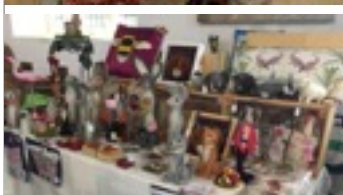




NEWS & VIEWS

from the Benefice of Cinderford with Littledean

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Who's on the Trike?



Reader's Letter

Dear friends,

On Sunday 29 July, a special service to celebrate the amazing contribution that Bilson Mission has made to the community for over 100 years was held in the grounds of the Mission (more information and pictures in next month's magazine).

The service booklet contained a brief outline of the history of Bilson Mission which was taken from the Preface to the 'Butterfly Quotation Book' published in May 1930 with the object of assisting the funds for the Extension of Bilson Mission. This is an excerpt from that history:

Nearly 50 years ago, in the Trafalgar Wood, a Gospel Service was regularly held on Sunday afternoons for the benefit of the local traveller population, they used to assemble themselves together in a Gospel tent, under the loving care of Miss Clifford, a very faithful and devoted servant of Christ. Miss Clifford, who lived at Trafalgar with Lady Dorothy Brain, used to walk over to the Parish Church at Cinderford every Sunday morning for service.

It was later felt that a building more substantial, with warmth and "comfort" must be found to accommodate the Worshippers during the winter months, and Miss Clifford was able, through her untiring energy, to raise sufficient funds for the erection of a wooden building, and the services were continued for some time with much blessing.

Miss Clifford eventually became the wife of the Vicar of St Stephen's, the Rev W Houlston, and the building was presented by her to the Parish, when it ceased to be used for the travelling community.

The building was removed from Trafalgar Wood and erected on a plot of land near the Upper Bilson Inn, and was used as a Mission Room under the supervision of the Vicar of the Parish. The names of Messrs. R. Pritchett, A. Hawker, and W. Brown, Lay Readers of the Parish, are still lovingly remembered, particularly for their faithful labours in connection with the Mission Room. In April of 1899 the land was acquired for other building purposes, and it was necessary to find another site for the Mission Room, and eventually it was carefully removed by Mr. Fox to its new site on Bilson Green.

The work grew and multiplied under the Rev. Thomas Longstaffe, with Mr. George Ferris as the Lay Reader, a flourishing Sunday School, and large Sunday evening congregations. In 1904, Mr. H. L. Underhill was licensed and appointed as Missioner in charge, with the Rev. W. Hancock, the Vicar of the Parish, and for 14 years he laboured faithfully and voluntarily with a splendid band of helpers. In 1918, the present Missioner, Mr. T. Witts, was licensed and appointed as honorary Parochial Reader, and the Church has continued to make rapid progress.

Sadly, the celebration on the 29th was to be the last service at Bilson Mission. The building is now closed, not due to lack of support or the enthusiasm of the congregation but due to the demise of the building. A building which has served the community for over 125 years.

But, as the short excerpt shows, I think quite clearly, the people are the church not the building. Many names are mentioned of people who faithfully campaigned and worked to make worship possible for the community. Today that work goes on, Reader Lynne Chaundy has worked tirelessly at Bilson Mission for over 30 years along with a number of incumbents, Readers and with a faithful congregation. That congregation now meet at Hanover Court, at 3 pm on the second and fourth Sundays. This enables the residents at Hanover Court to join them and the congregation has more than doubled.

The work of God goes on, in and around the whole parish of St Stephen's with Bilson.

The work of God changes – He is a God who is not static. New situations, new opportunities. We rejoice in the past, but look forward with hope and confidence to the future.

Yours in Christ, *Linda*



	Hanover Court	St Ethelbert's	St John's	St Stephen's
Sun 5 Aug		10.30 am SW	9.30 am Baptism	11.00 am HC, JC, WILD
Sun 12 Aug	3.00 pm HC	10.30 am HC	9.30 am PE	11.00 am MW 3.00 pm Messy Church 7.00 pm Healing Service
Sun 19 Aug		10.30 am JS @ URC	9.30 am PE	11.00 am Baptism 3.00 pm HC
Sun 26 Aug	3.00 pm SW	10.30 am MP	9.30 am PE	11.00 am AAW
Sun 2 Sep		10.30 am SW	9.30 am PE	11.00 am HC, JC, WILD 3.00 pm ES

Midweek Service Times

Wed 1 August, 10.00 am HC at St Stephen's

Sat 4 August, 4.00 pm Wedding at St Stephen's

Wed 8 August, 10.00 am HC at St John's

Wed 15 August, 10.00 am HC at St Stephen's

Wed 22 August, 10.00 am HC at St John's

Wed 29 August, 10.00 am HC at St John's

Wed 5 Sep, 10.00 am HC at St Stephen's

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

Healing Service

Healing services take place every 2 months at St Stephen's. The next service is this month, on Sunday 12 August at 7.00 pm.

