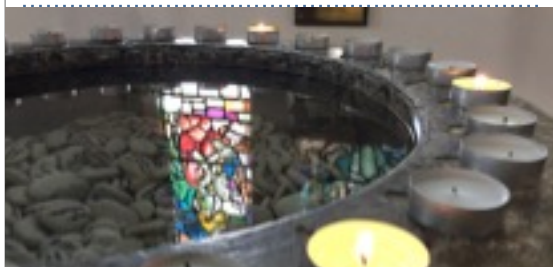




# NEWS & VIEWS

from the Benefice of Cinderford with Littledean

## Inside this Month...



## Who's on the Trike (with Mike)?



## Vicar's Letter

Dear friends,

About 20 years ago, I was given a mug as a gift. It had a cartoon on (drawn by Bestie) showing Moses, having parted the Red Sea for the Israelites, looking back at a crowd on the shore who are looking at the gap in the sea, but not moving. The crowd look a little unsure. A caption underneath says "What do you mean 'It's a bit muddy'?" I was asked if I was offended by it. I wasn't, I thought it was quite funny. (And not particularly out of character with much of what was said by the Israelites during the Exodus. Read the story!)

Sian was given a mug by a friend of hers a few years ago. There is no cartoon, just some words. It says 'Jesus loves you, but I'm his favourite!' Again, I suppose some people could be offended by it, or think that it is inappropriate. Again, I am not offended by it. Again, I think it's quite funny.

I also think there is some truth there. Let me explain. First of all, I'm not saying that Sian is Jesus' favourite. (Well, I suppose I am in a way. You'll see.) In the Old Testament, on two occasions God talks about his people as the 'apple of his eye' (Deut 32.10, Zech 2.8) and David prays (in Psalm 17) that God will guard and protect him as the 'apple of his eye'.

To describe someone as the apple of one's eye is to acknowledge the prime importance of that person to whoever is looking at them. It is a powerful term with a significant emphasis. Two different people cannot both be the apple of someone's eye, because the statement is about priority of importance and value. Only one person can be the first priority.

At least that is the case for us. But for God, things are a bit different. God says to each of us, individually, that we are the apple of his eye. God says to each of us, individually that we are his first priority. This wouldn't make sense for us, but it makes sense for God. Each of us are the apple of his eye. Each of us are his first priority. Each of us are his favourite. I know that doesn't seem possible, but it is possible for God. Because he is all knowing, all powerful and the definition of love, he can love each of us, individually, devotedly, and with 100% commitment and priority, at the same time, without problem or contradiction.

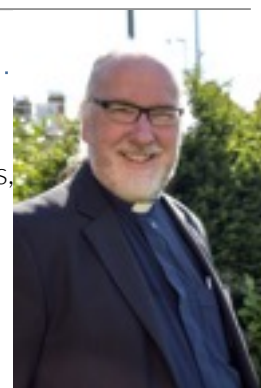
That is God's love for us. For each of us, individually. So, God loves you, and me, and we are each his favourite! All of us. So, Sian's mug is telling the truth. She is his favourite. But so am I. And so are you.

God wants that to make us feel appreciated, valued, treasured, adored, cherished. And that should affect how we think about ourselves.

I hope you know you are loved by God. I hope you know you are the apple of his eye.

God Bless,

*Mike*



## Sunday Service Times

	Bilson*	St Ethelbert's	St John's	St Stephen's
<b>Sun 4 June</b>		10.30 am AAW	9.30 am PE 2.00 pm RBL Commemorative Service in THE TRIANGLE	11.00 am HC, JC, WILD 3.00 pm ES
<b>Sun 11 June</b>	3.00 pm CBE	10.30 am HC	9.30 am CBE	11.00 am MW, JC, WILD 7.00 pm Healing Service
<b>Sun 18 June</b>		10.30 am JS @ URC	9.30 am PE	11.00 am Baptism 3.00 pm HC
<b>Sun 25 June</b>	3.00 pm SW	10.30 am MP	9.30 am PE	11.00 am AAW
<b>Sun 2 July</b>		10.30 am AAW	9.30 am PE	11.00 am Baptism, JC 3.00 pm ES

