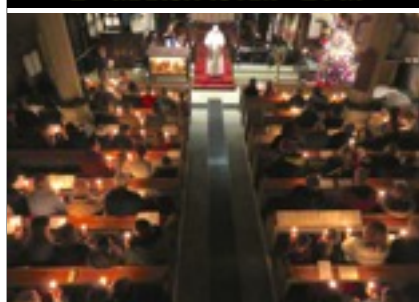
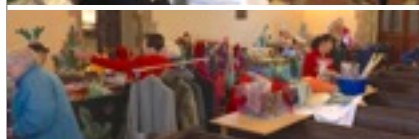




NEWS & VIEWS

from the Benefice of Cinderford with Littledean

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Who's on the Trike?



Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends,

A week or two before Christmas, my Mum told me a story that she had heard at a Christmas service about 20 years ago.

The story begins with a little girl, who is about three years old, going to her first Christmas service. She loves every minute of it: the candles, the carols, the Christmas story being read. But most of all she loves the manger scene outside the Church, which, at this particular Church featured life-sized characters of Mary, Joseph, the baby Jesus, shepherds and wise men. She was in awe and stood and looked at it for ages, transfixed by the beauty of the scene and the love on the faces of everyone looking at Jesus.

The story then jumps to the same service a year later, which the little girl had been looking forward to for some time. Again, she loves the service, and, again, she stands and looks at the baby Jesus and all the other characters in the nativity tableaux outside the Church afterwards. Again, she is moved by the scene.

The same scenes are repeated the next year, and, although the girl stands and looks at the tableaux for some time after the service, her reaction is not the same. She is not in awe at a scene of beauty and meaning, but seems troubled by something. That night as her Mum is talking to her in bed before she goes to sleep, she is still troubled. She asks her Mum if baby Jesus is alright, if there is something wrong with him. Her Mum assures her that all is well and that baby Jesus is fine, then asks why she was concerned. The little girl replies, 'Well, he hasn't grown at all over the last two years'.

I like this story and can picture the little girl trying to understand why Jesus is not growing as she is. Obviously, as we remember and celebrate Jesus' birth, it is entirely appropriate for us to picture him and think of him as a baby. But, as we move away from Christmas, we must remember that Jesus did grow. Although we have very little information about Jesus as a child, we do know of his family's escape to Egypt from King Herod, a tiny bit about his growth and development, and something of a family trip to Jerusalem for the Passover when he was twelve. We know much more of his ministry, a three year period from when he was about thirty. We know of his miracles, his teaching, his acknowledgement of himself as Messiah, Christ, Son of God. We know of his death on the cross and his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Thinking of Jesus as a baby is easy. He represents hope and love, but asks no questions of us. As we think of Jesus as a man, we need to consider our response to the questions he asks and the challenges he makes. God's purpose for coming to us, being born as one of us, is fulfilled through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus the man.

What is our response to this? Do we believe and trust in him? Do we take up our cross and follow him? Do we give our lives to him?

I hope and pray that you get to know and love Jesus the man as we go through this year. I hope 2019 is a good year for you and those you love.

As always, call if you want to talk. God Bless, *Mike*



	St Ethelbert's	St John's	St Stephen's	Hanover Court
Sun 13 Jan	10.30 am HC	9.30 am PE	11.00 am MW, JC, WILD 3.00 pm Messy Church	3.00 pm SW
Sun 20 Jan	10.30 am CTiC Covenant Service at THE METHODIST CHURCH			
Sun 27 Jan	10.30 am MP	9.30 am PE	11.00 am AAW	3.00 pm HC
Sun 3 Feb	10.30 am SW	9.30 am PE	11.00 am HC, JC, WILD	
Sun 10 Feb	10.30 am HC	9.30 am PE	11.00 am MW, JC, WILD 3.00 pm Messy Church	3.00 pm SW
Sun 17 Feb	10.30 am JS @ URC	9.30 am PE	11.00 am MW, JC, WILD 3.00 pm HC	
Sun 24 Feb	10.30 am MP	9.30 am PE	11.00 am AAW	3.00 pm HC

AAW = All Age Worship;

CTiC = Churches Together in Cinderford;

ES = Evensong; 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;

URC = Littledean United Reform Church;

WILD = Youth Group (Y7 - Y13).

