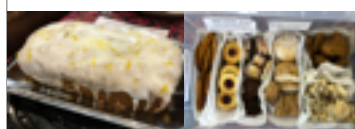
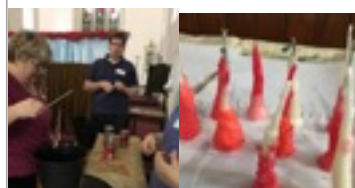




# NEWS & VIEWS

from the Benefice of Cinderford with Littledean

## Inside this Month...



## Who's on the Trike?



## Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends,

My Dad wanted to live until he was 90.

My Granddad lived until he was 93, so I think my Dad thought that he would manage 90. Once he was in his 80s, he talked about this quite a bit. Sadly, he didn't make it. He would have been 90 on 5 October 2018, but he passed away a little over three years ago, on 27 September 2015, a week and a day before his 87 birthday (5 October 2015). My Mum and I talked on the anniversary of his death, his birthday, and his funeral (7 October 2015). We shared memories of those specific days and memories of my Dad generally. They were good conversations recalling good memories.

The day before my Dad's funeral, my daughter Sarah, was in hospital giving birth to my granddaughter Heidi. After my Dad's funeral, and lots of sharing of conversations and memories afterwards, Sian and I headed off to visit Sarah and family and meet Heidi. My Mum gave me a little gift to take and give to my grandson Matty. She said to tell him it was from his Great-granddad. The very last time my Dad had been shopping, he had seen some toy cars and had bought them for Matty, but he had never had chance to give them to him. I took the cars and gave them to Matty, explaining that they were from Great-granddad. It was a powerful and poignant moment. Matty liked them, and was pleased, but he knew his Great-granddad had died and he was confused as to what to do. He did not know who to say 'thank you' to. How do you say 'thank you' to someone who has died?

100 years ago, 10 years before my Dad was born, the 'Great War' was coming to an end. Finally, after four years, three months, and two weeks, a ceasefire began at 11.00 am on 11 November 1918 following the signing of an armistice with Germany. Around sixteen million people (combatants and civilians) had died as a direct result of the war (with tens of millions more dying from genocides and the 1918 influenza pandemic that followed). Millions gave their lives trying to protect others. How should we respond? How do you say 'thank you' to someone who has died?

Sadly, the 'war to end all wars' did not live up to its name. The Second World War lasted from 1939 until 1945, and numerous other conflicts have followed and continue. Tens of millions lost their lives, again with millions sacrificing their lives to save others. Again, we struggle to know how to respond. How do you say 'thank you' to someone who has died?

If you would like to remember, and give thanks for, someone you have loved and lost, please join us at our All Souls service at St John's at 6.00pm on Sunday 4 November.

If you would like to remember, and give thanks for, those who gave their lives for us, please join us at one of our Remembrance services on Sunday 11 November (details inside).

If you would like to talk, or would like someone to pray for you or with you, please get in touch.

God Bless, *Mike*



	St Ethelbert's	St John's	St Stephen's	Hanover Court
<b>Sun 4 Nov</b>	10.30 am SW	9.30 am PE 6.00 pm <b>All Souls</b>	11.00 am HC, JC, WILD 3.00 pm ES	
<b>Sun 11 Nov Remembrance Day</b>	10.30 am <b>AoR at Memorial</b> 10.50 am <b>Remembrance Service</b>	2.30 pm <b>AoR at Soudley Memorial</b> 6.00 pm <b>Remembrance Service</b>	9.30 am <b>Remembrance Service</b> 11.00 am <b>AoR in Triangle</b> 3.00 pm <b>Messy Church</b>	3.00 pm <b>Remembrance Service</b>
<b>Sun 18 Nov</b>	No services around the Benefice - come and join us at <b>THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL at SPEECH HOUSE</b> from 10.00 am - 4.00 pm.			
<b>Sun 25 Nov</b>	11.00 am Ecumenical Covenant Service	9.30 am PE	11.00 am AAW	3.00 pm SW
<b>Sun 2 Dec</b>	10.30 am SW	9.30 am PE	11.00 am <b>Christmas Tree Festival Service</b> 3.00 pm <b>Carol Singing</b>	

AAW = All Age Worship;

**AoR = Act of Remembrance;**

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;

URC = Littledean United Reform Church;

WILD = Youth Group (Y7 - Y13).

