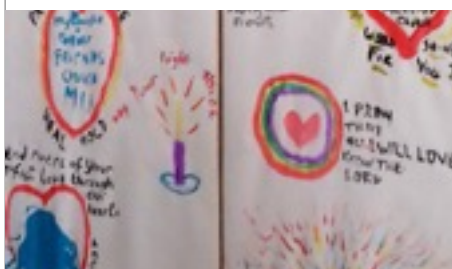
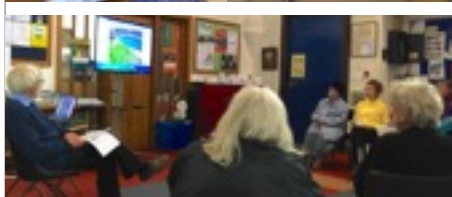




NEWS & VIEWS

from the Benefice of Cinderford with Littledean

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Who's on the Trike?



Reader's Letter

Dear friends,

How good (or bad!) are you at remembering dates? Do you need reminding of them for birthdays and anniversaries? My older sister has been telling me for months that she will be 70 at the end of this month and can I keep a few days free to meet up?

Karen has an incredible memory for birthdays! I think she believes that if we send more cards she will get more in return for her birthday in September. She's already telling me that she will be 40 (can you believe it?) in September 2019!

By the grace of God I shall celebrate 40 years this month since I was admitted to the office of Reader and licensed to serve in Ripley. The service took place in Derby Cathedral on 10 June 1978. There were 12 men and 8 women admitted and licensed that day. Alphabetical order dictated the proceedings. Those with a surname at the start of the alphabet went first, so I ended up standing for ages. Regrettably, not something I can do comfortably now. Age must be catching up with me! In 1978, it was unusual for women to become readers and I had some interesting experiences. Letters came to our house asking MR Chaundy to take Evensong (BCP). Congregations and churchwardens were often taken aback when Mr Chaundy drove me (I had not passed my test then), but sat stiffly in a pew saying, "I'm not going in the vestry or doing anything else, my wife does that sort of thing!" I once gave an ultimatum to one congregation - if they didn't want me to take the service - the churchwardens would have to do it!

"Will we hear you dear?" was a common question before microphones in churches were commonplace. "Will we see you in the pulpit?" was another frequent comment. When we moved to High Wycombe in the Oxford Diocese, I was nearly refused entrance to the Annual Reader's Service! Fortunately my (then) Vicar was with me!

I'm still in contact with the, now retired, Vicar who recommended me for Reader training saying, "I think this would suit you, you'd better give it a go!" What I expected then I can't remember, but it's now difficult to imagine not being involved in church life, whether leading worship, preaching, visiting or even just 'being' someone who still believes in the Power of the Resurrection. Not just as a historical fact or an event we celebrate once a year at Easter, but as an actual living daily reality that can and does change lives! It should be, along with our Bible reading and prayer, the bedrock on which all we do is based - to create a positive atmosphere in which people can grow in the Christian faith. As for a lot of folk, life hasn't always been easy for Karen and me, but I've clung to the words "Jesus is the same, yesterday, today and forever"

Putting aside time for Him on a daily basis brings its own rewards! I feel so privileged to serve all these years in this Benefice and to have followed people on their faith journey.

The support of the congregation of Bilson Mission has been invaluable - keeping me grounded! I know how hard they have worked through coffee mornings, lunches, flower festivals etc to keep the place going. It is so sad that we are unable to maintain any activities on the site in the future. Please join me in praying for the way forward and let us take solace from the Bible and my favourite verse I learnt over 50 years ago: "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much" (Luke 16:10 KJV)

Yours in Christ, *Lynne*

	Hanover Court	St Ethelbert's	St John's	St Stephen's
Sun 3 June		10.30 am SW 2.00 pm Baptism	9.30 am PE	11.00 am HC, JC, WILD 3.00 pm ES
Sun 10 June	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 17 June		10.30 am JS @ URC	9.30 am PE	11.00 am MW, JC, WILD 3.00 pm HC
Sun 24 June	3.00 pm SW	10.30 am MP	9.30 am PE	11.00 am AAW
Sun 1 July		10.30 am SW	9.30 am Baptism	11.00 am HC, JC, WILD 3.00 pm ES

Midweek Service Times

Wed 6 June, 10.00 am HC at St Stephen's
7.30 pm Shalom at St Stephen's

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

Sat 16 June, 4.30 pm Wedding at St John's

Wed 20 June, 10.00 am HC at St Stephen's
7.30 pm Shalom at St Stephen's

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

Sat 30 June, 3.00 pm Wedding at St John's

Wed 4 July, 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).