Midweek Service Times

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

7.30 pm Shalom at St Stephen's

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

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

Wed 30 Jan, 10.00 am HC at St John's

7.30 pm Shalom at St Stephen's

Sat 2 Feb, 3.00 pm Wedding at St Stephen's

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

Wed 13 Feb, 10.00 am HC at St John's

7.30 pm Shalom at St Stephen's

Sat 16 Feb, 1.00 pm Wedding at St John's

Wed 20 Feb, 10.00 am HC at St Stephen's

Wed 27 Feb, 10.00 am HC at St John's

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Cinderford Churches Our Churches



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.

From the Registers

Funerals

19 December	Ron Cleal	Yew Tree Brake
20 December	Jean Butler	St Stephen's
11 January	Fred & Lynne Jones	St John's

Christmas Tree Festival

Between 30 Nov and 2 Dec, St Stephen's Church showcased over 51 local community groups and businesses through beautifully decorated Christmas Trees. Over 300 people visited and voted for their favourite children's and adult trees. Heart of the Forest School and Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Support Service came out on top after all votes had been counted.

Kim Howard, a Teaching Assistant at Heart of the Forest said, "The students made all the decorations and decorated the tree themselves. The decorations fit with this term's topic of 'Bookworms'. It is great to be able to feature their work and for their creativity to be recognised."

Alongside the display of Christmas trees there were musical items from Forest View School Choir, the Belle Vue Singers, Forest Sensory Services Handbell Choir and Acoustic George.

Independent retailers sold Christmas ornaments and gifts alongside the church Fairtrade stall. Over 100 visitors took the opportunity to remember a loved one on a special memory tree provided by Gordon Blake Funeral Directors.

The 2019 Christmas Tree Festival will take place from Friday 29 November - Sunday 1 December.



Seen walking around the Benefice, but where?

Answers on page 11.



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

Answers can be found on page 11.

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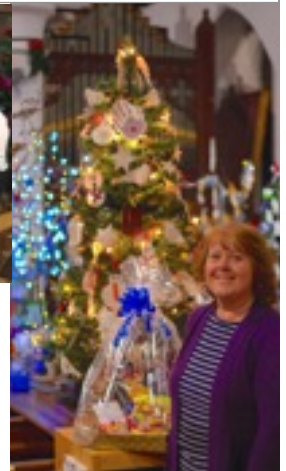
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Cinderford Churches Mothers' Union Report

On Tuesday 4 December at St Stephen's Church we welcomed all to join us for our Advent service with readings and carols. Linda Blagg spoke to us about what was behind the Mothers' Union aims and we sang familiar words and listened as members read.

Refreshments with a seasonal flavour were enjoyed, while chat and fellowship took place.

There is no meeting in January but we come together again on Tuesday 5 February in St Stephen's at 2.30 pm for our Annual General Meeting.

- Nikola Poole

A Celebration of Christmas

St Ethelbert's Church hosted its Celebration on the Wednesday of Christmas week for another packed and expectant congregation and they were not to be disappointed; Impresario Kate Hook, without whose drive, energy and experience this event simply could not happen, assembled a most delightful cohort of performers (the majority of which were regular ones happy to pitch in again) and the level of quality brought to what is, after all, a small village concert, was quite amazing.

We were able to enjoy some delightful orchestral pieces, choir singing and festive readings as well as the ever-popular Handmaidens on the Handbells; as an added treat, Bridget from far off distant Soudley regaled us with a most delightful song on the ukulele and she promises that she will return again next year – fabulous!

Our choir comprised our friends from the Chapel and the Salvation Army together with the St Ethelbert's contingent – a truly collective choral worship!

May I repeat my thanks to all of the performers, to the Stage Manager Andy Jenkins (who took such a load off my ever-weakening shoulders) and to the ladies who did a wonderful job of keeping the crowd fed and watered after the event.