## Midweek Service Times

Wed 7 Nov, 10.00 am HC at St Stephen's

7.30 pm Shalom at St Stephen's

Wed 14 Nov, 10.00 am HC at St John's

Wed 21 Nov, 10.00 am CBE at St Stephen's

7.30 pm Shalom at St Stephen's

Wed 28 Nov, 10.00 am CBE at St John's

Wed 5 Dec, 10.00 am HC at St Stephen's

7.30 pm Shalom at St Stephen's

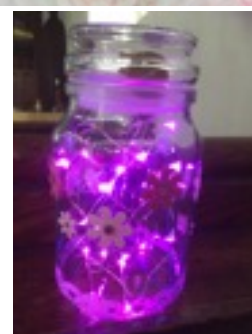
## Art workshop

Sian and Carey hosted the third art workshop at St Stephen's on Saturday 20 October.

10 people attended the workshop and were encouraged to express their faith or explore themes from the Bible through art. Many different mediums were used including

painting, drawing, glass painting, rock decorating and crafting.

If you're interested in taking part in a future art workshop, please speak to Sian or Carey.



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### 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.

## 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).

## From the Registers

### Baptisms

30 September	Charlotte Rose Rampling Mason James Rampling	St Stephen's
21 October	Isabella Lorraine Marsh	St Stephen's

### Funerals

10 October	Brenda Barrett	FoD Crem
11 October	Linda Osborne	St Stephen's
16 October	Ken Harries	FoD Crem

### Weddings

29 September	Steven & Jennifer Rampling	St Stephen's
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## Richard Wynn



We were sorry to hear of the death of Rev. Richard Wynn. He and Sally were a source of strength to many in the parish. A true pastor, Richard was a welcome visitor to the indisposed, a good golfer, someone known for getting up very early in the morning, a great man of prayer. A very gentle person, unless someone attacked the faith! He had been very ill with cancer for the last two years and is now out of pain, in the healing hands of his Lord. We hold Sally, Angie, Chris and Greg in our prayers. - Pat Allen

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## 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.

## Our Partner Churches

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Littledean URC 01452 760271	Cinderford Baptist Church 01594 822618
Our Lady of Victories Roman Catholic Church 01594 833173 <a href="http://www.forestrc.co.uk">www.forestrc.co.uk</a>	Forest of Dean Community Church 07975 994224 <a href="http://www.fodcc.org">www.fodcc.org</a>

## Mothers' Union Report

Two new members were admitted and welcomed to the Cinderford with Littledean Branch on 3 October during the Holy Communion service.

After the service a Forest South Deanery coffee morning followed by a light lunch was enjoyed by those able to stay. Funds were raised for overseas branches, via donations, a bring & buy stall and raffle, totalling £182.67.

Our next meeting is on Tue 6 November at 2.30 pm, when one of the Diocesan Presidents, Helen Barton, will be with us to give a talk.

- Nikola Poole

## SHINE Ladies' Conference

The theme of this year's SHINE conference was 'looking for the gold in people'.

About 30 women came together on the Friday evening and enjoyed a delicious supper, prepared by a team of wonderful women from St John's which then led into the first of many sessions including worship, prayer zones and fellowship.

We met again on Saturday with other ladies joining throughout the day and had a lovely lunch together, courtesy of the lovely St Ethelbert's

team, more fellowship and got creative making "jars of joy"!

It was such a privilege to listen to some of our wonderful women share their hearts about looking for the gold in Him, others and ourselves.

Once again, it was a very powerful and positive time together.

Huge thanks to all those involved and to everyone who came and supported us.

I'm already looking forward to SHINE with you all next year!

- Sian Barnsley



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## Cinderford Churches Heritage Open Day

St Ethelbert's were strangers to this Open Day type of event (save for the Ride & Stride bit on the first day) and so we went and made our Church

accessible for both weekends; one of the aspects of doing so meant that we needed to brush up on the history of our Church and remind ourselves of just how historic and beautiful a building we have, as echoed by many people who had never set foot in it before.

The first Saturday coincided with the Ride & Stride event and the writer took up his usual stance on an exercise bike and commenced proceedings; sadly, after only ten minutes of gruelling pedalling, a strained muscle in the groin (well, that's my story!) meant that I limped off to act as guide – but to my aid came a succession of fit and agile folk in the shape of the Good Doctor, son-in-law Anthony and Andrew from the Salvation Army, to the extent that a sum of £160 was raised towards the cause!

