



NEWS & VIEWS

from the Benefice of Cinderford with Littledean

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Who's on the Trike?



Vicar's Letter

Dear friends,

In mid-October we hosted groups of Otters, Rabbits, Squirrels and Hedgehogs at St Stephen's. This may sound like some kind of nature engagement or wildlife protection event, but actually Otters, Rabbits, Squirrels and Hedgehogs are the Year 1 and Year 2 classes at Forest View Primary School. They had come to visit St Stephen's to hear a little about how and why we celebrate Harvest. The children then have an opportunity to ask some questions, then we have some activities organised for them. The sessions are busy, but the children seem to enjoy themselves.

These classes have been visiting St Stephen's at this time of year for a few years now, with similar goals. We normally talk a little about our service and the reasons that we celebrate Harvest. We then have a few minutes of Questions and Answers. The children are always keen to get involved and wave their hands eagerly wanting to be chosen to ask a question. It is a special time and very enjoyable. This year's session was no different in this respect. The questions are often about Harvest, our service, or things around the Church. This year's session was very different in this respect!

Our first question from Squirrels and Hedgehogs was 'Why do people want to become Christians?' What a great question! Powerful, challenging, meaningful and direct. A wonderful question. Others followed. How long has the church been going for? How long has Harvest been celebrated for? How long ago was Jesus born? Why did Jesus have to die? Where is Jesus now? There were other questions as well. I can't remember them all. I was concentrating on trying to answer them! I don't know why the questions were so different this year, but it was wonderful. I'm not sure how well I did answering the questions, particularly given the age of the children asking the questions. But we had a good session, which I think the children enjoyed.

But, about those questions. I wonder how many of us could answer those questions comfortably. I don't think we talk about such things often enough. I don't think we consciously think about how we would answer such questions. We kind of know what we believe. We kind of know when we started to believe it. We kind of know how what we believe has changed our lives. But, could we talk through these things with someone else? Could we answer questions about our beliefs and the difference they make to our lives?

We have some leaflets that talk about this a little. If you would like to talk about such things, or talk about talking about such things, please get in touch with me. I would love to talk to you. If you would be interested in thinking about what you might say if people asked you about what you believe and why, then ask me for one of our leaflets, or pick one up from the back of Church.

I would be interested in your answers to any of the questions that the children asked. Let me know your thoughts. Hope to talk soon. If you don't want to talk about such things, keep away from children from Squirrels and Hedgehogs classes – they may expect answers!

God Bless,

Mike



Sunday Service Times

	Bilson*	St Ethelbert's	St John's	St Stephen's
Sun 5 Nov		10.30 am AAW	9.30 am PE 6.00 pm All Souls	11.00 am HC, JC, WILD
Sun 12 Nov Remembrance Sunday	3.00 pm Remembrance Service	10.30 am @ Memorial 10.50 am Remembrance Service	2.30 pm Act of Remembrance @ Soudley Memorial	9.30 am Remembrance Service 11.00 am Act of Remembrance in Triangle
Sun 19 Nov		10.30 am Covenant Service @ URC	9.30 am CBE	11.00 am Baptism 3.00 pm CBE
Sun 26 Nov	3.00 pm SW	10.30 am MP	9.30 am PE	11.00 am AAW
Sun 3 Dec		10.30 am AAW	9.30 am PE 4.30 pm Advent Carols @ Soudley Village Hall	11.00 am MW - Christmas Tree Festival Service

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

AAW = All Age Worship; CBE = Communion by Extension; 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; WILD = Youth Group (Y7 - Y13).

Midweek Service Times

Wed 1 Nov, 10.00 am CBE at St Stephen's

Wed 8 Nov, 10.00 am CBE at St John's

7.30 pm Shalom at St Stephen's

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

Wed 22 Nov, 10.00 am CBE at St John's

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

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

7.30 pm **Shalom Christmas Service**

All Souls' Service - Sun 5 Nov - 6.00 pm

This is the time of year when the church especially remembers those who have died, and when we seek God's comfort and help in living after the death of those whom we have loved and lost.