Messy Church



Splodgy (quite chilly) paint oozing between toes for painting a journey with our feet, blowing

bubbles in paint for dream pictures and learning how to sew on a button were amongst the highlights of Messy Church in May as we learnt all about Joseph, his amazing dreamcoat, the journeys he made and his trust in God.

After some songs, everyone enjoyed a meal together along with celebrating a birthday with one of the children attending.

June's Messy Church is on Sunday



10 June from 3.00 pm - 5.00 pm and will include food, crafts and activities looking at our wonderful world. Everyone welcome, all children and young people must be accompanied by a responsible adult.



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Messy Church every 2nd Sunday at 3



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From the Registers

Weddings

5 May	Gregor & Eve Popek	St Stephen's
26 May	Daniel & Toni Lee	St Stephen's

Baptisms

6 May	Khaleesi Ann Hogarth	St Stephen's
6 May	Lola Paige Hopkins	St Stephen's
27 May	Amelia Rose Taylor	St John's
27 May	Vicky Louise Oliver	St John's

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**Seen walking around the
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Fairtrade Pop-Up Shop

The Pop-Up shop held in St Stephen's during the second week of May was once again very well received. With the glorious weather, church was a



nice cool refuge and visitors enjoyed looking around the church both at the amazing array of beautiful products from around the world, but also the church building itself.

The refill station of Clean & Fair products was very popular as were many of the beautiful toys that Karen brought along and the planters made from recycled tyres then beautifully handpainted by artisans in India.



Thanks to all who came along. Further pop-up shops will be organised through the year.

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Cupcake Day for Alzheimer's Society



Karen Jones is hosting a Cupcake day to raise funds for The Alzheimer's Society at St Stephen's Church.

Sadly, in the UK someone develops dementia every three minutes, and there is currently no cure. Until the day a cure is found, the Alzheimer's Society aims to support anyone affected by dementia - wherever they are, whatever they are going through. They are working tirelessly to provide support, find new treatments and ultimately, a cure, for dementia.

Come and learn more about this devastating illness, enjoy some games, and of course cake, and help raise money for this fantastic charity.

The cupcake day will be held at St Stephen's Church on Friday 15 June, 9.30 am - 11.30 am.

If you are unable to attend but would still like to support us you can do this in 2 ways:

- 1 - make some cakes for us to sell
- 2 - donate by texting KNJO83 followed by the amount you wish to donate (eg. KNJO83 £5) to 70070.



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Regular readers of the magazine will have seen me on Mike's Trike in the May edition. So, who am I? I'm James Parsons (57!), a 2nd year Reader in Training, on a two-month placement in the Benefice. I live in Tutshill with my wife Julia and for the last 26 years have worshipped at St Luke's Church in Tidenham, down near Chepstow. I'm from Bristol originally but, after working in Leicester for a few years, a job brought me back to Chepstow (where, as a student, I had worked for Fairfield-Mabey, the bridge fabricators). For nearly 30 years, I've worked for a Chepstow based firm of consulting engineers specialising in design of bridges. Julia and I have two grown up children: Sarah (a self-employed music teacher in Bristol) and Ant (a self-employed web developer in Chepstow). Julia is a keen supporter of Fair Trade and promotes this as much as possible.