We had a footfall of 22 people through on the day and everyone agreed it was a delight in being able to show them around – Barbara's bric-a-bac and books also came up trumps, as did the sterling efforts of Ann and Mo on the refreshment stand on the first morning!

Sunday produced 14 visitors, including a chap from Chepstow who wanted to take photos of our c1420 font (because that is what he does!) and he was able to enlighten us with a plethora of facts about it. The following Saturday, we had a further 10 visitors and then, on the Sunday 16 came along, especially as Sue and Steve the Bellringers were on hand to show people the ropes – and this went down very well indeed and Steve is hoping for a recruit or two from it.

All in all, it was a cracking couple of weekends and it really lifted the spirits of those helping out. We will certainly make this a fixture for the future. My thanks to those I've mentioned and to Pauline, James and Sharron – a lovely team effort! – Jim Duffin



St Stephen's Heritage Open Day this year delved into the musical history of the church with performances on the organ delighting attendees, a wonderful exhibition on Philip Charles Walding alongside an interactive display of photos to record memories and names on.

Big thanks to Roger Deeks and all at the Forest Musical Landscape Project for providing such wonderful displays and information about Mr Walding. Also to the talented organists who gave their time to allow us to hear such beautiful music, John

Mitchell, Nicola Hyett and Christine Morgan. And to Eileen Witts, Heather Brimble, Sheila Llewellyn and others for providing a range of photos from over the years, inspiring many memories.



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## 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 Richard Wynn, Brenda Barrett, Linda Osborne and Ken Harries
- anyone who is unwell
- others around the Benefice who need prayer
- Steven & Jennifer, married in September
- Charlotte, Mason and Isabella; baptised in September
- Jim and Adalia Fisher, in the Philippines
- Felipe and Sarah Yanez (CMS partners in Spain) and their sons Sam and Aaron
- children, young people, their teachers and leaders
- comfort for those remembering lost loved ones, especially as we approach All Souls and Remembrance Day
- peace for those with loved ones serving in areas of conflict today
- the worldwide Church, especially those worshipping in places of conflict

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## Activity and Event Times

**Film & Games Evening** at St Stephen's  
**Mothers' Union** at St Stephen's  
**Christmas Craft Fayre** at St Stephen's  
**BoB Breakfast** at St Stephen's  
**Messy Church** at St Stephen's  
**Christmas Festival** at SPEECH HOUSE

Wednesday 31 October, 5.30 pm - 9.00 pm  
 Tuesday 6 November, 2.30 pm  
 Saturday 10 November, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm  
 Saturday 10 November, 9.00 am - 10.00 am  
 Sunday 11 November, 3.00 pm - 5.00 pm  
 Saturday 17 November, 10.00 am - 4.00 pm  
 Sunday 18 November, 10.00 am - 4.00 pm  
 Monday 19 November, 6.00 pm - 9.00 pm  
 Saturday 24 November, 11.00 am - 1.30 pm  
 Sunday 25 November, 12.30 pm  
 Friday 30 November, 10.00 am - 7.00 pm  
 Saturday 1 December, 10.00 am - 5.00 pm  
 Sunday 2 December, 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm

**Clothes Swishing Evening** at St Stephen's  
**St Ethelbert's Christmas Fayre**  
**Fellowship Lunch** at St Stephen's  
**Christmas Tree Festival** at St Stephen's

## Regular and 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 **(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 **(every other week: 14 & 28 November)**

- 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)**

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

## Clothes Swish - Take 2!

Got some clothes you don't wear anymore? Fancy a change of wardrobe? Challenged by Stacey Dooley's fast fashion documentary? Come along to our second Clothes Swishing

(or Swap) Evening.

Bring along any clothes you would like to swap and exchange for

tickets between 6 pm and 7.15 pm, the 'swish will open' at 7.30 pm.

Free entry, extra tickets available to purchase if you want to take more clothes home than you bring! Refreshments and raffle available.

All welcome! Last time the majority of clothing was adult sized, but children's clothes accepted.

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## Swishing Evening

Swishing = Clothes Swap

**Monday 19 November**

**St Stephen's Church,  
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Bring clothes for swapping for tickets between 6.00 pm and 7.15 pm

Swish opens at 7.30 pm

Free entry, but tickets to swap for clothes will be available to purchase.

Refreshments & Raffle, plus demonstrations of other upcycling options.





