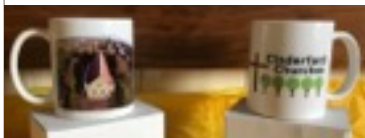




NEWS & VIEWS

from the Benefice of Cinderford with Littledean

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Who's on the Trike?



Vicar's Letter

Dear friends,

I don't know if you've seen the film Dunkirk, released here on 21 July, and still number one at the box office as I write. If you have, I wonder what you thought of it. I went to see it at The Palace. It's a very interesting and powerful film and well worth watching. The film tells three different stories interleaved with each other, but occurring over different time periods. The first follows a typical British soldier, called Tommy, for a week as he attempts to escape from Dunkirk. The second follows Mr Dawson, his teenage son Peter and a friend, George, for a day as they try to rescue soldiers from Dunkirk in the family boat. Finally, the third story follows Farrier for an hour in which he and two fellow spitfire pilots attempt to protect Allied shipping and forces from enemy attack. The film looks, feels, and sounds like a documentary and conveys the horror of the situations faced by the different characters.

However, I'm not sure the film really tells the full story of Dunkirk. I'll explain why. Firstly, the characters in the film are not real characters. They are fictional, or composites, or 'based on' real characters. It seems to me that there were enough real characters involved that telling some of their stories would have been more powerful. Secondly, we don't really 'know' the characters; there are no introductions or back-stories, we don't know their motivations or their fears, and therefore can't fully empathise with their experiences. Thirdly, the story of Dunkirk is, in some ways, not about the individuals involved – although there are no doubt many incredible stories to be told. I think the story of Dunkirk is really about the big picture, it's about the numbers. There were around 400,000 Allied troops surrounded and trapped on Dunkirk beach. The evacuation, over 9 days, brought almost 340,000 home. Around 900 boats and ships were involved, around 700 of which were private British boats from as far away as the Isle of Man and as small as 15 feet in length. (Douglas Bader, the famous spitfire pilot, said that the sea from Dunkirk to Dover 'was solid with shipping. One felt one could walk across without getting one's feet wet, or that's what it looked like from the air'.) In the film, we saw thousands on the beach, hundreds rescued, and dozens of boats, but didn't really see the enormity of the situation or the scale of the rescue.

But my major disappointment in the film is that it didn't talk about prayer. You wouldn't necessarily expect prayer to be a major topic in a Hollywood blockbuster, but prayer was certainly felt to have played a major part at the time. On 23 May, in light of the situation in Dunkirk, King George VI requested that the following Sunday, 26 May, should be observed as a National Day of Prayer. Literally millions responded, queueing to get into church to pray. (See the photo of people queueing for a ¼ mile to get into Westminster Abbey.) As the evacuation began, terrible storms around Dunkirk kept many of the Luftwaffe planes on the ground whilst incredibly calms seas, not common in the area, were experienced across the Channel enabling safe travel for the hundreds of small craft. On 4 June, after the completion of the exercise, Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, not a noted Christian, spoke of 'a miracle of deliverance' in his 'we shall fight on the beaches' speech and reflected in years to come on a 'Guiding Hand'. Sunday 9 June was designated as a National Day of Thanksgiving as people recognised and gave thanks for God's role in the evacuation.

In what ways might our country and our world be different today if we had a few National Days of Prayer? In what ways might our country and our world be different today if we prayed in our millions and expected God to act?

God Bless,

Mike



Sunday Service Times

	Bilson*	St Ethelbert's	St John's	St Stephen's
Sun 3 Sep		10.30 am AAW	9.30 am Harvest PE 6.00 pm Harvest	11.00 am HC, JC, WILD
Sun 10 Sep	3.00 pm HC	10.30 am HC	9.30 am CBE	11.00 am MW, JC, WILD
Sun 17 Sep		10.30 am MP	9.30 am PE	11.00 am Baptism 3.00 pm HC
Sun 24 Sep	3.00 pm Harvest	10.30 am JS Harvest 5.00 pm Harvest Songs of Praise @ URC	9.30 am PE	11.00 am AAW Harvest
Sun 1 Oct		10.30 am AAW	9.30 am PE	11.00 am HC, JC, WILD 3.00 pm ES

*** 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 6 Sep, 10.00 am CBE at St Stephen's

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

7.30 pm Shalom at St Stephen's

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

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

7.30 pm Shalom at St Stephen's

Wed 4 Oct, 10.00 am HC at St Stephen's

Shalom

Shalom restarts after a summer break on Wednesday 13 September, 7.30 pm at St Stephen's. All welcome.

Home Groups

Home groups are restarting again with the new school term, if you'd be interested in joining a group; please contact Mike (822286).

Coach Trip

Places are still available on the coach trip on Thursday 21 September. Please let Lynne Chaundy know your preferred destination. Potential places to visit would be Coughton Court, Dyrham Park or Tyntesfield. All three are National Trust properties about an hour away.

There needs to be 25 people who want to go in order to book a coach. If you would be interested in going, please contact Lynne as soon as possible. (01594 825997).