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Hats for the Homeless

A big thank you to everyone who donated hats, gloves, scarves and socks before Christmas for those people living rough in Gloucester. They were distributed on December 23.

I am continuing to collect the items as they are needed so badly during the winter. If you have anything you can donate, please get in touch with me - Ann Ladd (01594) 822735.

Christingle Production & Christmas Jumpers

On Sunday 23rd of December after the Communion Service at St John's a number of the congregation set about making the Christingles for the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve and the 'Christmas Jumpers' turned up in force.



All went well, with Eve and Andrew in the kitchen and others in the Lady chapel. We made

90 Christingles and the service on Christmas Eve was very well attended. - John Holliday

St Ethelbert's Christmas Fayre

St Ethelbert's Christmas Fayre suffered somewhat from a footfall reduction of some 30% and be that as it were it was gratifying to report that the eventual income receipts were just £10 different from last year at a little over £900 – a truly remarkable figure in the

circumstances. Due credit goes to all of those helpers who made this possible, with the refreshment ladies, the ladies on the preserves and cakes, the haute couture and all the other little stalls each contributing massively to the overall good.

As is always the case, the fellowship, bonhomie and humour which exists at this event and time of year was certainly not lacking – thank you everyone!

- Jim Duffin

January & February 2019 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 families of Ron Cleal and Jean Butler
- anyone who is unwell
- others around the Benefice who need prayer
- Jim and Adalia Fisher, in the Philippines
- Felipe and Sarah Yanez (CMS partners in Spain) and their sons Sam + Aaron
- children, young people, their teachers and leaders
- comfort for those remembering lost loved ones
- all caught up in natural disasters around the world
- all aid workers working to assist in rescue and rebuilding
- the worldwide Church, especially those worshipping in places of conflict
- all those around the world facing persecution, homelessness or hunger
- all those working for justice and peace in the world
- all refugees; especially as we think of the journey into Egypt as refugees that Mary, Joseph and Jesus had to take



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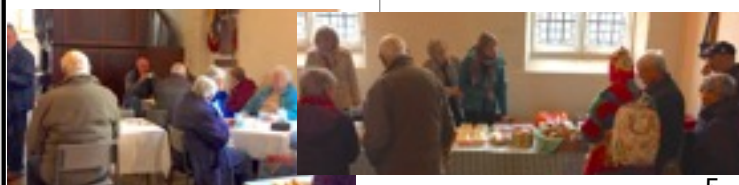
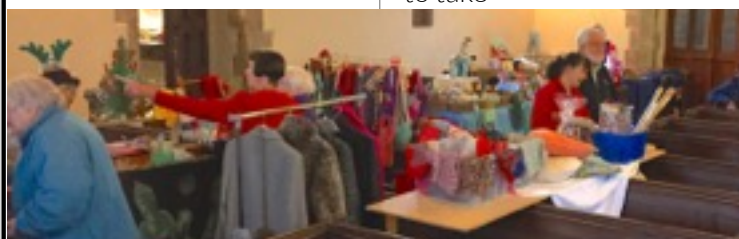
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BoB Breakfast at St Stephen's	Saturday 12 January, 9.00 am - 10.00 am
Messy Church at St Stephen's	Sunday 13 January, 3.00 pm - 5.00 pm
Fellowship Lunch at St Stephen's	Sunday 27 January, 12.30 pm
Mothers' Union at St Stephen's	Tuesday 5 February, 2.30 pm
BoB Breakfast at St Stephen's	Saturday 9 February, 9.00 am - 10.00 am
Messy Church at St Stephen's	Sunday 10 February, 3.00 pm - 5.00 pm
"Vapor" Concert at St Stephen's	Saturday 16 February, 7.30 pm
Fellowship Lunch at St Stephen's	Sunday 24 February, 12.30 pm
Fairtrade Pop-Up Shop at St Stephen's	Monday 25 February, 11.00 am - 4.00 pm
	Tuesday 26 February, 11.00 am - 5.00 pm
	Wednesday 27 February, 11.00 am - 4.00 pm
	Thursday 28 February, 11.00 am - 4.00 pm
	Friday 1 March, 10.00 am - 6.00 pm
Big Brew & BakeOff at St Stephen's	Saturday 2 March, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm

Regular and Weekly Activities

Monday: 7.00 pm - 8.45 pm Bellringing, St Ethelbert's Church

- 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 (**term time only; not on 1st Tues of month**)

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

Wednesday: 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm Prayer Meeting, The Vicarage (**normally every other week: 2 & 23 Jan**)

- Opportunity to pray about individuals, our churches, towns and the world

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 25 Jan; not on 22 Feb**)

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



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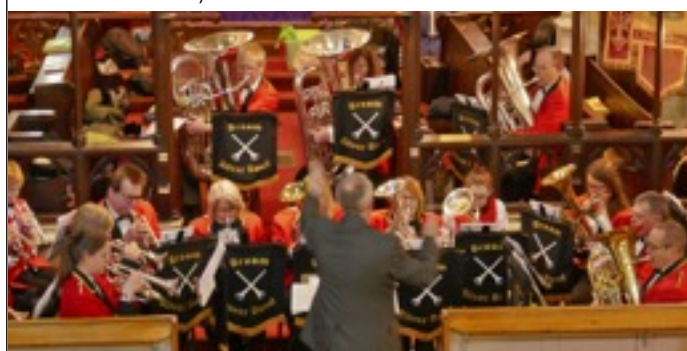
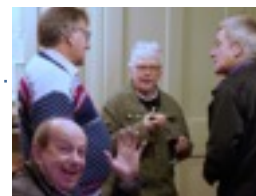
Christmas Concert

On Sunday 9 December, a Christmas Concert with the Bream Silver Band, conducted by Hugh Bamford was held in St Johns Church to a small but privileged audience, who were treated to an entertaining programme of traditional and Christmas music that concluded with a rousing rendition of 'We Wish You a Very Happy Christmas'.

During the interval mulled wine and mince pies were served by members of St John's Church and the prizes from the raffle were won. At the conclusion a vote of thanks was given by Eve Smith to the band for their enthusiastic playing.

Thanks must also go to all those involved in the organising of an enjoyable afternoon and £60 was raised for church funds.

- John Holliday



Messy Church

Messy Church in December celebrated the Nativity Story through crafts, activities, drama, song and food.

Messy Church continues in 2019 on the second Sunday of each month, with the first one being on Sunday 13 January when "New Beginnings" will be explored from 3

- 5 pm at St Stephen's Church. All welcome to come along and join in with crafts, activities, songs and a shared meal. Children / young people must be accompanied by a responsible adult.



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Mike's Quiz:

Without looking them up who said each of the following:
(All from the Biblical Christmas and Childhood narratives)

- Blessed are you among women.
- Bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.
- I am an old man.
- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.
- Let it be with me according to your word.
- My eyes have seen your salvation.
- On earth peace among those whom he favours!
- Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?
- Why were you searching for me?
- You will become mute.

If you need a bit of a clue, the 10 answers to choose from are: A multitude of the Heavenly host; Elizabeth; Gabriel; Herod; Jesus; Mary; Simeon; The angel of the Lord; Wise Men; Zechariah.

For extra bonus points, for each of the above quotes, can you also say who is being spoken to?

Last Month's Answer

Jesus is the Greek form of the Hebrew name Joshua, which was originally Hoshea (Num. 13:8), but changed by Moses into Jehoshua (Num. 13:16), commonly written as Joshua. After the Exile, Joshua assumed the form Jeshua, which leads to the Greek form of Jesus.

Hoshea means 'salvation', Jehoshua or Joshua and therefore Jesus means God's salvation or God saves. (Literally, Jehovah's salvation or Jehovah saves.)

Lectionary

13 Jan (Baptism of Christ)

Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

20 Jan (3rd Sunday of Epiphany)

Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11

27 Jan (4th Sunday of Epiphany)

Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10 Psalm 19:1-6
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21

3 Feb (Candlemas)

Malachi 3:1-5 Psalm 24:7-end
Hebrews 2:14-end Luke 2:22-40

10 Feb (4th Sunday before Lent)

Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11

17 Feb (3rd Sunday before Lent)

Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26

24 Feb (2nd Sunday before Lent)

Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-end Psalm 65
Revelation 4 Luke 8:22-25

3 March (Sunday before Lent)

Exodus 34:29-end Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Luke 9:28-36

Cinderford Churches New Year - Join in!