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

AAW = All Age Worship; CBE = Communion by Extension;  
EP = Evening Prayer; ES = Evensong;  
HC = Holy Communion; JC = Junior Church (preschool up to Y6); JS = Joint Service; MP = Morning Prayer;

## Midweek Service Times

Wed 7 June, 10.00 am HC at St Stephen's  
7.30 pm - 9.00 pm Shalom at St Stephen's  
Wed 14 June, 10.00 am HC at St John's  
Wed 21 June, 10.00 am HC at St Stephen's  
7.30 pm - 9.00 pm Shalom at St Stephen's  
Wed 28 June, 10.00 am HC at St John's  
Wed 5 July, 10.00 am HC at St Stephen's  
7.30pm -9.00 pm Shalom at St Stephen's

## Homegroups

Homegroups will start in June, these will meet at various locations around the Benefice. If you are interested in coming along, or would like some more information, please speak to Mike (822286).

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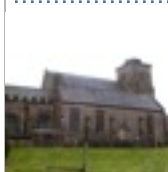
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## Our Churches



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

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

21 May	Matilda May Elizabeth Griffin	St Stephen's
21 May	Benjamin William Marsh	St Stephen's
28 May	Ruby Margaret Ann Jacobs	St John's

### Funerals

19 May	June Jones	St John's
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## 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.



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Forest of Dean  
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## Parliamentary Hustings

### St Stephen's Church

Belle Vue Road, Cinderford, GL14 2AA

Thursday 1 June

7.00pm for 7.30pm

### Candidates attending:

Julian Burrett (Independent)

James Greenwood (Green Party)

Mark Harper (Conservative)

Shaun Stammers (Labour)

Ernie Warrender (UKIP)



Janet Ellard (Liberal Democrat) is unable to attend due to a prior engagement.  
This will be the only public hustings that Mark Harper will attend.

Written questions (to be put to **ALL** candidates, not specific questions to individual candidates) to be submitted at the latest at the beginning of the evening (7.15 pm).

Questions can be submitted before the event in writing to  
Rev Mike Barnsley, The Vicarage, St Annals Road, Cinderford, GL14 2AS  
or by emailing [mike@cinderford-churches.org.uk](mailto:mike@cinderford-churches.org.uk)



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## Operation Christmas Child



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

In June, we are focussing on hairbrushes or combs along with hairbands / bobbles and jewellery. Please bear in mind that last year we were short of jewellery suitable for younger girls (chunky beads or anything that would be suitable for a 2-4 year old!).

If you aren't sure, 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 and May was stationery.

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).

## Benefice Prayer Day

The second annual Benefice Prayer Day was held on Saturday 13 May at St Stephen's Church.

A variety of prayer stations were set up around the church, as a



journey around Aspects of Life; starting with birth and ending with death and eternity.

There was also space to just enjoy the quiet and stillness and spend time in prayer and reflection.

Prayer stations were also used during the St Stephen's service the following day.

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## Mothers' Union Report

Our May 2 meeting in St Stephen's Church began with a short service followed by a short business session with future dates and forthcoming events flagged up.

We were then entertained to a most interesting slide presentation by Roger Phelps from Dean Forest Railway. He detailed his personal involvement and the development of the Society illustrated with slides of various recent works and rolling stock. After thanks were given all enjoyed refreshments.

The next meeting will be the Deanery Quiet Day at Tymawr Convent near Monmouth on June 8.

- Nikola Poole

## Boston House School at Dean Hall 1940

We are trying to assist with some research into Boston House School Eastbourne, which, it is understood evacuated to Dean Hall in Littledean in 1940.

If you have any information about Boston House School during it's time in Littledean, please could you get in touch with Mike (822286 or [mike@cinderford-churches.org.uk](mailto:mike@cinderford-churches.org.uk)). Thanks.



## Vestry Roof Project off to a flying start...

Thanks to Kim's Big 5-0 Quiz, the Vestry Roof Project at St Stephen's is off to a flying start. £614.03 was raised on Thursday 11 May as nearly



90 people gathered to celebrate Kim's birthday.