Services are informal, often taking place in a quiet space at the back of church, and normally include a time of worship, a short time of teaching relating to healing, a general time of prayer and the opportunity to receive individual prayer ministry. We believe in God's healing power and want to give him the opportunity to move among us bringing wholeness and healing of body, mind and spirit.

Services are open to all and you can join in with as much or as little as you want. It would be wonderful to see you and meet with you.

Ground Maintenance



A maintenance afternoon was held at St

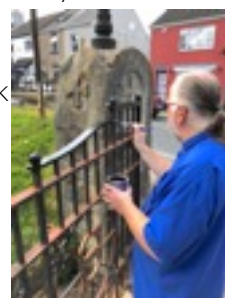
Stephen's on Sunday 15 July to prepare church for a number of

events that are coming up. Lots of people stayed after the 11 am service to lend a hand, cleaning inside of church, tidying outside of church and painting the gates. Pews were polished, weeds were weeded and hedges cut back and everywhere ended up looking a lot better than when we began. Kim and I were really grateful for everyone who stopped and helped out for 20 minutes or several hours.

The combined effort made light work of many tasks. The drive is now weed free, you can see the bus stop on Belle Vue again and hopefully you'll agree that the gates look fantastic. There's still lots of decorating, gardening and sorting to do in church so if you'd like to lend a hand, please let us know.



Many thanks, Chris & Kim



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St Ethelbert's, Littledean, GL14 3NL

Holds a range of services at 10.30 am. On the 3rd Sunday of each month a joint service is held at Littledean URC.



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 a more relaxed style with a worship band & children's and youth activities; 3 pm services are traditional (BCP). Messy Church every 2nd Sunday at 3 pm is a fun, creative service for the whole family. Various

midweek services.

Services are also held at Hanover Court at 3.00 pm every 2nd and 4th Sunday.

Home Communion

If you live in the Benefice and would like to receive home communion, please contact the Vicar, Mike Barnsley, (822286) or Linda Blagg (822153).

From the Registers

Weddings

30 June Anthony & Kayleigh Wood St John's

Baptisms

1 July Harvey James Davies St John's

Funerals

16 July	Ronald Hughes	St Stephen's
16 July	Vera Beddis	FoD Crem
18 July	Alexander James	St Eth's
24 July	Reginald Killingworth-Hedges	FoD Crem



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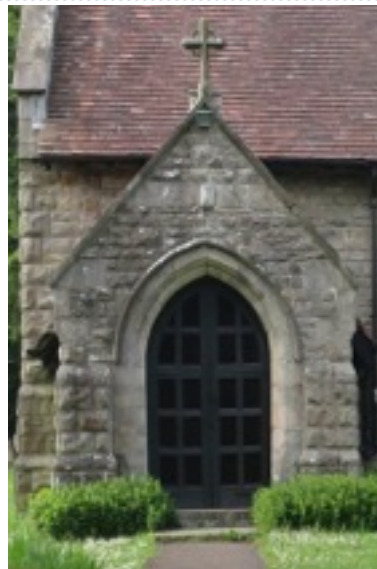
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Putting a Bit Back into the Community

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

Bethel Tearoom Needs YOU

A jewel on the main road in Littledean, stands Bethel tea room; a perfect place to relax, meet family and friends for a properly brewed pot of tea, or coffee should you prefer. There is also a choice of delicious homemade cakes, scones and much more.

Bethel tea room is run by the Benefice of Cinderford with Littledean for the community and staffed by volunteers.

Hardly any of us had previous experience of this type of work but with expert training from those who had, and common sense, we are now adept.

As volunteers, we work hours that suit us and have gained much from venturing into new territory. However, we are in need of more help so that we can continue to give this worthwhile service to the community. No experience is needed and training can be given.