BoB BoB Breakfast is "Band of Brothers" and is a monthly opportunity for any men to come along, eat breakfast and get to know each other. Normally meeting on the second Saturday of each month at St Stephen's from 9.00 am - 10.00 am.

We will also be coupling some BoB Breakfasts with 'working days' to get some of the work done inside and outside of church. For more information, speak to Mike Barnsley (822286 / mike@cinderford-churches.org.uk) or Chris Witham (719438 / chris@cinderford-churches.org.uk).



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Craft & A Cuppa Craft & A Cuppa meets weekly during term time (except on the first Tuesday of the month) at St Stephen's and welcomes anyone who wishes to join in. Bring along whatever craft you are working on, from knitting to card making or painting and everything in between and join the conversation. Assistance can often be found if you are stuck with a particular stitch or need some extra inspiration. Fairtrade Coffee and Tea available and normally some delicious homemade biscuits! For more information, speak to Pat Allen (826301).

Mothers' Union Mothers' Union is an international Christian movement, actively supporting families and communities in need of support in the UK and worldwide since 1876. Locally, our branch meets at St Stephen's on the first Tuesday of each month and meetings consist of a short 'service' alongside a talk from a visiting speaker followed by time for a chat over tea and cake. Some meetings involve a fundraiser, lunch or other activity. For more information, contact the Branch Leader, Nikola Poole (822967).



Messy Church Messy Church is an all age service with crafts, activities, food and songs used to explore stories and themes from the Bible. Each month we end with a shared meal together. Messy Church is not just a craft club and not just for children! Messy Church is for everyone – young & old alike, adults, children, teenagers, carers, grandparents, come as friends, families or partners. Because they are family events and the leaders are fully involved in the different activities, all children / young people must be accompanied by a responsible adult. We want everyone to be safe and to be able to have fun together.. In 2019 we will meet from 3 pm - 5 pm on the following Sundays: Jan 13, Feb 10, March 10,

April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8.

Open the Book Open the Book is a national movement aiming to take Bible stories into primary schools. The stories are all set and volunteers act them out on a weekly basis during assembly. The stories are fun and set out with simple text, so are easy to join in with. You don't need to be a great thespian to join in! Open the Book volunteers come from a variety of local churches. If you would like to find out more, please contact one of the team members. Littledean (Ann Ladd - 822735); St White's (Nikola Poole - 822967); Forest View (Rachel Witham - 719438 / rachel@cinderford-churches.org.uk)



Bellringing The art of bell ringing provides a great way of making new friends and can be enjoyed by people of all ages from 10 to 100. It provides physical exercise but doesn't need a great deal of physical strength. It also provides mental agility. If you would like to come along and give it a try you would be made very welcome at St Ethelbert's in Littledean on a Monday evening at 7 pm or contact Linda Blagg on 01594 822153 or by email linda@cinderford-churches.org.uk or Steve Coleman on 01452 831197, email steve@ringingbooks.co.uk

Shalom Shalom meets every other week on a Wednesday evening at St Stephen's from 7.30 pm. Shalom evenings provide an opportunity for people with and without a disability to gather together and explore faith in an interactive, fun and creative way. These evenings include times of worship, exploring what the Bible says and an opportunity to be creative.

Prayer Meeting Opportunity to pray about individuals, our churches, towns and the world. No need to commit to attending each time, come as you are able. Meets opposite Wednesday evenings to Shalom at the The Vicarage.

Fellowship Lunch Fellowship lunch is a great opportunity for people from across the Benefice to come together and enjoy a meal and the opportunity to spend time together. Different people provide food each month, but always aim to cater for a wide range of diets. Everyone welcome, no need to book, donations to cover the cost of food if you are able to do so. Meets at St Stephen's Church on the fourth Sunday of each month (after the All Age service) from 12.30 pm.