## All Souls' Service - Sun 4 Nov

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.

At St John's Church on Sunday 4 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 all 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.

## Remembrance Day - Sun 11 Nov



Remembrance Sunday this year coincides with Armistice on its 100th Anniversary. This is a truly special occasion to commemorate the end of the first World War and the bravery of those who fought so hard for our country.

Please join us at one, or more, of our services as we remember.

9.30 am - Remembrance Service, St Stephen's

10.30 am - Act of Remembrance, Littledean Memorial

10.50 am - Remembrance Service, St Ethelbert's

11.00 am - Act of Remembrance in Triangle

2.30 pm - Act of Remembrance, Soudley Memorial

3.00 pm - Remembrance Service, Hanover Court

3.00 pm - Messy Church, St Stephen's

6.00 pm - Service Commemorating 100 years since the end of WWI, St John's

## Messy Church

Messy Church in October looked at light and how Jesus told us he was the light of the world and that we should reflect his light in our lives. All ages enjoyed various crafts, with making our own candles being among the most popular.

November's Messy Church is Sunday 11 November 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.

As our November Messy Church takes place on Remembrance Sunday itself, we will be thinking about the 100 year centenary of the end of World War 1 and what peace and remembering mean.

We will also be making some decorations for our Messy Church Christmas Tree for the Christmas Tree Festival starting on Nov 30, make sure you come and vote for it!

## Mike's Question:

Is there anyone else in the New Testament called Jesus?

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

## Mike's Challenge:

Learn Psalm 122.

## Answers to last month's question:

There are three New Testament characters called Joseph: Joseph the carpenter, Joseph of Arimathea, whose tomb Jesus was laid in, and Joseph Barsabbas (or Justus), one of the candidates to replace Judas as the twelfth apostle.

## Lectionary

### 4 Nov (4th Sunday before Advent)

Deut 6:1-9

Psalm 119:1-8

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 12:28-34

### 4 Nov (All Saints' / All Souls)

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 24:1-6

Revelation 21:1-6a

John 11:32-44

Lamentations 3:17-26, 31-33

Psalm 23

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 6:37-40

### 11 Nov (Remembrance Sunday)

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62:5-end

Hebrews 9:24-end

Mark 1:14-20

### 18 Nov (2nd Sunday before Advent)

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm 16

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

### 25 Nov (Sunday before Advent)

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalm 93

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

### 2 Dec (1st Sunday of Advent)

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 25:1-9

1 Thess 3:9-end

Luke 21:25-36



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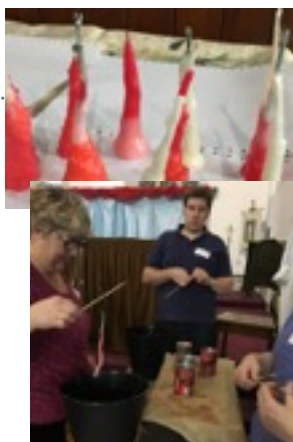
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### **Christmas Craft Fayre - Sat 10 Nov**

Saturday 10 November sees St Stephen's Church host the Christmas Craft Fayre from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm. It's a great opportunity to kick start your Christmas shopping and support local independent businesses. There will be a wonderful range of artisans selling a fabulous variety of hand-crafted items. From paintings to handstitched items to wax melts to photos of the gorgeous Forest we live in and everything in between.

In between browsing the wonderful stalls, there will be the opportunity to relax with a Fairtrade hot drink and a slice of homemade cake. Or why not grab a bacon roll or some lunch cooked by Chris and Andy in the kitchen?

Come along and support local artisans plus Fairtrade producers from around the world! Free entry and a very warm welcome to all.

### **Christmas Festival at Speech House - Sat 17 & Sun 18 Nov**

Bishop Rachel is coming to town! Well, nearly, Speech House. On Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 November, the Speech House field will be full of fun, excitement and Christmas festivities. The event runs from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm both days.

The free event will include a school choir competition and an interactive sports zone on Saturday. Sunday will feature a Mega Messy Church, a professional dance show telling the journey of the Magi and songs of praise. A large Christmas Craft Market will feature over 30 local artisans selling amazing handcrafted Christmas gifts on both days.

Hot food and Fairtrade refreshments will be available throughout the event.

Free parking will be available on the field.

There will be no services at any of our churches on Sunday 18 November but please do come along to Speech House and invite all of your friends. There are fliers available at all three of our churches so please do take them and pass them out.