Reader training takes place at Redcliffe College at Gloucester Cathedral's College Green; I train with other Readers and Ordinands. I've been part of a Local Ministry Team for many years (in fact, Pat Allen was our tutor, so it has been wonderful to catch up with her) being involved in different aspects of church mission and ministry and leading different types of services. I explored Reader Training a few years ago; then the training was on a Tuesday evening and in Cheltenham, which, considering the nature of my work, wasn't very practical. Three years ago, Julia and I both did the Diocesan Pastoral Assistant's course (I can recommend this!). This course is led by Pauline Godfrey, the Diocesan Discipleship and Vocations Officer. When she said that the Gloucester Reader training was now in Gloucester and on a Thursday evening, all the reasons (excuses!) I had used previously were like a carpet being pulled from under my feet. As my job role had also changed and I was then only working four days a week (and not on Friday, i.e., after a late Thursday evening) I felt compelled to take the discussions about Reader training further – and here I am!

Apart from work and Reader training I also play double bass with Chepstow Community Big Band, it's important to have an interest in and with the community. When I have time, I enjoy gardening, walking, DIY and jazz clubs

and I ought to practice the bass more. Most holidays are in France, especially the west coast of Normandy, and near Limoges (where Julia's dad lives). I won't mention Friday morning dance lessons!

I've met many of you in my visits to St John's, St Ethelbert's, St Stephen's and Hanover Court. Thank you for your welcome and encouragement. The experience of the three different churches has been quite formational for me and I'll remember my placement with you with great fondness. God bless you. James

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

Please pray for:

- Bishop Rachel and Robert, Bishop of Tewkesbury
- those who have recently been bereaved
- anyone who is unwell
- others around the Benefice who need prayer
- Eve & Gregor; Toni & Daniel married in May
- Khaleesi Ann, Lola Paige, Amelia Rose, Vicky Louise; baptised in May
- Mike; in his ministry around the Benefice
- Anthea; in her ministry as priest
- Chris, Linda, Lynne and Richard; our licensed readers
- Jim and Adalia Fisher, in the Philippines
- Felipe and Sarah Yanez (CMS partners in Spain) and their sons Sam and Aaron
- the future of Cinderford Street Pastors
- the Forest Foodbank and all supporting those in need locally
- children, young people and their leaders
- comfort for those remembering lost loved ones
- the worldwide Church, especially those worshipping in places of conflict

Lectionary

3 June (1st Sunday after Trinity)

Deuteronomy 5:12-15 Psalm 81:1-10
2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Mark 2:23 - 3:6

10 June (2nd Sunday after Trinity)

Genesis 3:8-15 Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1
Mark 3:20-end

17 June (3rd Sunday after Trinity)

Ezekiel 17:22-end Psalm 92:1-8
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17
Mark 4:26-34

24 June (4th Sunday after Trinity)

Job 38:1-11 Psalm 107:23-32
2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-end

1 July (5th Sunday after Trinity)

Lamentations 3:23-33 Psalm 30
2 Corinthians 8:7-end Mark 5:21-end

Activity and Event Times

Mothers' Union Quiet Afternoon at St Stephen's	Tuesday 5 June, 2.30 pm
BoB Breakfast at St Stephen's	Saturday 9 June, 9.00 am - 10.00 am
Messy Church at St Stephen's	Sunday 10 June, 3.00 pm - 5.00 pm
Coffee Morning for Alzheimer's Society at St Stephen's	Friday 15 June, 9.30 am - 11.30 am
Quiz Night at St Stephen's	Friday 22 June, 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm
St Ethelbert's Summer Fayre	Saturday 23 June, 11.00 am - 1.30 pm
RBL Cream Teas at Eve's (52 St White's Rd)	Saturday 23 June, 2.00 pm
Fellowship Lunch at St Stephen's	Sunday 24 June, 12.30 pm
Art Workshop at Bethel Tearooms, Littledean	Saturday 30 June, 10.30am - 2.30 pm
Mothers' Union at St Stephen's	Tuesday 3 July, 2.30 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 **(not on first Tuesday of the month)**
- 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, not on June 1, 8 or 22)**
- Youth group for boys in secondary school with food, games and activities



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"Thy Kingdom Come" Prayer Day

St Stephen's Church was open for 12 hours of continuous prayer on Saturday 12 May, there was a lovely peaceful atmosphere to explore the various interactive prayer stations as well as space for quiet prayer. This year, there was

also more formal times of prayer for those who preferred.



