



# NEWS & VIEWS

from the Benefice of Cinderford with Littledean

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## Who's on the Trike?



## Vicar's Letter

Dear friends,

Are you travelling at all over Christmas? Are you going to visit family or friends? Are your family or friends travelling over Christmas? Family get-togethers have become a huge part of our Christmas traditions and often involve travel, sometimes over huge distances, by various family members. Holidays over the Christmas period are becoming more and more common, with people seeking to go somewhere different or experience something new. Often journeys at such times can involve delays, diversions, difficulties and stress, especially if young children are involved.

Journeys at Christmastime are nothing new! The Bible is full of them. Mary travelling to and from Elizabeth, her relative, after the visit from Gabriel. Joseph and Mary travelling from Nazareth to Bethlehem to register in the census; a journey of about 80 miles, most probably undertaken by foot. (There is no donkey mentioned in the Bible and Joseph and Mary were almost certainly too poor to have been able to afford one.) The shepherds travel, at night, the relatively short journey from the hillside into Bethlehem to find Jesus. Forty days later, Joseph and Mary travel with Jesus to the temple, about 5 miles each way, again on foot. Some time later, the wise men came from the East to visit Jesus, a journey of unknown but possibly considerable length. Following their visit, to escape from Herod's murderous attack on the children of Bethlehem, Joseph and Mary take Jesus to Egypt, a journey of at least 75 miles and possibly a lot further.

Most of these journeys would have been difficult and many of them would have been dangerous. Mary's and Joseph's journeys would have been undertaken either while she was pregnant or with a baby or small child. Far from ideal, especially given their lack of options in terms of means of transport. The journey to Egypt was taken by Joseph and Mary as refugees, possibly travelling with others, who were themselves possibly refugees. Many Jews had already fled to Egypt to escape the horrors of Herod's reign. As you, or your friends and family, travel this Christmas, think of the journeys to Bethlehem taken by Joseph and Mary, the shepherds and the wise men. Think of the difficulties and dangers they faced. Think of what awaited the travellers on each of these journeys.

As you watch the news over the next few weeks and months and see migrants and refugees making incredible journeys seeking safety and a new start, think of Joseph and Mary travelling with Jesus to Egypt seeking refuge from the hand of Herod. Think about their hopes and fears during this journey. Think about what faced them as refugees in Egypt.

As you think about Christmas and God's gift to us of his son, perhaps you could try to think about what sort of journey you would be prepared to take to meet with Jesus.

I hope and pray that you, your family and friends have safe and stress-free travel this Christmastime. I hope and pray that you manage to meet with Jesus this Christmastime.

God Bless, *Mike*



## Sunday Services with Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Service Times

	Bilson	St Ethelbert's	St John's	St Stephen's
<b>Sun 6 Dec</b>	3.00 pm FS	10.30 am FS	9.30 am PE 4.00 pm <b>Advent Carols</b>	11.00 am HC, JC, WILD 3.00 pm ES
<b>Sun 13 Dec</b>	3.00 pm HC	10.30 am HC	9.30 am CBE	11.00 MW, JC, WILD
<b>Sun 20 Dec</b>		10.30 am JS	9.30 am PE	4.00 pm <b>Christingle</b> 6.00 pm <b>Carol Service</b>
<b>Thu 24 Dec</b>		11.30 pm <b>Watchnight @ URC</b>	4.00 pm <b>Christingle</b> 10.00 pm <b>HC</b>	11.30 pm <b>HC</b>
<b>Fri 25 Dec</b>	10.00 am <b>CBE</b>	9.30 am <b>HC</b>		11.00 am <b>AAHC</b>
<b>Sun 27 Dec</b>			9.30 am CBE	11.00 am JS
<b>Sun 3 Jan</b>	3.00 pm FS	10.30 am FS	9.30 am PE	11.00 am HC, JC, WILD

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

## Midweek Service Times

	St John's	St Michael's	St Stephen's
<b>Wed 2 Dec</b>			10.00 am HC
<b>Wed 9 Dec</b>		10.00 am HC	7.30 pm Shalom
<b>Tue 15 Dec</b>			7.00 pm <b>Looking for the Light</b>
<b>Wed 16 Dec</b>			10.00 am HC 7.00 pm <b>Shalom Christmas Service</b>
<b>Wed 23 Dec</b>		10.00 am CBE	
<b>Wed 30 Dec</b>	NO 10 am SERVICE		

CBE = Communion by Extension; HC = Holy Communion.