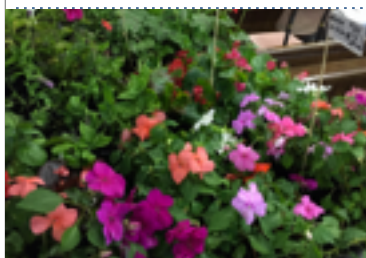
Questions were set by Kim's sister,

Linda, and covered a huge variety of topics, some proving much trickier than others! A wonderful buffet of party food was provided by the birthday girl complete with delicious cakes all washed down by drinks purchased from the bar.

Kim would like to thank everyone who attended, for helping her celebrate in style as well as raising such a wonderful amount towards the needed £70,000.



## Plant Sale and Coffee Morning



Green fingered Pat and Margo have lots of plants ready for sale, now including much sought after cucumbers and tomatoes alongside

gorgeous flowers and bedding plants.

Pat Allen is opening up her home (14 Heywood Road) on Saturday 3 June from 10.00 am - 1.00 pm.



There is limited parking outside the house, but there is a public car park just slightly further down Heywood Road. Please be respectful of neighbour's



access and land.

All proceeds for St Stephen's.



## Please pray for:

- Bishop Rachel and Bishop Robert
- those who have recently been bereaved
- anyone who is unwell
- others around the Benefice who need prayer
- those who have recently been baptised, their parents and Godparents
- Mike; in his ministry around the Benefice
- Anthea; in her ministry as deacon
- 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
- Cinderford Street Pastors
- children, young people and their leaders
- all those around the world facing persecution, homelessness or hunger; especially those in East Africa
- all candidates standing for election to Parliament



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## Activity and Event Times

**Parliamentary Hustings** at St Stephen's  
**Plant Sale & Coffee Morning** at 14 Heywood Rd  
**BoB Breakfast** at St Stephen's  
**Craft Fayre** at St Stephen's  
**Fellowship Lunch** at St Stephen's  
**St Ethelbert's Summer Fayre**

Thursday 1 June, 7.00 pm (for 7.30 pm)  
 Saturday 3 June, 10.00 am - 1.00 pm  
 Saturday 17 June, 9.00 am - 10.00 am  
 Saturday 24 June, 10.00 am - 1.00 pm  
 Sunday 25 June, 12.30 pm  
 Saturday 1 July, 11.00 am - 1.30 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, not first Tuesday of the month*)  
 - 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; NOT on June 2 or 9*)  
 - Youth group for boys in secondary school with food, games and activities

## Vestry roof project

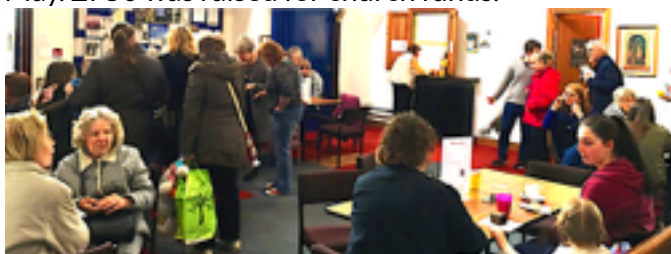
In January 2015, the vestry roof at St Stephen's developed a leak. This is mainly caused by a poorly designed gutter that can no longer cope with heavy rain falls. We have been regularly clearing the gutter to try and reduce damage whilst we consider options with our architects. In January 2016, our architect provided plans for work to remedy the gutter system and make other repairs to the vestry so it will once again be water tight. We were unsuccessful in our application for Heritage Lottery Funding last year and are now in a position where we need to raise around £75,000 to complete the repairs.

The Vestry Roof Project has been launched for specific fund raising for this work. Thank you to everyone who came along to Kim's quiz night which was very successful and raised £614 towards the project. A separate generous donation brings the total raised so far to £1,614. This is a great start but we obviously still have a long way to go.

We are currently investigating grant funding options and will be making applications in the coming months. If you would like to make a donation to the project or assist with fundraising, please contact a churchwarden, Chris Witham or Kim Howard, or our treasurer Rachel Witham. (please see back page for contact details).

## Thank You for Your Support

A big thank you to all those who came along and supported St Stephen's Spring Fayre on Saturday 6 May. £750 was raised for church funds.