During a special service at St John's Church on Sunday 5 November at 6.00 pm, there will be an opportunity to recall the names of those who we wish to remember. There will also be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of lost loved ones as well as time to pray for ourselves. Please contact Mike Barnsley, the vicar, on 01594 822286 for more information or to submit a name.

Date for Your Diary

Band Concert, Bream Silver Band, St John's Church, Sunday 10 December 2017, 3 pm

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



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 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.



Our Partner Churches

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Littledean URC 01452 760271	Cinderford Methodist Church 01594 825662	Forest of Dean Community Church 07975 994224 www.fodcc.org

Mothers' Union Report

On October 4th members from the Deanery joined us for our 10.00 am Corporate Communion during which Nikola Poole was commissioned as Cinderford with Littledean branch leader by Mike.

Our Deanery Coffee Morning followed the service when a time of fellowship and chat ensued while the Bring & Buy stall and Raffle were well supported. Later a light lunch of soup and bread and cakes was served and enjoyed by a number of us.

At our Tuesday 7 November meeting, we shall have a talk given by Di Martin; who works for GDASS, Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Support Service, along with being a serving Town and District Councillor. - Nikola Poole

Movie Night with CTiC - Sun 26 Nov

Together with our friends at Churches Together in Cinderford, St Stephen's is hosting a movie night on Sunday 26 November at 6.00 pm. Entry is free and refreshments will be available.

News & Views

From the Registers

Baptisms

15 October	Jacob Andrew George Oliver	St Stephen's
	Summer Nicholls	St Stephen's
29 October	Paige Louise Stanley	St John's

Weddings

24 October	Mark Turner & Karen Wynn	St Stephen's
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Funerals

16 October	Eileen Magson	St Stephen's
20 October	Patricia Elliott	Yew Tree Brake

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



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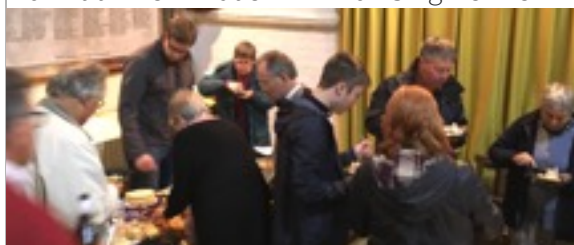
Harvest around the Benefice



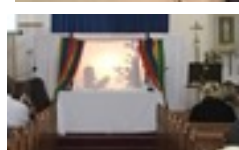
Harvest was celebrated around the Benefice throughout September, with gorgeous flower displays, collections of food for the local foodbanks along with Harvest Suppers and lots of Harvest hymns being heartily sung! St John's Harvest Festival service was followed by a delicious Harvest Supper. St Stephen's celebrated with a lively All Age Worship followed by a BakeOff with an incredible range of entries celebrating local and Fairtrade produce. All of which tasted delicious according to our esteemed judges and of course the willing volunteers who ate them after Fellowship Lunch! Congratulations to Pat Allen for her winning "More Tea, Vicar?" and Chloe, Martine and Tiffany who all had prize-winning entries in the children & young people's section.



Littledean Churches enjoyed a feast of Harvest Thanksgiving on September 24, with joint services in the morning at St Ethelbert's and then, in the evening, the Chapel hosted the Songs of Praise; a goodly



congregation was in lusty voice and was also regaled by the dulcet tones of Pat's Belle Vue Singers ensemble - magical! This was followed by an auction of harvest produce and products and an equally fruitful supper, ensuring everyone went home with spirits lifted and tummies full!



OCC Packing Party

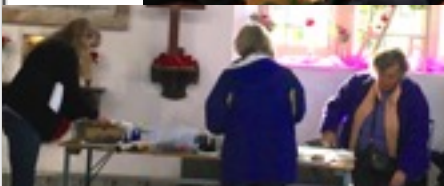
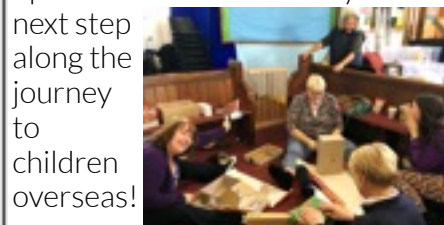
The day arrived of the 2017 Packing Party, somehow there were only 38 wrapped, empty shoeboxes ready to be packed and lots of more lovely things to put in more shoeboxes. Prayers were said, emails and texts were sent and by Wednesday morning we were up to a promised 65. The day ended with 98 wrapped and packed shoeboxes!