We are sure there are some people, male or female, out there willing to give a little of their time to keep this worthwhile and satisfying enterprise going.

BETHEL TEA ROOMS NEED YOU.

If you are interested in volunteering or would just like more information, please contact Eve Smith (01594 822755), Mike Barnsley (01594 822286) or Bethel Tearooms itself (01594 829279).

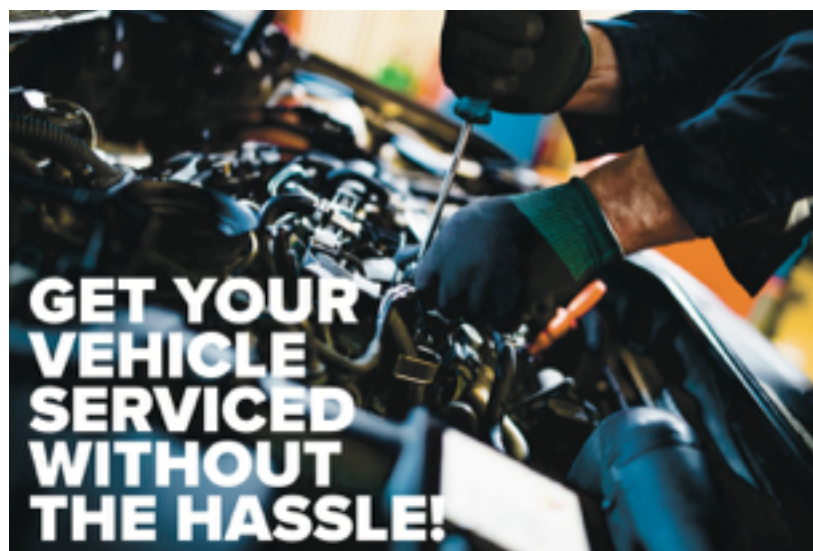
Food bank donations

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, treats. (Not on official list: toilet rolls, nappies, jars of baby food, ladies' toiletries - including sanitary products, dog and cat food.)



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Sue Bonner was our speaker for the July meeting. She talked about her time in Uganda as part of a team which set up healthcare for children with HIV Aids, and illustrated it with slides. Poignantly she explained that not all the youngsters responded in the same way to treatment: some did very well, others not so well and some tragically died.

The talk ended with a short video of a visit to the project by H M the Queen and H R H the Duke of Edinburgh for whom the children paraded a fashion show. Members found it all most interesting.



On the 17 July, we had an exclusive members Afternoon Tea at Bethel Tea Room in Littledean. A wonderful afternoon was spent together enjoying cake and conversation in lovely surroundings.

During the school holidays we shall not meet in August, so our next meeting will be on the Tuesday 4 September at St Stephen's Church at 2.30 pm.

Nikola Poole

Bishop Rachel visiting Forest

Bishop Rachel is joining the Deanery on 17 and 18 November for a fun filled weekend. The action will take place on the Speech House Field, with three large marquees packed with stalls, live music, prayer spaces, Messy Church, sports and much more!

There will be no services at any of our churches on Sunday 18 November, but please do put the dates in your diaries and plan on coming along to join in the fun. If you think you might be able to volunteer during the weekend (for anything from refreshments to parking) please speak to Richard Blagg (01594 822153) or Mike Barnsley (01594 822286).

If you are interested in having a craft stall over the weekend, please contact Rachel Witham (01594 719438 / rachel@cinderford-churches.org.uk) for more information and a booking form.

News & Views

Please pray for:

- Bishop Rachel and Robert, Bishop of Tewkesbury
- Mike; in his ministry around the Benefice
- Anthea; in her ministry as priest
- Chris, Linda, Lynne and Richard; our licensed readers
- those who have recently been bereaved; especially the friends and families of Christine, Ronald, Vera, Alexander and Reginald
- anyone who is unwell
- others around the Benefice who need prayer
- Anthony & Kayleigh, married in June
- Harvey; baptised in July
- Jim and Adalia Fisher, in the Philippines
- Felipe and Sarah Yanez (CMS partners in Spain) and their sons Sam and Aaron
- the future of Cinderford Street Pastors
- the Forest Foodbank and all who need to make use of it over the summer holidays
- children, young people and their teachers and leaders; as they all enjoy Summer Holidays
- comfort for those remembering lost loved ones
- the worldwide Church, especially those worshipping in places of conflict