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## Celebration Service St Michael & All Angels



More than 70 people joined together in St Michael's, Soudley on the afternoon of Sunday 30 April to celebrate the

Eucharist in thanksgiving for 108 years of witness to God in the village, before we sought Bishop Rachel's revocation of the licence for worship there.



Many memories were evoked of all life events in word, in Mike's talk, in prayer

and in song. The benefice choir were in good voice and familiar hymns were sung lustily but somewhat wistfully for the last time. Lots of photos were taken 'for the album', before many folk moved to the village hall for splendid cakes and tea and a further chance to reminisce about their memories of St Michael's and its place in their lives. - Peter Poole



### Mike's Question:

Do you know, or can you find, the three places in the Gospels where Jesus uses the phrase 'my Father's house'?

### Mike's Challenge:

What is Jesus referring to in each of these statements? How are they connected?

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 seven words (sayings) of Jesus from the cross are as follows: Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do. (Luke 23:34), Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise. (Luke 23:43), Woman, behold your son. Son, behold your mother. (John 19:26-27), My God, My God, why have you forsaken me? (Matthew 27:46 & Mark 15:34), I thirst. (John 19:28), It is finished. (John 19:30) and Father, into your hands I commend my spirit. (Luke 23:46). They are traditionally understood to be in this order, but that is not absolutely clear from the Bible.

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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

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## Getting to Know You ... with Sheila Cole

St Stephen's PCC member,  
Deanery & Diocesan Synod  
Representative

**Favourite ice-cream flavour?**  
Gingerbread.

**Favourite colour?** Red.

**Favourite film?** Les Miserables.

**Favourite food & drink?** Pizza  
and elderflower presse.

**Favourite season?** Spring.

**Favourite book?** Second Glance by Jodi Picoult.

**Favourite flower or tree?** Bluebells.

**Favourite TV programme?** Poldark.

**Favourite actor/actress?** Judi Dench.

**What would be your ideal holiday?** Spring Harvest in  
France.

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

**Favourite hymn or church song?** 10,000 Reasons.

**First car (and did it have a name)?** Mini Metro.

**If you could have any car, what would it be?** Honda Civic.

**Where would you most like to be right now?** By the  
seaside.

**Favourite place to eat out?** Pizza Express.

**Favourite place to go shopping?** Cheltenham.

**What was your best holiday?** California, to visit my sister  
when she was living out there.

**Favourite Church building?** St Stephen's.

**Favourite item of clothing?** Floral jacket.

**Are you a cat person or a dog person?** Dog.

**If you could choose your own first name, what would it be  
and why?** I'm alright with Sheila (now).

**Favourite family memory?** Birth of my two children.

**What four people (dead or alive) would you invite to a  
dinner party?** Cliff Richard, Bishop Rachel, Stephen Lake  
and my cousin (Nikki).

**First Job?** Saturday girl at Woolworths.

**Worst Job you've ever done?** As above, because it was  
boring.

**Earliest memory?** Sitting in a pushchair in Cinderford  
High Street whilst mum talked to a friend (near a wool  
shop where the tower in the Triangle is now).

**Which living person do you most admire?** The Queen.

**Best job you've ever had?** Not all the time, but I quite like  
the one I have now: serving customers at the 3 Shires  
Garden Centre restaurant.

**What do you owe your parents?** Bringing me up with a  
good set of values.

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## Lectionary

### 4 June (Pentecost)

Acts 2:1-21

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Psalm 104:26-36, 37b

John 20:19-23

### 11 June (Trinity Sunday)

Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-end

2 Corinthians 13:11-end

Psalm 8

Matthew 28:16-20

### 18 June (1st Sunday after Trinity)

Exodus 19:2-8a

Romans 5:1-8

Psalm 100

Matthew 9:35 - 10:8

### 25 June (2nd Sunday after Trinity)

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Romans 6:1b-11

Psalm 69:8-11, 18-20

Matthew 10:24-39

### 2 July (3rd Sunday after Trinity)

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Romans 6:12-end

Psalm 89:8-18

Matthew 10:40-end

## Cinderford Branch Royal British Legion Falkland War Commemoration Service

A short service to commemorate the end of  
the Falklands War will be held in the Triangle  
on Sunday 4 June at 2.00pm.  
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## Littledean Church of England Primary School

### Pre-School Opening

We are a very happy to announce that as of 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017, following the



closure of Little Acorns

Nursery, we have opened our own, on-site, pre-school provision. We welcome Mrs Pamela Bayliss, Mrs Rimmini Hopkins and

Mrs Michelle Janetta to the staff team and we welcome all children and families to the school.