Lots of fun was had wrapping shoeboxes, choosing toys, toiletries, sweets, hat / scarf and gloves and stationery to fill them with and of course, drinking plenty of tea and coffee to keep everyone going.

St Stephen's is a shoebox drop off point this year, so if you have packed your own at home, you can

pop it along whenever church is open and it will find its way to the next step along the journey to children overseas!



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Christmas Tree Festival

St Stephen's is hosting a Christmas Tree Festival from Friday 1 December to Sunday 3 December. There will be a special service on the Sunday at 11.00 am taking place amongst the trees and celebrating the first Sunday of Advent.

The festival will be a wonderful opportunity to really kick start your Christmas preparations and the season of Advent with an absolutely wonderful selection of decorated trees from community groups, schools, businesses and local craftspeople; various groups playing or singing carols; lots of decorations for sale; Paint-Your-Own decorations; delicious refreshments; teas/coffees and a raffle. Plus you can vote for your favourite tree!

If you would like a tree, we still have a few spaces available - email rachel@cinderford-churches.org.uk ASAP.

Hosting with HOSTUK

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Hebrews 13:2

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Cinderford Churches

Christmas Tree Festival
1st - 3rd December
St Stephen's Church,
Belle Vue Rd, Cinderford

Friday 10am - 7pm
 Saturday 10am - 5pm
 Sunday 1pm - 5pm

Christmas Tree Festival with trees from a variety of community groups, businesses and individuals.

Refreshments available, Christmas music and an excellent start to the festive season.

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www.cinderford-churches.org.uk

FREE ENTRY

Please pray for:

- Bishop Rachel and Bishop Robert
- those who have recently been bereaved; especially the family and friends of Eileen Magson
- anyone who is unwell
- others around the Benefice who need prayer
- those who have recently been baptised (Jacob, Summer, Paige), their parents and godparents
- Mark & Karen, married in October
- 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 - currently in the UK for six months
- Cinderford Street Pastors
- children, young people and their leaders
- comfort for those remembering lost loved ones
- peace for those with loved ones serving in areas of conflict today
- all those who have served and are currently serving in our armed forces
- all caught up in natural disasters around the world
- for all aid workers working to assist in rescue and rebuilding
- all those around the world facing persecution, homelessness or hunger

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Christmas Craft Fayre at St Stephen's
Mothers' Union at St Stephen's
Quiz Night at St Stephen's
BoB Breakfast at St Stephen's
St Ethelbert's Christmas Market
Fellowship Lunch at St Stephen's
Movie Night at St Stephen's (with CTiC)
Christmas Tree Festival at St Stephen's

QUIZ NIGHT



Thursday 16 November
 7:15pm for 7:30pm

St Stephen's Church, Belle Vue Road

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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
(meets during term time, not on the 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)

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

Saturday 4 November, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm

Tuesday 7 November, 2.00 pm

Thursday 16 November, 7.15 pm

Saturday 18 November, 9.00 am - 10.00 am

Saturday 25 November, 11.00 am - 1.30 pm

Sunday 26 November, 12.30 pm

Sunday 26 November, 6.00 pm

Friday 1 December, 10.00 am - 7.00 pm

Saturday 2 December, 10.00 am - 5.00 pm

Sunday 3 December, 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm

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The Island of Jersey

In September we went on holiday with Wendy, our eldest daughter, and her husband to Jersey. We found Jersey to be a delightful Island with its rugged north coast with bays and coves with the waves breaking on the rocks, to the south where there are miles and miles of golden sandy beaches. While we were there we learnt a lot about the history of Jersey and in particular the German occupation between 1940 and 45. We did not know for instance that about a third of the population left the island just prior to the occupation on cement boats bound for the UK, and the massive amount of fortifications built under directions from the Germans and the infamous War Tunnels, and evidence still remains around the island.