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## Our Churches

### St Ethelbert's, Littledean, GL14 3NL

St Eth's hold a range of services at 10.30 am each Sunday. On the 3rd Sunday of each month the service alternates between St Ethelbert's and Littledean URC.

### St John's, Cinderford, GL14 3EX

Regular worship at 9.30 am on Sunday mornings is in the moderate catholic tradition and has a Eucharistic and sacramental focus.



### St Michael's, Soudley, GL14 2UA

A Chapel of Ease in Soudley village with a similar tradition to St John's. Eucharist is celebrated on alternate Wednesdays at 10.00 am.

### St Stephen's, Cinderford, GL14 2AA

Different worship styles at 11.00 am and 3.00 pm Sunday services. 11.00 am services reflect an evangelical tradition with a worship band and children's and youth activities; 3.00 pm services are traditional (BCP) with organ.



### Bilson Mission, Cinderford, GL14 2TQ

A tin church, originally built in 1880, hosting traditional services on three Sunday afternoons each month at 3.00 pm.



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Littledean URC  
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## I'm in a Benefice church, but where?



Answers can be found on page 11.

## Seen walking around the Benefice, but where?

Answers can be found on page 11.



## From the Registers

### Baptisms

14 November

Kingsley Hale

St John's

15 November

Jacob Shaun Cripwell

St Stephen's

### Funerals

25 November

Patricia Grace Harper

St Stephen's

## Looking for the Light Service

Christmas is a season of celebration and thanksgiving as we remember the birth of Jesus, God with us, Emmanuel. But not everyone feels like celebrating. For those who are unwell, lonely, struggling with difficult or broken relationships, grieving the loss of a loved one, concerned about finance or the future, Christmas can be very difficult.

At **7.00 pm on Tuesday 15 December** we are holding a service at St Stephen's called "Looking for the Light," that seeks to recognise this and engage with those who are struggling. A quiet, thoughtful service with time for reflection, prayer and some carols. Please come and join us if you think this might be helpful for you or pass the information on to anyone who you think might benefit from such a service.

## Wreath Making Workshop

Anyone who wishes to make a Christmas wreath is very welcome to come along to St Stephen's on Friday 11 December from 11.00 am to learn some basic skills and enjoy time together whilst creating a festive item for your home or to place on a loved one's grave. £5 to cover the costs of the materials; please bring along secateurs if you have them and any special decorations you would like to add to your wreath.

## Mothers' Union Report

Our November meeting was entitled "Members' Own." This gives the opportunity for all of us to take part. Over the years we have had many varied and interesting subjects such as photographs of places visited, kitchen utensils (new and old, but still in use); a favourite recipe and this year we decided to ask for a piece of pottery or china which held special memories. As always, this proved to be interesting and entertaining as each member talked about the piece they had brought including plates, salt and pepper pots, some lovely figurines and various ornaments.

The cake sale held at the coffee morning in October raised the grand total of £90 for the Mothers' Union Wheels Appeal, a marvellous amount! Many thanks to all who supported us.

The Advent Carol service is this year at Holy Trinity, Drybrook on Monday 7 December at 2.00 pm, followed by tea. All are very welcome!

On behalf of all our branch members, I wish you all a Happy Christmas!

- Sheila Moore

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## Charity Boxes from St Ethelbert's

Children's Society, Church Missionary Society and Bible Society boxes are now due for opening and counting.

Please bring boxes to (St Ethelbert's) church by Sunday 13 December or contact Ann, Jo or Peter to collect.

Thank you for your generosity.



## Light Party Photographs



St Stephen's held a Light Party on October 31 with a superhero theme. Many of the children (and adults) dressed up as their favourite superhero or someone they

considered to be a superhero. There is a video on our Facebook page of all the fun that was had, but it

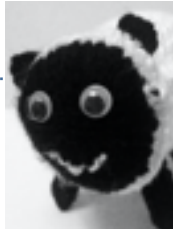
included cake, popcorn, chips, crafts and a movie! Keep an eye out for next years theme and times!