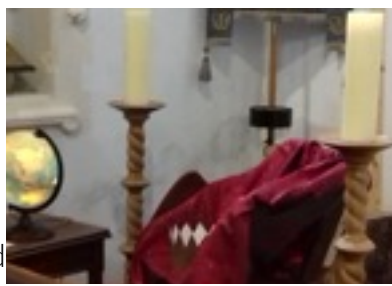
Everyone who attended, whether for 5 minutes or over an hour, enjoyed the calm and chance to be still.

Joyce writes: "I was grateful for the prayer day, as it gave me a chance to be quiet and close to the Lord, without any distractions.

All the prayer stations were thought provoking in different ways and really moved me to tears to know how much God loves me and it has reminded



me that I need to pray not only for family and friends, but for all to come to realise how much God loves them."



Happy Birthday Nigel!

Members of St Stephen's thoroughly enjoyed celebrating Nigel's 70th on Sunday 20 May with a trainload of food, lots of cakes and plenty of cards!



Mike's Question:

The 150 Psalms are grouped into a number of books, or collections, in most Bibles. How many books of Psalms are there?

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

Mike's Challenge:

The books of Psalms have varying numbers of Psalms in them, ranging from 17 to 44. Why do you think they were organised in this way?

Answers to last month's question:

Other than David, The Bible includes Asaph, the sons of Korah, Solomon, Moses, Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman the Ezrahite as authors of Psalms. Additionally, the Septuagint includes Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Haggai, and Zechariah.

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Bilson Mission and Schoolroom buildings

After much prayer and discussion, and with much regret, the PCC of St Stephen's Cinderford have eventually accepted that Bilson Mission and the schoolroom buildings will not reopen for worship.

Bilson Mission was closed in November 2016, due to safety reasons, and the schoolroom was closed some months afterwards for the same reasons. Issues related to wood rot in the floors and frames of the buildings. Extensive conversations and investigations about repair and possible replacements of the buildings then took place over many months, which included advice from our architect, Historic England, the Diocesan Church Buildings Officer, and the Archdeacon of Gloucester. The buildings were in such poor condition that the only tenable option provided was to dismantle them and rebuild completely.

Bilson Mission was built for outreach to the local community over 100 years ago. The expected lifespan of such buildings would normally be 40 - 50 years, so the buildings have served the community remarkably well.

Services that were taking place at Bilson Mission were relocated to Hanover Court early in 2017. These services have been a great success and have attracted more people to be involved in worship. These services will continue and everyone is welcome.

The land that Bilson Mission and the School House sit on belongs to the Forestry Commission. Preparations will take place in due course for the dismantling of the buildings and the return of the site to the Forestry Commission.

This has been a difficult time for the committed members of the Bilson Mission congregation and they are to be praised for their desire and determination to serve the Lord in less than ideal surroundings over many years.

A service of celebration, to acknowledge the life of worship and witness that has been faithfully maintained at Bilson Mission over the years will take place on Sunday 29 July at 3.00 pm in the grounds around the Mission, followed by light refreshments. Further details of arrangements will be made available soon.

Christian Aid Week

A big thank you to all who donated, collected, walked, stood, talked and much much more in the effort to raise funds for Christian Aid's work in Haiti during Christian Aid Week. Further details of the total raised will be in July's magazine.



Mothers' Union Report



Members met on 1 May when our meeting began with a short service and usual business discussion.

A wholly absorbing illustrated talk by Ian Bonner followed during which he described many botanical plants and their habitats on Anglesey which he had recorded. Everyone found this very interesting and asked lots of questions. Refreshments were then served and enjoyed.

A Deanery Quiet Afternoon forms our next meeting at St Stephen's at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 5 June. As always, all are very welcome.

- Nikola Poole



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Infant Trip to Over Farm

This term we took all of the infant children to visit Over Farm.

They had a fantastic day looking at the animals and finding out about how a farm works. Each child was able to pick two sticks of rhubarb to bring back – it was great fun!!!



All the Fun of the Fayre...