This year as we stand by the War Memorial in Cinderford on Remembrance Day at 11.00am on the 12 November not only will we remember those brave men and women that died in two world wars but also the inhabitants of Jersey, who lived in extremely difficult conditions and hardship during the occupation. But in particular the hundreds of migrant workers brought in by the Germans to work and live in appalling and inhuman conditions and in many cases die to build the war tunnels and fortifications. Jersey is their only memorial. - John Holliday

A Celebration of Christmas

St Ethelbert's wishes to announce that their Celebration of Christmas concert is scheduled for Wednesday 20 December 2017 at 7.30pm; aficionados will know that this eagerly-awaited event will be well worth the wait and impresario Kate Hook will no doubt be weaving her magic wand to produce an evening where artistes and singers and performers can be enjoyed by everyone (and if the reader wishes to play or sing, then contact the magazine and we will always try to accommodate you!). Please put the date in the diary and more details will follow in next month's magazine. - Jim Duffin

Round pounds found!

Since October 15, round pound coins are no longer legal tender and shops will not accept them.

If you find some in a pocket, purse, handbag or squirrelled away, why not give them to one of our benefice churches who can bank them?

Any will be gratefully received. - Peter Poole



Mike's Question:

How many Psalms did (King) David write?

Mike's Challenge:

Learn Psalm 23!

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

Answers to last month's ?'s:

Which of the New Testament letters are named according to the author and which are named according to the recipient?

Author: James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2 & 3 John, Jude.

Recipient: Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews.



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Getting to Know You ... with Martine Wentworth

Assistant with Junior Church at St Stephen's. In the photo, Martine is wearing a dress she made herself!

Favourite ice-cream? Honey comb crunch.

Favourite actor? Scarlet Johanssen.

Favourite colour? Pink.

Favourite film? The new Jungle Book film.

Favourite season? Autumn.

Favourite food & drink? Pork and Shandy.

Worst job you've ever done? Tidying my room.

Favourite flower or tree? Lillies.

Favourite item of clothing? Tunic dresses.

Favourite TV programme? Chuckle Vision.

What would be your ideal holiday? Somewhere nice and warm - Majorca!

Favourite book? The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.

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

Favourite hymn or church song? What a Mighty, Mighty Saviour!

First car (and did it have a name)? Never driven.

What was your best holiday? In Cornwall, with two best friends.

Which living person do you most admire? My boyfriend, Jack.

Favourite Church building? St Stephen's, of course.

Are you a cat person or a dog person? Both.

Where would you most like to be right now? At church.

Favourite family memory? Seeing foster mum and dad on my birthday.

What four people (dead or alive) would you invite to a dinner party? Mike, Sian, Rachel & Chris.

First Job? Carer for my nan.

Earliest memory? Being a bridesmaid at my aunty's wedding.

Best job you've ever had? Helping dad clean windows.

What do you owe your parents? My life.

If you could be any animal, what would it be and why? Elkbound, because they are cute.

What would your superpower be? Mind reader.

Most treasured possession? My kindle fire tablet.

When were you happiest? My 18th birthday party.

If you could choose your own first name, what would it be and why? Reneima - a mix of two names!

Favourite building? Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament.
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Lectionary

5 November (4th Sunday before Advent)

Micah 3:5-12 Psalm 43
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 24:1-14

5 November (All Saints' / All Souls')

Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10
1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12

12 November (Remembrance Sunday)

Amos 5:18-24 Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13-end Matthew 25:1-13

19 November (2nd Sunday before Advent)

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-end Psalm 90:1-8
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30

26 November (Christ the King)

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 95:1-7
Ephesians 1:15-end Matthew 25:31-end

3 December (1st Sunday of Advent)

Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-8
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-end

Quiz Night - Thu 16 Nov - 7.15 pm

If you fancy testing your general knowledge or just having a fun evening out, head up to St Stephen's on Thursday 16 November for a Quiz Night. Starting 7.15 pm; £2.50 per team member to include snacks, licensed bar available plus raffle. Raising funds to fix the leaking vestry roof.

Littledean Church of England Primary School



Forest Schools

The children in Holly Leaves have been taking part in their weekly forest school sessions.