## Nativity Trail

St Stephen's Church were excited to be part of the turning on of the fabulous new lights in Cinderford at the end of November where members of the congregation launched the 'Nativity Sheep Trail.' The trail involves participants finding sheep that have been lost around the Cinderford shops. Each sheep has been lovingly knitted by a member of the congregation and all have name tags with names being chosen by local businesses. Participants are asked to complete a sheet, that lists participating businesses, with the various names of the sheep they find and hand it in at The Vicarage (St Annal's Road) or bring it along to the Christingle Service at St Stephen's on Sunday 20 December at 4.00pm, where the prize will be given to whoever has found the names of the most sheep (or a winner drawn from all completed forms).

The idea is to encourage people to make use of our wonderful town centre, supporting the great variety of local businesses we are blessed with in Cinderford. Hopefully, people will think about the very first Christmas all those years ago, whilst they enjoy looking for the sheep and finding their names!



## Please pray for:

- Bishop Rachel and Bishop Martyn
- those in training for lay and ordained ministry (Anthea, Chris and Richard)
- Eunice, Linda and Lynne, our licensed readers
- Jim and Adalia Fisher (in the Philippines)
- Felipe and Sarah Yanez (CMS partners in Spain) and their sons Sam and Aaron
- Cinderford Street Pastors
- those who have recently been bereaved
- anyone who is unwell
- others around the Benefice who need prayer
- children, young people and leaders
- comfort for those remembering lost loved ones
- anyone struggling with loneliness or isolation
- all affected by the crises in the Middle East and North Africa, including all displaced persons
- all those around the world facing persecution, homelessness or hunger
- all those working for justice and peace in the world
- the worldwide Church, especially those worshipping in places of conflict
- families with young children

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	Bilson	St Ethelbert's	St John's	St Stephen's	Vicarage
Wed 2 Dec					7.00 pm people@prayer 8.00 pm Bible Study
Thu 3 Dec				6.00 pm - 9.00 pm <b>Ladies' Christmas Evening</b>	
Sat 5 Dec		9.30 am Prayer			
Thu 10 Dec			7.30 pm <b>Christmas Concert</b>		
Fri 11 Dec				11.00 am <b>Wreath Making Workshop</b>	
Wed 16 Dec	2.30 pm Decorating Church				
Fri 18 Dec	7.30 pm <b>Carol Concert</b>				
Sat 19 Dec				9.00 am - 10.00 am BoB Breakfast	
Mon 21 Dec		7.30 pm <b>A Celebration of Christmas</b>			
Thu 31 Dec					7.00 pm - 2016 <b>New Year's Eve Party</b>

## Weekly Activities

**Monday: 7.00 pm - 8.45 pm Bellringing**, St Ethelbert's Church (*not on first Monday of the month & not 21 or 28*)

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

**Tuesday: 10.30 am Pause for Prayer**, DoubleView Villa, Littledean Hill Road

- Group meeting to pray for the needs of the church, community and mission partners

**2.00 pm Craft & A Cuppa**, St Stephen's Church (*term time only, last one Tuesday 15 Dec*)

- 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

**5.00 pm - 6.00 pm F.A.N. Club** (Years 1-6), Bilson Mission Schoolroom (Please note change of venue)

- Craft and activity club for primary school children (*term time only, last one Friday 18 Dec*)

**7.00 pm - 9.00 pm SMILE** (girls, Year 7+), The Vicarage (*term time only, last one Friday 18 Dec*)

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

**7.00 pm - 9.00 pm IF** (boys, Year 7+), St Stephen's Church (*term time only, last one Friday 18 Dec*)

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

### Remembrance Services around the Benefice

Photographs from services around the Benefice on Remembrance Sunday, 8 November, and Remembrance Day, Wednesday 11 November. With thanks to John Holliday and Chris Witham for the photographs.



### Poppy Appeal Concert

St Stephen's was proud to host the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal Concert on Friday 6 November. A big thank you to all who came along and supported the British Legion in their fundraising efforts, whilst getting to enjoy some excellent musical arrangements from Cinderford Band and the Forest of Dean

Dean  
Male  
Voice  
Choir.



### Mike's Challenge:

What is the Greek word which is typically translated as "inn" in the Nativity narrative translated as elsewhere in the Gospels?

### Mike's Question:

What Old Testament passage talks about Jesus being born in Bethlehem?

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

### Mike's 5 - A - Day:

Pray for 5 minutes each day in December for our Christmas services and those who come to them.

### Answers to last month's ?'s:

Psalms 25, 34, 37, 111, 112, 119 and 145 are all acrostic poems as are Proverbs 31:10-31 and Lamentations 1, 2, 3 and 4.