### **St Ethelbert's Christmas Fayre - Sat 24 Nov**

St Ethelbert's hold their Christmas Fayre on Saturday 24th November, this year, from 11.00 am to 1.30 pm.

Stalls will include cakes & produce, Bric-a-Brac, Books, Raffle, Bottle stall, Fairtrade, Christmas Gifts, Handicrafts and a Soft Toy Stall.

Light Lunches including homemade soup, teas & coffee, cakes and gateaux will be available.



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## Cinderford Churches Christmas Tree Festival

St Stephen's is hosting a Christmas Tree Festival from Friday 30 November to Sunday 2 December. There will be a special service on the Sunday at 11 am taking place amongst the trees and celebrating the

first Sunday of Advent.

Following on from the

success of last year's festival, there will be an absolutely wonderful selection of decorated trees from community groups, schools, businesses and local craftspeople; all meaning this will be a wonderful opportunity to really kick start your Christmas preparations and the season of Advent.. Various groups will be playing music or singing carols during the festival, with some Carol Singing planned at 3.00 pm on Sunday if you fancy joining in yourself. There will be an opportunity to buy some of the ornaments or to 'paint your own' in a craft activity suitable for adults and children. We will be selling delicious refreshments throughout the three days including Fairtrade tea & coffee, homemade cakes and light meals. Plus you can vote for your favourite tree!

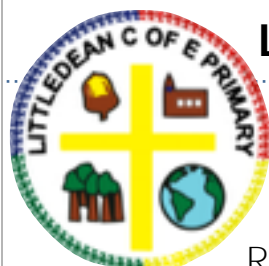
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## Littledean Church of England Primary School

### Sponsored Sports Event

This term we were very excited to welcome Paralympic athletes Katrina Hart and Jack Rutter to our school to host our sponsored sports event. Katrina told us all about how she started her career and some of the different countries she has visited and then Katrina and Jack took us all through some rigorous exercises which we had been sponsored to complete. We enjoyed it so much that at playtime we carried on the sporting theme by organising our own races! We have raised around

£800 of which half will go to the school to buy more

sports equipment, the other half will go back to enable paralympians to go into schools to talk about their amazing experiences.



## Fairtrade Focus: Traidcraft News

Following the news about Traidcraft in last month's "News & Views", a big thank you to all who have supported the stall at St Stephen's. There are plenty of opportunities to support in the coming month with the stall available whenever church is open but also at the Christmas Craft Fayre on Saturday 10 November and the stall will be on the move and joining with other Fairtrade church stalls at the Christmas Festival at Speech House on 17 & 18 November and St Ethelbert's Christmas Fayre on 24 November.



**TRAIDCRAFT** Fighting poverty through trade  
Traidcraft have released a further update to their situation, which contains more hopeful news, thanks to the support they have received from supporters around the country. Thanks for being part of that!

Traidcraft's CEO, Robin Roth, says, "We've received hundreds of messages of support from shareholders, Fair Traders, fair trade shops, staff, suppliers, and producers, and it's all contributed to this latest update.

It's the passion and drive of these communities which has proven to our Board that Traidcraft's mission isn't yet over. There's still work to be done, and we know we're the ones to do it. Our Board is currently investigating a proposal which would mean Traidcraft is downsized, but transformed into a fair trade business of tomorrow – fit for purpose (and success) in the 21st century.



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Traidcraft would maintain its pioneering spirit, and seek to deliver greater transparency and added value to ethical consumers.

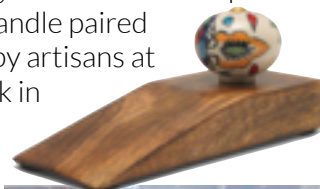
If the proposal is accepted, Traidcraft would continue to operate and change the lives of growers and artisans worldwide.

Downsizing will be an essential part of this journey. While this proposal is being considered, it's been unavoidable that all current staff have been formally served notice of their redundancy. This will also have an effect on our producers. We're proactively working with our sister charity, Traidcraft Exchange, to identify the producers most at risk and provide the support they need. Traidcraft Exchange will be launching an appeal this Christmas to raise funds for this work. We have a lot to do in the coming few months, but we're hopeful that we may now have sight of a bright new beginning for Traidcraft plc. In 1979 we introduced fair trade to the UK, and at the turn of our 40th year we're planning to do it all again, working in new ways to make trade fairer for people and the planet.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We ask you to keep purchasing from us to invest in this bright future."



