a church around the Diocese, but where?



St Peter and St Paul,
Westbury on Severn

Dates for Your Diaries...

Sat 16 September - **Benefice Pilgrimage**

Sat 23 September - **Community Prayer Breakfast** at St Stephen's

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On Saturday 15 July, over 30 people from around the Benefice travelled to

Gloucester Cathedral to see Anthea being ordained as Priest by Bishop Rachel during a very uplifting service.

This follows many years of hard work by Anthea and we

look forward to her ministry in our community for many years to come.

During the service Chloe and Rosie presented Anthea with a Bible as representatives of the Benefice and afterwards Chloe tried on the Bishop's mitre. Future profession?

Mike, Linda, Richard and Chris wore their robes and were part of the procession into the cathedral and joined in during various parts of the service.