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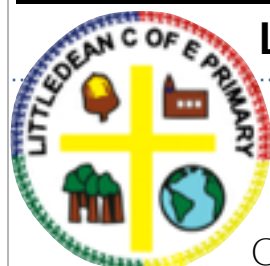





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Littledean Church of England Primary School

Christmas Festivities

We have been busy getting into the festive spirit at Littledean. The infants have wowed audiences with their Christmas performances, we were all treated to a rock show



performed by the children taking part in Rock Steady music lessons and we have also had the opportunity to attend a Christmas Market organised by our fantastic Friends Committee.

We would like to wish all of our children, families and friends a

very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Fairtrade Focus

Fairtrade Fortnight plans are underway! This year the theme that the Fairtrade Foundation have selected centres around cocoa and the farmers around the world that grow it. Many of the farmers are not paid a living wage and the Fairtrade Foundation are working on changing this.

Worldwide, many cocoa producers are women and as such they are often most affected by poor wages.

In the past two years, there has been a catastrophic drop in world cocoa prices, pushing many farmers further into poverty. In Cote d'Ivoire, the world's biggest cocoa producer, farmers have seen their income fall by 30 - 40 percent per year.

Despite the cocoa prices the farmers are receiving falling so drastically, for the most part the price we are paying for our chocolate has remained steady, so someone on the supply chain is benefiting (just not the farmers!).

Fairtrade makes a big difference to cocoa farmers. But a mere EIGHT percent of UK chocolate bars are Fairtrade certified. Only six percent of cocoa produced in Cote d'Ivoire is sold on Fairtrade terms.



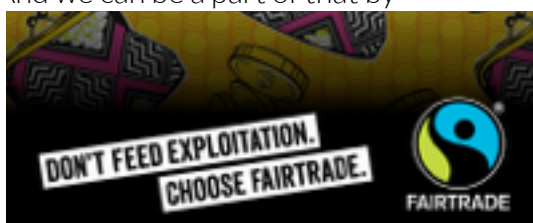
The Fairtrade Minimum Price provides a safety net to volatile markets protecting over 200,000 farmers. In 2016, farmers also received a further £22 million in Fairtrade Premiums, allowing farmer-led

organisations to invest in equipment, training, schools, water, healthcare, roads and infrastructure to transform their businesses and communities.

The reasons behind the injustice in the cocoa system are deep-rooted and systemic and although Fairtrade has made huge progress, certification is not the only answer. However, as consumers it is one of the best options we have to help the farmers who grow the cocoa we enjoy so much.

Buying Fairtrade helps support farmers to be more productive, diversify their income sources and strengthen the cooperatives that are so important in representing the interests of millions of individual smallholder farmers.

Of course, governments can also play a huge part. Policy decisions that favour smallholders and prevent exploitation can be made both here and in countries such as Cote d'Ivoire. And we can be a part of that by contacting our own representatives in government.



We can also choose where to spend our money and which treats we will enjoy. This enables us to put our trust in companies where more of the share of the profits is invested in those growing the cocoa, ensuring that farmers are getting a living wage.

Meaning whilst we savour our chocolate treats, we know we are being part of the solution and not the problem.

There will be lots more information about Fairtrade, cocoa production, living wages, women's empowerment and much more at the Fairtrade Fortnight events at St Stephen's Church.

There will be a Pop-Up Shop the first week, starting on Monday 25 February and this will culminate on the Saturday (2 March) with the Big Brew and BakeOff.

There will be lots of Fairtrade products to browse, samples to try, special offers and Fairtrade hot drinks and treats. At the Big Brew there will also be delicious lunches available and, of course, the wonderful array of entries to the BakeOff to purchase and enjoy once judging has taken place.

Lots more details closer to the time via our website and Facebook pages including information about how to enter the BakeOff.

PLUS more Fairtrade Fortnight events happening around the Benefice! If you would like Rachel to come to your group and talk about Fairtrade, please get in touch! rachel@cinderford-churches.org.uk / 01594 719438.

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



Memorial Bench outside Cinderford Town Hall - inscribed 'In Memory of Councillor Lloyd Stephen Wilce. 5.2.29 - 20.2.18. A councillor for 68 years.'