St Ethelbert's Church, Littledean will be packed with exciting stalls for their Summer Fayre on Saturday 23 June. The church will be open from 11.00 am - 1.30 pm with delicious homemade cakes, chutneys, jams and lunches to choose from (or sweets as well if you want a really indulgent treat!)

There will also be Fairtrade food, handicrafts from around the world, local crafts, bottle stall, raffle, plants, books, Paint-Your-Own for anyone who wants to let their creative side out and an eclectic selection of bric-a-brac to browse.

Free entry and a very warm welcome to all!

Parking is available at the school (opposite the church), do take care crossing the road.

Thinking caps on...

... and get ready for the next Quiz Night at St Stephen's. Friday 22 June, 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm.

There will be refreshments available including a licensed bar, questions set by our wonderful quiz master Linda and potentially another guest round from the Vicar. Come with a team or join one on the night.

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Although most people are familiar with Fairtrade (FT) and the Fairtrade Mark (waving man), some misconceptions crop up. One of the members of the FT Foundation's Digital Team tried to answer the most common myths that people believe, based on comments that appear most frequently online.

Myth 1: "Fairtrade products are more expensive"

The range of FT products is now huge, with over 5,000 FT certified products for sale in the UK, many of them supermarket own-label or mainstream brands, with a huge variation in price tags.

It also depends what you are comparing the price tag to. Many FT products are high quality and lots are also organic. So comparing Traidcraft cashews to value cashews you may be disappointed in the price tag, but if you compare them to a similar high-end organic bag, the FT Mark doesn't really add much to the overall price.

Myth 2: "Anyone can stick the Fairtrade badge on their product and claim it's ethical"

Companies can't use the FT Mark on their products just to claim ethical credentials, because the Mark is a registered certification label. Any products that display it must meet standards, set by FT International. These standards apply to both producers (the farmers and workers) and traders (or suppliers) and are agreed through research and consultation with stakeholders, including farmers' and workers' organisations, traders, independent experts and national organisations such as the FT Foundation in the UK.

If a company wants to get one of their products certified (and hence have the FT Mark displayed on their packaging) they have to first ensure that it meets all of the standards. Any company using the FT Mark without permission would be investigated and could even open themselves up to legal action.

Myth 3: "Only a small percentage of the price you pay for a Fairtrade product goes back to farmer"

This is based on the misunderstanding that FT farmers are paid a percentage of the retail price paid for a product in a shop. The retail price paid as a consumer is determined entirely by the retailer.

The way FT works is that the producer organisation (such as a coffee co-operative) receives the FT price at the point where they sell to the next person in the supply chain (usually an exporter or importer). This is intended to ensure farmers can cover their costs no matter how low the world price for their commodity falls. (See Myth 4).

Myth 4: "Fairtrade locks farmers into a fixed price"

The 'FT Minimum Price' acts as a safety net, calculated to cover farmers costs of production, and only coming into play in a worst case scenario; it does not lock farmers into a fixed price.

Let's use the example of Maria, a farmer from a FT coffee cooperative in Colombia. If the local or international market price of coffee falls below the Minimum Price set in the FT Standards, then, under FT, Maria's cooperative would receive this guaranteed FT Minimum Price. This safety net means Maria and other farmers in her coop can cover their production costs which helps them to predict their income and budget for the future.

However, if the market price of coffee is above the Minimum Price, then the buyer must pay the higher price. And of course

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the growers can also negotiate even higher prices on the basis of quality and other factors.

It's also worth remembering that in addition to receiving the Minimum Price or market price (whichever is higher), FT producers receive a bonus-type payment called the 'FT Premium'. This is an extra sum of money that the producers decide democratically how best to spend. Some might spend it on improved training and farming techniques, others on building schools and medical clinics. FT doesn't dictate what it's spent on; it's entirely up to the producers, with the Premium spend audited in the interests of transparency.

Myth 5: "We ALWAYS pays farmers more than Fairtrade"

Occasionally companies make claims like 'we always pay our farmers more than FT'. But what do statements like this really mean? Do they mean they pay more than the FT Minimum Price? Or more than the market price? Are they also claiming to pay more than the Premium on top? It's worth remembering that when companies make claims like this without independent third party verification, essentially consumers have to take them at their word.