### Christmas Lights going up at St Stephen's



### Drama during Bible Sunday All Age Worship at St Stephen's





## Getting to Know You ... with Jennifer Lang



*Favourite colour?* Purple and Teal.  
*Favourite hymn or church song?* Jerusalem.  
*Favourite Book?* Any by Bernard Cornwall.  
*Favourite season?* Spring.  
*Favourite Church building?* Canterbury Cathedral.  
*Favourite TV programme?* Oldie but goodie, "Jewel in the Crown," anyone remember it?  
*Favourite joke?* I never remember jokes, except some visual ones!  
*Favourite film?* Brassed Off and/or The Full

Monty! Guess what area of the country I was born in?!

*Favourite actor/actress?* Richard Burton and Judi Dench.

*Favourite item of clothing?* Stretchy trousers.

*Favourite ice-cream flavour?* Pralines & Cream

*Favourite food & drink?* True Tex-Mex food and margaritas.

*Favourite flower or tree?* New favourite - Grevillea rosmarinifolia (Rosemary Grevillea)

*If you could be any animal, what would you be and why?* Manta ray - so graceful.

*What would be your ideal holiday?* The Cornwall of my childhood.

*Would you prefer to live in a big city or small village?* Small village.

*What was your best holiday?* Any of my scuba diving holidays in the Caribbean.

*Where would you most like to be right now?* Scuba diving in the Caribbean; however, I haven't been able to dive since a car accident in 2003.

*What is your earliest memory?* Wearing a frilly pink party dress at my friend's birthday party. My mother was determined that her tomboy would wear at least one frilly dress.

*Which living person do you most admire?* Queen Elizabeth II.

*If you could go back in time, where would you go, and why?* Many of our historical events - history fascinates me.

*First car (and did it have a name)?* Mini van, jointly owned with my brother, but when he was on leave from the Navy it was his. It didn't have a name.

*If you could have any car in the world, what would it be?* Morgan or a Healey.

*First job?* Boots on a Saturday when at school.

*Best job you have ever had?* Teaching scuba diving.

*Worst job you've done?* First office job in Derby.

*When were you happiest?* Times I observed the wonders of God's creatures.

*Most treasured possession?* My dogs. Although I don't own them, they own me and are very precious to me!

*Most embarrassing moment?* Finding myself in the 'men's toilet' as I couldn't read the sign, having refused to wear my glasses.

*What do you owe your parents?* Independence.

*What would your super power be?* Ability to bring peace to all nations.

*If you could choose your own first name, what would it be and why?* I finally like my own name!

## Lectionary

### 6 December 2015 (Advent 2)

Malachi 3:1-4  
 Philippians 1:3-11

Benedictus  
 Luke 3:1-6

### 13 December 2015 (Advent 3)

Zephaniah 3:14-end  
 Philippians 4:4-7

Isaiah 12:2-end  
 Luke 3:7-18

### 20 December 2015 (Advent 4)

Micah 5:2-5a  
 Hebrews 10:5-10

Magnificat  
 Luke 1:39-45

### 24 December 2015 (CHRISTMAS EVE)

Isaiah 9:2-7  
 Titus 2:11-14

Psalms 96  
 Luke 2:1-14

### 25 December 2015 (CHRISTMAS DAY)

Isaiah 52:7-10  
 Hebrews 1:1-4

Psalms 98  
 John 1:1-14

### 27 December 2015 (John, Apostle & Evangelist)

Exodus 33:7-11a  
 1 John 1

Psalms 117  
 John 21:19b-end

### 3 January 2016 (Epiphany)

Isaiah 60:1-6  
 Ephesians 3:1-12

Psalms 72:10-15  
 Matthew 2:1-12

### 10 January 2016 (Baptism of Christ)

Isaiah 43:1-7  
 Acts 8:14-17

Psalms 29  
 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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## Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party

Bilson hosted its annual party to pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. The boxes are sent full of toiletries, stationary, sweets and toys as a gift for children in a variety of countries overseas. The boxes are often delivered to children through schools and often in conjunction with the local churches. Whilst Samaritan's Purse is a Christian organisation, boxes are offered to all children regardless of their faith (or that of their parents). In some instances, where culturally appropriate, children may be offered the opportunity to learn more about the Christian faith, but this is not a condition of receiving a box. The boxes are given as unconditional gifts.