St Peter's, Clearwell is a Grade I listed church and was opened in 1866. It is an example of a mid 19th century "French Gothic" with its coloured stonework, stained glass and wonderfully stencilled roof.

Dates for Your Diaries...

Fairtrade Fortnight - February 25 - March 10

Women's World Day of Prayer - Fri 1 March, 11.00 am, Cinderford Methodist Church

Big Brew & BakeOff - Sat 2 March - 10.00 am - 2.00 pm, St Stephen's

Ash Wednesday - Wed 6 March - 10.00 am, St John's - 7.30 pm, St Ethelbert's

Craft Fayre - Sat 16 March - 10 am - 2 pm, St Stephen's

Mothering Sunday - Sunday 31 March

Palm Sunday Service - Sun 14 April - 10.30 am starting in Triangle and processing to St Stephen's

Holy Week Services - 7.30 pm, St John's

- Monday 15 April

- Tuesday 16 April

- Wednesday 17 April

Maundy Thursday Meal & Service - Thu 18 April 7.30 pm, St Stephen's

Good Friday - Friday 19 April

- 10.00 am, Joint Service at Littledean URC

- 12 noon, CTiC March of Witness from Triangle

- 2.00 pm, Last Hour at the Cross at St John's

- 7.30 pm, Good Friday Liturgy at St John's

Holy Saturday - Saturday 20 April, St Stephen's

- 11.00 am - 3.00 pm, Church open for Prayer

- 12 noon, Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday - Sunday 21 April

- 6.00 am, Sunrise Service, Littledean Hill Road

- 9.30 am, Easter Eucharist, St John's

- 9.30 am, Easter Communion, St Ethelbert's

- 11.00 am, All Age Easter Communion, St Stephen's

Christian Aid Week - Sun 12 May - Sat 18 May

Christian Aid Collection - Thu 16 & Fri 17 May

Craft Fayre - Sat 18 May, 10 am - 2 pm, St Stephen's

Prayer Day - Saturday 1 June, St Stephen's

Home Communion

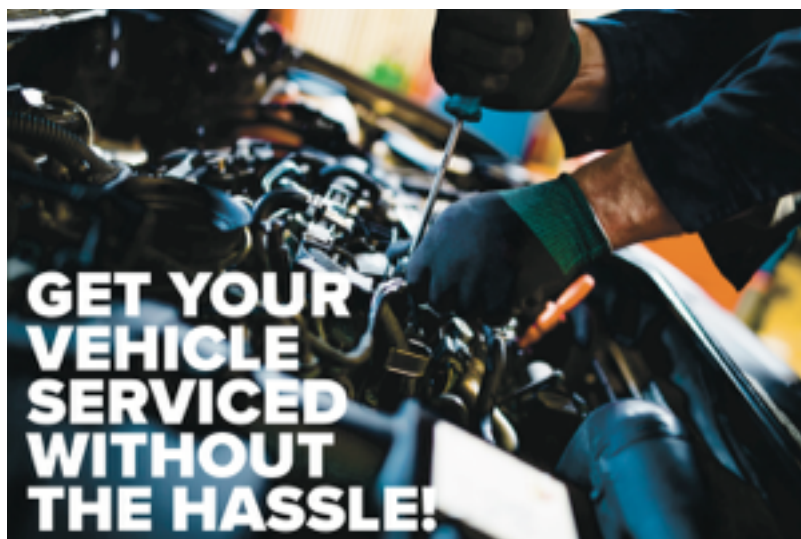
If you live in the Benefice and would like to receive Home Communion, please contact the Vicar, Mike Barnsley, (822286) or Linda Blagg (822153).

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News & Views

January & February 2019

Christmas around the Benefice



Once again, Advent and Christmas around the Benefice were filled



with services, nativities, food, candles, Christingles, carols, lights, prayers, concerts,



wreaths, mince pies, mulled wine and mead,

communion and lots of time spent together thinking about the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Thank you to everyone who joined in, attended, supported, dressed up, donated to collections for the Children's Society or otherwise got involved! We look forward to celebrating Christmas together as a community again in 2019!