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Activity and Event Times

BoB Breakfast at St Stephen's

Saturday 11 August, 9.00 am - 10.00 am

Messy Church at St Stephen's

Sunday 12 August, 3.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Fellowship Lunch at St Stephen's

Sunday 26 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: 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm Craft & A Cuppa, St Stephen's Church *(taking a break during August)*

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

Friday: 10.00 am - 11.15 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 Sep)*

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

New Mural for Cinderford

Mike, Sian and Rachel were pleased to attend the official dedication of the wonderful new mural on Woodside Street (on the side of Ripping Yarns shop).

The mural features three writers with connections to the Forest: Leonard Clark, Winifred Foley and Harry Beddington. Leonard and Harry both also have connections with St Stephen's.



It was wonderful to be able to hear the voices of the three writers on recordings alongside enjoying refreshments at Artspace, provided by Bethel Tea Rooms.

SHINE 2018 - Annual Ladies' Conference

The annual Benefice Ladies' conference will be happening on Friday 5 and Saturday 6 of October at St Stephen's around the theme of "Gold Mining".



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It's a weekend of fun, food and fellowship which serves to involve women from across the Benefice, but anyone is welcome to come and join us, as long as you are female!

The aim is to create a safe place for women to feel free to be themselves and spend time together, as well as exploring their relationship with Jesus.

If you are interested in coming or have any questions, please contact Sian Barnsley (822286). Looking forward to seeing you there!

Messy Church

Messy Church in July looked at Jesus as our Superhero through activities, puppets and songs. Great fun was had making the most of the sun and using the green space (with plenty of shade) for some Messy Fun.

Our next Messy Church is Sunday 12 August from 3 pm - 5 pm. All welcome to come along and join in with crafts, activities, songs and a shared meal. Those providing food do their upmost to cater for as many allergies and dietary requirements as possible, just let a leader know when you arrive.



Children / young people must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Open the Book

Open the Book is a project which offers Primary School children a chance to hear Bible stories in weekly collective worship (assembly). Teams of volunteers from local churches present up to 30 stories during a school year. Stories are taken from a lively version of the Bible, with the stories re-written especially for this audience.

Each presentation takes about ten minutes for which volunteers dress up & act out the story, trying to involve the children as much as possible by giving them parts. Then follows an opportunity for quiet reflection and a short prayer in which the children join in, if they wish to.

Open the Book is now part of the Bible Society and is run in our area by a number of Churches Together teams. Within the benefice we have three teams visiting schools weekly at present; Littledean C of E Primary school, St White's Primary and Forest View. A further group comes together as invited to visit Soudley Primary. Members of the groups are from across a variety of churches around Cinderford & Littledean and a number have been involved for up to 8 years.

What we do is great fun and really rewarding, no-one is too old or too young! Do talk to one of us if you would like to know more; Nikola Poole (822967) for St White's, Rachel Witham (719438) for Forest View, Ann Ladd (822735) for Littledean.

Lectionary

5 August (10th Sunday after Trinity)

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 Psalm 78:23-29
Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35

12 August (11th Sunday after Trinity)

1 Kings 19:4-8 Psalm 34:1-8
Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2 John 6:35, 41-51

19 August (12th Sunday after Trinity)

Proverbs 9:1-6 Psalm 34:9-14
Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58

26 August (13th Sunday after Trinity)

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 Psalm 34:15-end
Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69

2 September (14th Sunday after Trinity)

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 Psalm 15
James 1:17-end
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

News & Views



Mike's Question:

David Burt used to read a Chapter from the Old Testament and a Chapter from the New Testament each day. When he finished, he would start again with a different translation. He did this for many years and read many different translations over the years.

Roughly how long would it take David to read through the Old Testament?

Roughly how long would it take David to read through the New Testament?

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

Mike's Challenge:

I was always very impressed by David's commitment and faithfulness in reading the Bible this way. My challenge this month is for you to think about taking up this pattern (or another pattern that suits you) for reading through the whole Bible. Please let me know if you decide to do this. If you need different versions of the Bible, I can help!