The FT Mark on a product means that the FT ingredients in that product have been independently verified by FLOCERT, an independent certifier accredited by the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO), who can suspend and, in some cases, even decertify FT producer organisations if their audit shows that FT Standards are not being complied with.

Myth 6: "FT doesn't encourage farmers to improve quality"

The argument goes that the safety net of the FT Minimum Price means there is little incentive for farmers to improve the quality of their crop. But, as producer groups aren't tied in to receiving the Minimum Price because higher quality produce can and does attract higher prices, there is a genuine incentive for FT farmers to innovate and improve quality.

Take coffee, farmers invest at least 25 per cent of the FT Premium they receive back into initiatives to improve quality and productivity. Over the years, many FT coffee producers have won Cup of Excellence awards and several FT retail products (including Cafédirect) have also won various taste awards – which is testament to the quality achieved. FT coffees have won over 28 Great Taste Awards in the last 3 years!

Myth 7: "The job's done"

FT Standards have helped workers and communities across the world; improving access to education, healthcare and opportunities for women. But, only a small proportion of global commodities are sold on FT terms, and challenges like climate change, market volatility and armed conflict pose an urgent threat to livelihoods.

In reality, there has never been a click-your-fingers magic trick for ending exploitation. FT is part of the long-term solution, but cannot solve deep-rooted supply chain problems that exploit the poorest. Even with FT certification, working on a banana plantation or a coffee farm is hard. There is no sunny side to trade injustice.

But, FT is making real progress on the ground. Alongside well-known FT products, FT gold mining certification now means miners can invest in making their operations safer, improve their business practices and sell their product at a fair price.

Looking ahead, FT will continue to develop new ways of working with businesses to bring positive change to farming communities around the world. FT might no longer be the new kid on the block, but the battle for trade justice has never been more relevant.

Seen walking around the Benefice, but where?



The last of the 3 signs, 670 yards made at the expense of the crown

for the benefit of the inhabitants, 1897. At the bottom of Station Street.

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



John the Baptist, Huntley. Built in 1862/3, but the tower is 11th Century.

Dates for Your Diaries

Sunday 8 July - **Messy Church** at St Stephen's

Saturday 14 July - **Craft Fayre** at St Stephen's

Sunday 29 July - **Celebration Service** in Bilson grounds

Saturday 13 October - **Benefice Pilgrimage**

New Churchwardens



for the coming year by Bishop Rachel and Robert, Bishop of Tewkesbury.

This included the six churchwardens from around the Benefice: Jim Duffin & Sharron Hill for St Ethelbert's; Pat Byett & Eve Smith for St John's; Kim Howard & Chris Witham for St Stephen's.

The churchwardens are pictured with Phil, Archdeacon of Cheltenham and Robert, Bishop of Tewkesbury.

Who's on the Trike?



Rev David Treharne

Vicar of Tidenham with Beachley & Lancaut, and Priest-in-Charge of St Briavels with Hewelsfield

At a wonderful service at St Stephen's on Wednesday 16 May, all the churchwardens from around the Deanery were admitted to their office

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Big Screens, Stalls and Sermons...



Saturday 19 May brought a day filled with sunshine and expectation as everyone around the world waited to see what 'the dress' would look like.

At St Stephen's, many had gathered to watch the Royal Wedding unfold on big screens whilst enjoying bacon

sandwiches and being blown away by the amazing array of talent on display from local craftspeople.



As people purchased presents, guests arrived in Windsor in

a glorious display of colours and styles. By the time the service itself started, lunches were being munched and cakes consumed - purely in celebration with the happy couple, of course.

Watching in church felt a little bit like being at the service itself as the camera panned around guests seated and the groom nervously awaiting his bride. And as Rev Michael Curry spoke to the couple, his words resonated around the church building.

To see the wonderful creative talent the

Forest of Dean has to offer for yourself, come along to the next Craft Fayre on Saturday 14 July, St Stephen's Church from 10 am - 2 pm. There will be more bacon sandwiches,



delicious lunches, homemade cakes alongside a breathtaking selection of products from local artisans and fairly traded handicrafts from around the world.