So far, some of the favourite products from the new range are fleece-lined handwarmers and matching beanies from Nepal and a beautiful door wedge combining wood with a handpainted ceramic handle paired together by artisans at Noah's Ark in India.



## Harvest & BakeOff

Harvest celebrations at St Stephen's encompassed beautiful flowers, donations for the foodbank and a fiercely contested BakeOff with a collection for Christian Aid from those who enjoyed eating the entries.



Congratulations to our winners Kim and Chris and huge thanks to all those who entered! There was an amazing array of very delicious cakes and biscuits, all showcasing the wonderful range of Fairtrade ingredients available and also the variety of local produce.







Bible Christian Chapel  
built in 1857 on Lower  
Ruspidge Road.



St Mary & St Peter,  
Tidenham.  
Mostly 13/14th  
Century and was  
heavily restored in  
1857/58

## Dates for Your Diaries...

Fri 30 Nov, Sat 1 & Sun 2 Dec - **Christmas Tree Festival**  
Sun 9 Dec, 3.00 pm - **St John's Concert**  
Sun 9 Dec, 3.00 pm - 5.00 pm - **Messy Church**  
Tue 11 Dec, 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm - **Wreath Making Workshop** at St Stephen's  
Wed 19 Dec, 7.00 pm - **Looking for the Light Service**  
at St Stephen's  
Fri 21 Dec, 7.00 pm - **Christmas Carol Concert**  
at Hanover Court  
Sun 23 Dec, 4.00 pm - **Christingle** at St Stephen's  
6.00 pm - **Carols by Candlelight** at St Stephen's  
Mon 24 Dec, 4.00 pm - **Christingle** at St John's  
10.00 pm - **Christmas Eve Communion** at St John's  
11.30 pm - **Christmas Eve Communion** at St Stephen's  
Tue 25 Dec, 9.30 am - **Christmas Communion** at St John's  
11.00 am - **All Age Christmas Communion**  
at St Stephen's

## Movie & Games Night - Wed 31 Oct

All ages are welcome to come and enjoy a movie & games night at St Stephen's, Wed 31 Oct from 5.30 pm - 9.00 pm. Free entry, bring along a favourite game to introduce to others, or just join in with the ones at church. The movie will be suitable for all ages and rated PG. Refreshments will be available, but more snacks than a meal. Feel free to bring tea along with you and / or snacks to share. If you are worried about walking home after, there are plenty of people who can provide lifts home. Children and young people must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

## Wreath Making

If you would like to make a Christmas wreath for your door or for a loved one's grave, there will be a wreath making workshop at St Stephen's on Tuesday 11 December from 1 pm until 5 pm (it won't take that long to make a wreath, but gives people chance to drop in and out or make several). There will be a cost of £5 per wreath for materials. If you have any particular decorations or ribbons you would like to include, please bring them along. If you don't fancy a wreath, you could make a floral centrepiece for your table, complete with candle! If you know you are coming, please let Rachel know (719438) so there are definitely enough materials.

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## Who's on the Trike?

**Rev Sam Norton**  
Vicar of Parkend  
and Viney Hill



## \*\*\*\*\* 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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## November 2018 Benefice Pilgrimage

The morning of the Benefice Walk was wet, windy and warm. I went to BOB breakfast and then down to St Johns for the short service to start

the walk. In the churchyard, small wild boar piglets were running wild.

A quick photo call and then regrettably I saw the group of 12 walkers heading off for St Ethelbert's in Littledean as at nearly 82 I now no longer feel I can do the complete walk.



I did however join them at St Stephens, and after a lovely lunch, vegetable soup, bread butter and cheese there was a short service and prayers and we set off on a bright and windy afternoon.

Our walk this afternoon took us through the 'Forest' with lovely autumn leaves, down to the lower end of Cinderford, along the long straight path through the Linear Park to the bottom of St Whites



Hill. The hill was a challenge more so for those who had done the whole walk but we were met in St Johns with tea and an array of delicious cakes.



If you have never joined in with the walking before I would recommend it for next year, not only for the exercise but the companionship and fellowship along the way, new people met and friends made. A huge vote of thanks to all those in each church who provided refreshments and to Peter who organises and ensures that the paths are accessible to make the walk possible.

- John Holliday