Answers to last month's question:

Phoebe, Prisca (or Priscilla), Junia, Tryphaena, Tryphosa, Persis, Julia, Rufus's mother, and Nereus's sister are all women mentioned at the end of Paul's letter to the Church in Rome. All except Julia and Nereus's sister are referred to in relation to particular roles or ministries.

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Ride & Stride / Heritage Open Day

Saturday 8 September will be a busy weekend for many around the Benefice and the country as nationally both Ride & Stride and Heritage Open Day events are in full swing.



Ride & Stride raises money for the Historic Churches Trust (locally we raise money for Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust as well as our own individual local churches). This money allows GHCT to award grants for caring for the county's historic church buildings.

Participants can either ride (traditionally on a bicycle but horses are allowed), stride or even drive around churches, visiting as many as they can on one day. Our local teams are busy planning their routes, but if you would like to be involved please contact a churchwarden and they will put you in touch with someone who is riding or striding! It is definitely a wonderful way to see the beautiful churches around Gloucestershire (and sampling some delicious cakes) whilst supporting local churches!

Heritage Open Day Weekend also falls at the same time, with various places of historical importance being open with exciting activities, exhibitions and displays to learn more about the heritage of buildings and the area.

This year, St Stephen's and St Ethelbert's are joining in with both Ride & Stride and Heritage Open Days and St John's will have a team of walkers out exploring Gloucester churches on Saturday 8 September.

St Stephen's will be open on Saturday 8 September from 10 am - 4pm, celebrating the musical history of the church, including displays about the blind organist, Philip Charles Walding. There will also be opportunities to listen to local organists playing during the day along with seeing the historic carillon organ (and possibly even having a go yourself!). If you have any photographs of organists, choirs or anything related to anything musical at St Stephen's, including programmes from concerts, etc it would be wonderful to display as much memorabilia as possible on the day. Please contact Rachel Witham (719438 / rachel@cinderford-churches.org.uk). If you don't want to leave your items, but would be happy for copies to be taken, that would also be very much appreciated.

St Stephen's will be part of a Heritage Walking Tour on Saturday 8, with participants able to have a walking tour around various places of historical importance around Cinderford.

St Ethelbert's, Littledean will be open for THREE days during Heritage Open Days with bellringing displays (and for a lucky few, a chance to ring the bells!) and much more.

Saturday 8 September, the church will be open from 10 am - 5 pm, with a book sale, bric-a-brac stall, a chance to look around the beautiful church, plus cakes and refreshments all day. Jim Duffin will be 'riding' for GHCT on an exercise bike, making good use of the cool church building!

Sunday 9 and 16 September, church will be open from 12 noon - 5 pm (with a service at 10.30 am), there will be refreshments available along with tours of the historic Bell Tower and a chance to ring the bells on Sunday 16 September.



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Pens at the Ready...

Friday 22 July saw the latest Quiz Night for the Vestry Roof Project take place at St Stephen's.



Janet did an excellent job once again at putting together an engaging and exciting quiz. The Vicar's guest round focussed on 'Prayer' this time... think "Living on a..." and you'll be on the right track!



At the close, team 'A Sensible Name' came out a few points in front to claim the coveted church mouse trophy.

We're hoping to hold another quiz night in late Autumn. Look out for details in coming editions of News & Views.



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Littledean Church of England Primary School

The Highway Rat

The children in the infants and pre-school have been to visit the Highway Rat Trail at Beechenhurst and they got to meet the Highway Rat himself!



Sports Day



We had a fabulous time during our sports day and it was great to see so many family members there to support the children.



Allotment Cake

Try changing ingredients depending on what you have in your cupboard, or indeed, growing in your allotment!

Ingredients

360ml vegetable oil 400g golden caster sugar*
 2 eggs, beaten 300g carrots or courgettes, grated
 200g rhubarb, stewed with a little sugar until just soft
 140g walnuts* 275g plain flour
 1 tsp baking soda 1/2 tsp salt
 1 tsp ground cinnamon* 1 tsp vanilla extract#

All starred (*) ingredients are 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 - rachel@cinderford-churches.org.uk / 01594 719438.

Method

1. Preheat oven to 170°C / gas mark 3.
2. Grease and flour a 20 x 23 cm tin.
3. Mix together the oil and sugar until all the sugar dissolves.
4. Mix in the lightly beaten eggs.
5. Stir in the rhubarb and grated carrots (or courgettes).
6. Add all the remaining ingredients and beat to combine.
7. Turn the mixture into the greased and floured cake tin.
8. Bake in the oven for about 60 minutes, until the top is golden brown and a skewer comes out clean.
9. Allow to cool on a wire rack before serving.