If you are interested in a place for your child, please phone Mrs Worgan in the school office on 01594 822171.



### All the fun of the Fayre (s)!!

St Stephen's are hosting a Summer Craft Fayre on Saturday 24 June from 10.00 am - 1.00 pm, once again there will be an amazing array of handcrafted items on display from local artisans, a raffle, a chance to 'paint your own' all alongside delicious lunches and a range of homemade cakes. Free entry.

St Ethelbert's Church Summer Fayre is on Saturday 1 July from 11.00 am to 1.30 pm. There will be a wide variety of stalls alongside a raffle plus delicious homemade cakes and light lunches! A warm welcome extended to all.

Littledean Community Centre Fayre is on Saturday 8 July from 12 noon, there will be a variety of stalls, refreshments, a children's entertainer, food and much more. If you would like to reserve a stall, please contact Pauline Rea-Dickins on 01594 823735.





# Craft Fayre

## Saturday 24 June

### 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

Light Lunches  
Cakes  
Teas/Coffees



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## Fairtrade Focus

### Cranberry, apricot & cashew quinoa salad

#### Ingredients

- 1 pack pearl & red express Quinoa\*
- 3 tbsp cranberries
- 3 tbsp dried apricots\*
- 3 tbsp cashews\*
- 1 tbsp olive oil\*
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 4 rashers bacon, chopped
- 1 tbsp fresh marjoram, chopped
- 6 sage leaves, chopped

(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. Heat the olive oil in a small frying pan.
2. Add the onion and bacon and sauté until the onions are soft.
3. Set aside to cool.
4. Mix together the Express Quinoa, cranberries, apricots, cashews, onion and bacon and the remaining ingredients.
5. Season to taste.



**Did you know??** Traidcraft's pasta is also made with quinoa from Bolivia so is a good source of protein as well as carbohydrates.



**Quinola's Fairtrade Express Quinoa Pouches** are made up of delicious quinoa grains grown by the Cabana Farming Cooperative, high in the Peruvian Andes along with a little organic sunflower oil and some hand-harvested sea salt.

Quinoa is a delicious 'Super Grain' packed full of key nutritional benefits. Quinoa is also called the 'Mother Grain' by the local farming communities,

Quinoa is a unique grain because it can give you the same complete proteins that are found in meat and fish. Almost no other plant can do this. This means that it can replace meat in your diet quite happily, and that if you are vegetarian you no longer need to over indulge in dairy products to get your protein. It contains all nine of the essential amino acids needed in our diets, it is vitamin rich and naturally gluten and cholesterol free. It does contain some carbohydrates, but they are slow release so help you feel full for longer.

It is imported by specialist ethical food importer Quinola who source the highest quality Organic Quinoa grain. The farmers in the Coopain Cabana practice mixed agriculture and crop rotation and allow the fragile land to regenerate with fallow periods, reducing the need for any

chemicals. Quinoa production was actually outlawed by the Spanish after they conquered Peru some 500 years ago, because they didn't like the religious devotion that was afforded the plant at the time, especially the Inca emperor planting the first seeds with a golden trowel! This outlawing meant that the crop only survived in small pockets of the Andes and therefore has been subjected to very little selection meaning there are still a wide variety of quinoa types being grown. This in turn helps to make it a resistant crop to natural diseases, reducing the risk of catastrophe.

As a company, Quinola has ethics at its heart; they work directly with the producers under the Fairtrade scheme, also working to help them out in other ways too.

The Coopain Cabana cooperative is made up of about 500 smallholder farmers, cultivating fields up at 4000m in some pretty harsh conditions. There is intermittent electricity but neither running water nor sewerage are currently available.