This year, the Benefice sent 72 boxes and we look forward to the New Year when we will find out which country our boxes have gone to. A big thank you to all who contributed to the Shoebox Appeal this year! Watch out for information about how you can get involved throughout next year.



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## St Stephen's Christmas Fayre

A massive thank you to all who donated to, baked for, helped at and attended St Stephen's Christmas Fayre. Despite the rather inclement weather, everyone who came had a great time, enjoyed the delicious food and over £1,000 was raised for church funds.



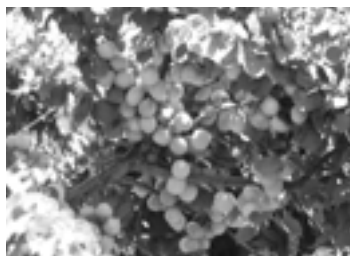
## Fairtrade Focus

**Honey Apricot Spice Cake** *recipe from Traidcraft's Bake A Difference recipe book*

### Ingredients

#### Cake:

75 g (2.5 oz) set honey\*  
 250 g (9 oz) plain flour  
 1 tsp ground ginger#  
 1 tsp ground cinnamon#  
 1/2 tsp ground cloves#  
 75 g (2.5 oz) golden caster sugar\*  
 zest of 1 lemon#  
 zest of 1 orange#  
 100g (3.5 oz) butter  
 1 egg  
 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda  
 75 g (2.5 oz) apricots (blended to a paste)\*



#### Icing:

100 g (3.5 oz) icing sugar#  
 1 tsp lemon or orange juice#  
 2 tbsp water

*(All starred (\*) ingredients are Traidcraft products available at the Fairtrade stall at St Stephen's; ingredients marked with a hashtag (#) are available as Fairtrade but not from church).*

### Method

1. Preheat oven to 160°C / Gas Mark 3.
2. Butter a 7 inch square cake tin.
3. Warm the honey over a pan of water.
4. Sift the flour, bicarbonate of soda, ginger, cinnamon and cloves into a mixing bowl.
5. Add the sugar, orange and lemon zest.
6. Rub the butter into the flour mixture until it resembles bread crumbs.
7. Mix in the egg and honey with 3 tablespoons of water.
8. Beat well, then stir in the apricots.
9. Bake for about 30 minutes.
10. Allow to cool in the tin for about 5 minutes before turning out onto a cooling rack.
11. To make the icing, sift the icing sugar into a bowl adding the lemon juice and water until smooth.
12. Drizzle icing over the cake.

**Traidcraft Apricots** come from the Mountain Fruits, a Fairtrade fruit and nut company in Pakistan working with isolated communities. The company started in 2000 with the support of the Agah Khan Rural Support Programme and has been exporting apricots since 2001.

There are 5,067 growers and 124 farming groups in tiny, remote places across the Karakoram and Himalayn Mountain region of Northern Pakistan producing apricots for Traidcraft (some are used in their Geobars!). Mountain Fruits acts as a buyer providing markets for the local produce, as well as training farmers in increasing

production, solar drying of fruits and the processing of nuts. Improved techniques mean that farmers now earn 50% more for their apricots.

But the work doesn't stop there.

There are 100 women working in the factory where the apricots are washed, dried and graded. This is the only place women can work in the area, due to cultural barriers.

The conditions in these remote parts of Pakistan are extreme; in summer temperatures exceed 40°C and in winter temperatures drop below minus ten! Farming is only possible through forced irrigation systems that use the glacial melt waters from the Karakoram and Himalayan mountains. This water, and the pure highland environment, creates beautifully flavoured fruit.

Mountain Fruits, Tropical Wholefoods and Traidcraft work closely together; with Tropical Wholefoods advising Mountain Fruits on how to organise systems for product handling, quality assurance and export controls. Tropical Wholefoods also provided technical assistance when Mountain Fruits were building their first factory and warehousing facility in 2003.

Because the farmers receive a guaranteed minimum price for their Fairtrade products and the communities also receive a social premium over and above the product price, Mountain Fruits can provide all sorts of benefits for remote, rural communities. This, so far, includes building a community hall, helping to provide schools, paying school fees for some of the poorest children, improving irrigation systems, buying a generator for one of the villages and even building a water tank! All of these things make a massive difference to people's lives. All because you choose to buy Fairtrade apricots!!

Sher Ghazi, Chief Executive of Mountain Fruits says "So I hope people will enjoy eating the fruit and are also satisfied buying it, because the money goes to the poorest of the poor.