Extra yummy served with cream cheese frosting or custard!



Dalit spices have been available for a while at the Fairtrade stall in St Stephen's, but the range has recently expanded.

The spices are sourced directly from the growers in India to ensure the highest quality and freshest product. Every purchase supports Dalit's work with street children and the Dalit people themselves.

The spices are more potent than you might ordinarily find available in shops here, so they give your cooking a very authentic and delicious aroma, but go easy on the chilli powder! All the spices are Vegan friendly.

Each spice comes in a dainty glass jar, which can be reused when empty. The current range at St Stephen's consists of: Ground cinnamon, ginger, chilli, turmeric and garam masala plus whole cloves, fenugreek, fennel and cardamom. If you purchase 3 individual jars, gift boxes are available.



And if you like things very hot, there is also a gift box with various chillies and a recipe book and explanation of the difference in heat.

Dalit is the trading arm of the Life Association, a registered charity who for 20 years have been building and managing schools and children's homes in India.



Profits from the sale of all Dalit products go to supporting work in India, with over 100,000 orphans having being educated over the years.

Dalit is committed to the highest standards of ethical and environmental responsibility.

For over 3000 years the caste system in India has meant that if you were born as one of the 250 million outcastes, that is born outside the caste system, then your opportunities in life are extremely limited. Limits are applied in education, healthcare and even where you can worship.



This group of people were formerly known as untouchables but prefer to be called Dalits which means downtrodden or oppressed or is sometimes translated as broken or scattered.

The sale of all Dalit products makes a real difference to the lives of many Dalit children who would otherwise receive no education. The Life Association charity also strive to provide a place where children can grow up in a safe and loving environment.

Life Association currently runs various projects including schools providing education for hundreds of children; a boys home in Mumbai, where many of the children have been rescued from living on or near train lines and a school near Madurai for children with additional needs.

The stall at St Stephen's also sells candles, soapstone candle holders, shaving sets and other gifts for the home from Dalit. These products showcase a wide variety of traditional skills and provide employment for many people.

Each of the Dalit products are named after children from one of the schools or homes.

So every time you add a delicious spice to your cooking or baking, you are making a real difference to children and their families in India!



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News & Views

All the Fun of the Fayre(s)...

August 2018



St Ethelbert's Summer Fayre on 23 June 2018 was blessed with not only the regular attendees but also by fine and beautiful weather (which may just have accounted for the slight drop in numbers!); the atmosphere was uplifting and we were visited by several couples who had not been in the church for decades, which was gratifying when they expressed how



much they enjoyed the event.

Our lunches, our cake and jam stall, our plants, books, Fair Trade, haute couture fashions and bric-a-brac were enlivened by raffles, bottle stalls and general

good-natured behaviour and we were able to distribute our new Friends of St Ethelbert's broadsheets to half a dozen of those showing interest – and a goodly sum of over £750 was raised towards our churchly funds – excellent!

Our afternoon of friendship was extended into the evening when Pauline and James from the Hall hosted a barbecue on their beautiful grounds. Thus ended a delightful day.



Littledean Community Centre held their Summer Fayre the following weekend, and the church was pleased to support the community event with Richard & Linda providing a sweet stall, Rachel manning a Fairtrade stall and Karen running extremely popular



Paint-Your-Own activities for

children and young people. It was another very warm day, which proved a little fatal for Linda's homemade truffles but ensured the chilled Fairtrade ginger beer and cola sold very well!



The latest Craft Fayre saw over 20 artistic and crafty stalls packed into St Stephen's.



There were photographs, jewellery, felted items, quilting, leather goods, wax melts, drawings, paintings, wooden creations and much more. It was great to be able to welcome so many people from the community and further afield into church and celebrate the amazing talent that is found in the Forest.

Despite the new cooker not arriving in time, we weren't without bacon baps either with Andy and Chris taking the opportunity of the sunny weather to get the Vicar's BBQ out. The event raised over £300 for church funds and was a very enjoyable day.



The next Craft Fayre will be on Saturday 10 November at St Stephen's. We hope to see you there.