Last week the children from our Pre-

School joined with them and they worked together to thread leaves onto sticks, to help them to develop their fine motor skills – it was great fun!



Christmas Craft Fayre - Sat 4 November

Wonderful range of artisans selling a fabulous variety of homemade items.

Fabulous way to kickstart your Christmas shopping! Plus Paint Your Own craft activities to join in with, light lunches plus delicious bacon butties, teas/coffees, cakes, raffle and more!

Come along and support local artisans plus Fairtrade producers from around the world!

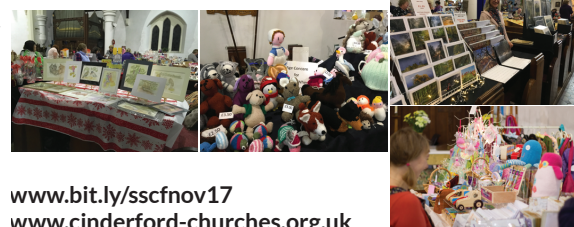
Free entry and a very warm welcome to all.



Christmas Craft Fayre
Saturday 4 November
10 am - 2 pm
St Stephen's Church,
Belle Vue Rd, Cinderford

Bacon butties and light lunches, Fairtrade teas & coffees, cakes, raffle, craft activities, wide range of stalls

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Fairtrade Focus

Prokritee is a fair trade, not-for-profit company in Bangladesh that manufactures and exports handicrafts. Prokritee support over 1,500 artisans in rural areas, split into 8 different projects.

Prokritee believe in the dignity of

every individual; this includes listening to them, taking their views seriously, speaking to them as a respected equal, and expecting them to participate in program planning, implementation and evaluation. Prokritee promotes participation, cooperation and teamwork.

The various arms of Prokritee produce a huge variety of products including chairs and stools, baskets, garlands, decorations, wrapping paper, gift bags. These products are made from a huge variety of materials, most of which are recycled or renewable resources, such as recycled sari, waste jute, silk, handmade paper, natural fibres and leaves. One of the materials used is water hyacinth, which is an invasive plant that can block watercourses. All the dying is done with environmentally friendly, AZO free paint.

Prokritee supply various products to Traidcraft, including laundry baskets and beautiful stools (available to order) and silk gift bags, recycled sari twine, gift and garden twine and a lovely magazine basket (currently available on the stall at St Stephen's). See Rachel, or a catalogue, for more information.

The silk paper is made from recycled silk and the twine is made by an arm of Prokritee called Sacred Mark Enterprises, who provide alternative employment to women rescued from the sex industry. These are real stories of hope and a positive future. Many of the baskets come from the Hajiganj Handicrafts arm of Prokritee, many of these artisans were affected by the flooding earlier this year. Money that is earned is often spent on paying for education of children.

Prokritee have been a member of the World Fair Trade Organisation (WFTO) since autumn of 2015, which means buyers can easily recognise the values and standards that are in place not only for the artisans, but all the people along the supply chain. The WFTO have 10 principles of Fair Trade which all member organisations must meet, so if you see the WFTO logo (or indeed the Fairtrade Mark - waving man) then you know these principles have been adhered to. Many handicraft producers will be members of the WFTO and not carry the Fairtrade Mark as there are no certification processes for many handicrafts at the moment.

How Prokritee meet the 10 principles of Fair Trade:

1. They create opportunities for economically disadvantaged producers. Prokritee's mission is to develop the social and economic capacity of poor, rural, disadvantaged women in Bangladesh by creating productive employment opportunities and sustainable linkages to world markets; they keep a record of every individual artisan they work with and the products they supply.

2. They are transparent and accountable.

Prokritee is transparent in its management and commercial relations and accountable to all its stakeholders. They involve employees and producers in decision-making processes and the Executive Director regularly has meetings directly with the artisans to connect to their concerns and questions.



3. They practice fair trade. Prokritee operates its business with concern for the social, economic and environmental well-being of its producers and also meets commitments with all their trading partners in a timely manner. The organization maintains long term relationships based on solidarity, trust and mutual respect. It works cooperatively with other Fair Trade Organizations in the country and avoids unfair competition and duplicating the designs or patterns of other organizations.