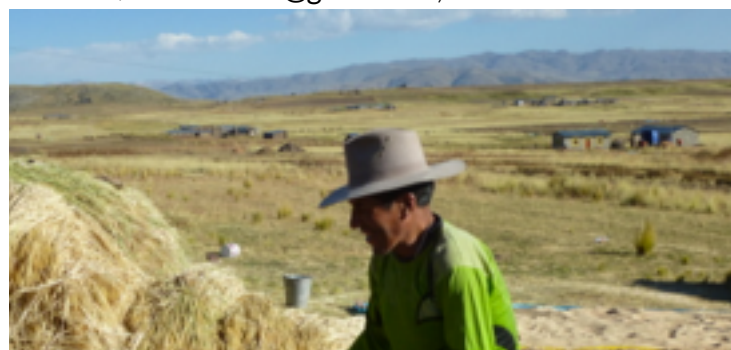
The cooperative has a chief agronomist who helps to ensure that farming techniques are constantly improved; slowly building up average crop yields and therefore revenue. Different strains are also tested to see which are best suited to the various terrains.

By buying straight from the group of around 500 farmers in Peru, just north of Lake Titicaca, Quinola have helped support the Coop in building a de-husking plant to process the quinoa from the fields, meaning that the farmers can keep a bigger part of the profits.

Quinola are also helping the Cooperative extend its microfinance scheme, giving the farmers access to capital without ridiculous interest rates, enabling the farmers to invest in their land or even pay to have cataracts removed!

The Fairtrade quinoa grain is packed by a team in France with learning difficulties, to support another community with a better life through team work who are very proud to be producing something that finds its way into kitchens around the world!

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## Seen walking around the Benefice, but where?



Police lamp on the Town Hall

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



St James' Church, Bream

### Dates for Your Diaries...

Saturday 8 July - **Shalom BBQ and Anniversary Service** at St Stephen's

Saturday 15 July - **Anthea's Ordination as Priest** at Gloucester Cathedral

Sunday 16 July - **Anthea's First Service as Priest, Holy Communion** at St Stephen's

Saturday 16 September - **Benefice Pilgrimage**

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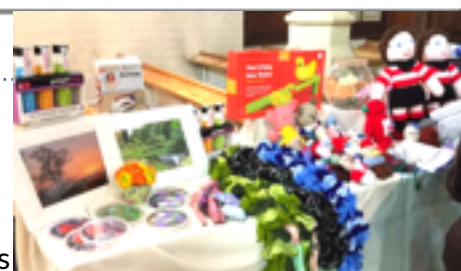
Our second fayre took place Saturday 13 May when a fair number from

### Who's on the Trike (with Mike)?



Margaret Barnsley  
Mike's Mum :)

across our communities jostled at the various stalls for assorted offerings from teddies to tomato plants. Mouth-watering cakes were sold and when the buying was over, lovely cream teas were enjoyed and a chance to chat. A good social occasion with over £350 raised in the afternoon. - Peter Poole



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## Maundy Money

Peggy Turley

brought along her  
Maundy Money to

the Celebration

Service at St

Michael's that she

was presented with

by the Queen in 2003 at Gloucester Cathedral.

The giving of Maundy money is a long standing Royal tradition, with the giving of gifts dating back as early as the thirteenth century. Since 1670, the reigning monarch has distributed some form of Maundy Money. Now, as many men and women are nominated as there are years in the Queen's age. These individuals are nominated from the Diocese the Queen is visiting that year. They are chosen for the Christian service they have given to the Church and

community.

Money is handed to each recipient  
by the Queen herself in two small

leather purses. The red purse  
contains ordinary coins in lieu of  
food and clothing and the white,  
contains silver Maundy coins

consisting of the same number of pence as  
the sovereign's age.

The incredibly special money and letter have been  
wonderfully framed to provide a lasting keepsake.

Peggy was nominated to receive the honour for her long  
service as organist at St Michael's. Peggy started playing the  
organ regularly at St Michael's when 17 years old, starting  
out as a substitute if the 'regular organist' was unable to  
play for any reason.

Peggy was nominated to receive the Maundy Money 15  
years ago when she was 75. She entertained everyone  
present at St Michael's by giving a rendition of some of her  
favourite snippets of hymns  
after the Celebration Service  
had finished.