(Because Pakistan is a poor country and the people living in the northern hills - they are the poorest people!)"

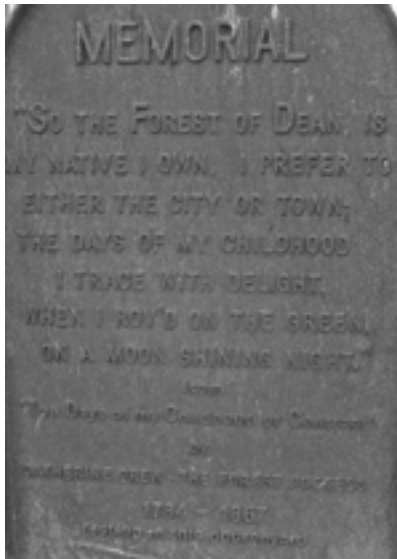


Credit: Sher Ghazi



Credit: Adam Brett





### Seen walking around the Benefice, but where?

Memorial to Catherine Drew "Forest poetess" 1784 - 1867, whose grave is in St John's churchyard.



### I'm in a Benefice church, but where?

Detail of the right pane of the main window at St Michael's, Soudley.

### Dates for Your Diaries...

Thursday 3 December  
6.00 pm - 9.00 pm

**Ladies' Christmas Evening**  
at St Stephen's  
(pampering, music, food, etc!)

Saturday 5 December - 7.00 pm  
**Cinderford Band Concert**  
at St Stephen's

Thursday 10 December - 7.30 pm  
**St John's Christmas Concert**

Friday 11 December - 11.00 am  
**Wreath Making Workshop**  
at St Stephen's

Friday 18 December - 7.30 pm  
**Bilson Carol Concert**

Monday 21 December - 7.30 pm  
**St Ethelbert's "Celebration of Christmas"**

Sunday 10 January - 10.30 am  
**CTiC Covenant Service** at Forest High School, Causeway Road

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### Who's on the Trike?



**Simon Cronk**  
Rector of Great with Little Milton and Great Haseley  
Formerly Vicar in Cinderford and Littledean



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### Churchwardens at St John's:

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### Churchwardens at St Stephen's:

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## Ladies' Christmas Evening - Thursday 3 December

An evening of pampering, music, food, drinks, shopping and spending time together (if you are a lady!) at St Stephen's Church. We will once again be raising money for GDASS

(Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Support Service). Tickets for food and drinks are £7, tickets for just drinks are £2. There is no charge if you are not eating or drinking. Come along and chat, browse the lovely range of stalls and do some Christmas shopping as well as having your nails done by the wonderful ladies from the PowderPuff. The evening runs from 6.00 pm until 9.00 pm; do plan on joining us - it would be wonderful to raise as much money as possible for this very worthwhile charity.

For more information or to purchase a ticket or donate a raffle prize, please contact Rachel Witham ([mrswitham@gmail.com](mailto:mrswitham@gmail.com) / 719438).



### Ladies' Christmas Evening

Thursday 3 December

6.00pm - 9.00pm

St Stephen's Church



Live Music



Craft, Fairtrade & Gift Stalls

Pampering  
Nails by the PowderPuff



Free Entry  
£7 for food & drinks  
£2 for drinks

All money raised for  
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## Bilson Christmas Carol Concert

Friday 18 December, 7.30 pm at Bilson Mission Church (Bilson Green). Concert featuring "The Belle Vue Singers" and lots of carols to join in with and get in the festive spirit. Seasonal refreshments. Tickets (£2) available on the door. Donations of mince pies gratefully received on the night.

## St Ethelbert's Celebration of Christmas

A feast of music featuring orchestral items, readings, choral items and carols to join in with. A true celebration of Christmas! Monday 21 December at St Ethelbert's Church, Littledean starting at 7.30 pm. Coffee and mince pies will be served afterwards.



### St John's & St Michael's Christmas Concert 2015

Featuring

### Bream Silver Band

(Musical Director: Phil Turner)

And

### St Whites Junior School Choir

Thursday 10th December

At 7.30 p.m.

St Johns Church, Cinderford

Tickets £ 5

Children under 16 free

Call Eve Smith 01594 822755 or  
Chris Taylor 01594 824197 for tickets

## St John's and St Michael's Christmas Concert

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Tickets are £5 each and children under 16 are free. Contact Eve Smith (822755) or Chris Taylor (824197) for tickets or more information.