4. They pay fair wages. Prokritee sets its product prices after discussions with all concerned, ensuring fair pay to the producers. Prokritee wages take into account the principle of equal pay for equal work by women and men. They are also concerned about the retirement and health care benefits of the producers and staff.

5. They ensure no child or forced labour. Prokritee adheres to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and does not allow child labour. It ensures that there is no forced labour in its workforce or home-workers. The organization directly gets involved in producing Fair Trade products by its own producers, so there is no scope for forced labour to be used in production.

6. They do not discriminate. Prokritee does not discriminate in hiring, remuneration, access to training, promotion, termination or retirement based on race, caste, national origin, religion, disability, gender, sexual orientation, union membership, political affiliation, HIV/Aids status or age. The organization provides opportunities for women and men to develop their skills and actively promotes applications from women for job vacancies and for leadership positions in the organization. The organization takes into account the special health and safety needs of pregnant women and breast-feeding mothers. Women fully participate in decisions concerning the use of benefits accruing from the production process.

7. They ensure good working conditions. Prokritee provides a safe and healthy working environment for the producers and staff. Prokritee is aware of the health and safety conditions of the producers working at its workshops. It works to raise awareness of health and safety issues and improve health and safety practices in producer groups. Recently, they installed two effluent treatment plants in two paper production workshops and obtained environmental certification from the Department of Environment of Bangladesh.

8. They provide capacity training. Prokritee experts provide training on product quality control and maintenance systems, quality assurance, new designs and developments along with how to deal with challenges in production.

9. They promote fair trade. Prokritee regularly organises a craft fair for all fair trade organizations in the locality to promote Fair Trade in Bangladesh. This allows small and medium enterprises to promote their products as well as get in contact with similar organizations and fair trade consumers. They also actively participate in celebrating International Women's Day and World Fair Trade Day.

10. They respect the environment. Prokritee artisans produce handmade paper from water-hyacinths which causes waterways to be blocked and mosquitoes to multiply; this handmade paper is then made into Christmas decorations and gift items. Also, most of materials that Prokritee artisans use are indigenous, recycled, bio-degradable and natural. Artisans use only natural and AZO free dyes when they produce colourful items.



Seen walking around the Benefice, but where?

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



Clock on the Co-op ("County Stores"), Cinderford



St Andrew's, Churcham.

In the graveyard is the grave of Alfred Henry Hook VC which was won at Rorkes Drift Natal in 1879.

Dates for Your Diaries...

Fri 1, Sat 2, Sun 3 December - **Christmas Tree Festival** at St Stephen's
 Sun 10 December - **Christmas Concert** at St John's
 Tues 12 December - **Wreath Making Workshop** at St Stephen's
 Wed 13 December - **Looking for the Light Service** at St Stephen's
 Fri 15 December - **Christmas Carol Concert** at Hanover Court
 Sat 16 December - **Bellringing Celebration & Service** at St Ethelbert'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).

Wreath Making Workshop

If you'd like to make a festive wreath for your door or a loved one's grave, come along to a workshop on Tuesday 12 December at St Stephen's from 1 pm - 5 pm. You can also make a floral centrepiece for your table, complete with a candle, if you don't fancy a wreath!

£5 to cover cost of materials.

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Mr & Mrs Mark and Karen Turner

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SHINE Ladies' Conference

Once again, all ladies who attended the SHINE Conference had a wonderful time listening to various speakers, joining in with sung worship very ably led by a group of wonderful ladies, listening to the Benefice Choir sing, making Bible / prayer journals, and of course lots of eating delicious food and sharing fellowship! There were also prayer spaces to spend time in with various prayer activities to encourage prayer in a variety of ways.



Talks and prayer spaces this year

focused on the theme of "God is with us in the valleys and on the mountaintops" and we looked at God's presence in our lives in the awesome times and in the really hard times. It was wonderful to have a space



where women really felt that they could be open and share personal stories. Tears were shed, hugs were given and lots of friendships were strengthened.



We are already looking forward to SHINE 2018 next October!