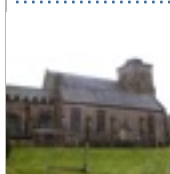
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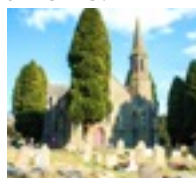
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On the 3rd Sunday of each month a joint
service is held at Littledean URC.

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9.30 am services in the moderate
catholic tradition with a Eucharistic
and sacramental focus.



St Stephen's, Cinderford, GL14 2AA
Different worship styles at 11 am and
3 pm. 11 am services reflect an
evangelical tradition with a worship
band & children's and youth activities;
3.00 pm services are traditional (BCP)
with organ. Various midweek services.



Bilson Mission, Cinderford, GL14 2TQ
Bilson services are currently taking
place at Hanover Court, whilst essential
maintenance work is being assessed.



From the Registers

Baptisms

23 July	Alfie Joe Alan Cox	St John's
6 August	Brodie Jane Hyett	St John's
20 August	Matthew Thomas	St Stephen's
	Jessica Passway	St Stephen's
	Marney Sue Abbie Thomas	St Stephen's
	Lilly-Jane Iris Thomas	St Stephen's

Weddings

29 July	Gavin & Karen Warren	St John's
12 August	Paul & Tina Meadows	St Ethelbert's

Funerals

2 August	Hilary Savin	St John's
9 August	Robert Carpenter	Yew Tree Brake
22 August	Michael Phillips	St Stephen's
23 August	Stephen Pope	FoD Crematorium
31 August	Joy Crowden	FoD Crematorium

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Benefice, but where? Diocese, but where?**

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Mothers' Union Report

Although there was no formal meeting in August,
members were able to join the picnic to celebrate the
founder of M U, Mary Sumner: held this year at Saul
village hall. Over seventy members from across the
Diocese met for a most enjoyable afternoon,
sampling wonderful cakes provided by the local
deanery hosts Stroud and drinking copious quantities
of tea with their own picnic. Some members walked in
the village and visited the church before the
afternoon closed with a short act of worship.

Members are reminded of the Wave of Prayer on
Mon 4th September from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm – each
to choose half an hour within that time to pray at
home.

The next meeting will be the following day, Tuesday 5
September, at St Stephen's Church. - Nikola Poole

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Operation Christmas Child



Continuing with the aim to pack a hundred shoeboxes at a packing party on Wednesday 25 October - more details next month!

In September, we are focussing on sweets and donations to pay for the transport of the boxes.

Sweets need to be dated at least May 2018 and chocolate CANNOT be sent. No other food items are allowed.

Items we are still in need of are at the time of printing: scarves, hats, stationery (notebooks, pens, pencils, pencil cases, chalk, crayons, felt tips, rulers, etc), hairbrushes / combs, hair accessories, jewellery, bags, toys (anything small enough to fit in a shoebox that isn't war related - including but not limited to: balls, cars, skipping ropes, jigsaws, dolls).

If you aren't sure if an item is suitable, please speak to Rachel Witham (719438).

A massive thank you to all who have already donated (or promised) items, it is always so wonderful to see the generosity of our community in preparing gifts for children overseas.

If you have any items for the shoeboxes, please bring along to St Stephen's Church, give to a church member to bring or please contact Elaine Bradley (825401) or Rachel Witham (719438).

Harvest around the Benefice

Harvest festivities around the Benefice kick off at St John's on Sunday 3 September, with a Harvest Eucharist Service at 9.30 am, with a more traditional Harvest Festival and Supper starting at 6.00 pm (also at St John's). All are welcome to join in celebrating, singing and giving thanks for God's good gifts to us all. Afterwards there will be time for fellowship and to chat as we consume a Bring and Share supper, with tea and coffee provided.

Sunday 24 September is a bumper day for Harvest Festivals around the Benefice, with celebrations at St Ethelbert's in the morning at 10.30 am and a Harvest themed Songs of Praise evening followed by an auction and supper from 5.00 pm at Littledean URC church.



St Stephen's All Age Worship at 11.00 am will be Harvest themed and will include a Harvest themed BakeOff (more details on page 10). Entries to the BakeOff will be enjoyed after Fellowship Lunch, which all are very welcome to attend.

The service at Hanover Court at 3.00 pm will be Bilson's Thanksgiving celebration.

At all services around the Benefice a collection of food (from those listed below) will be taken for the Trussel Trust foodbank. In Littledean, these gifts will be used by the Salvation Army or the Trussel Trust, depending on where the greatest need is.

Food bank donations

Donations for the Cinderford Branch of the Trussell Trust food banks and / or the Salvation Army are being collected during all Harvest celebrations around the Benefice (see details above).

Your generosity at this time would be appreciated.

If you can't make it to a Harvest Festival service, or wish to give at any other time, there are drop off boxes at St Stephen's, St John's and St Ethelbert's.

(If you are in need of support at this time, please contact Mike, in confidence, on 01594 822286.)

Current list of items: Milk (UHT or powdered), sugar, fruit juice, soup, pasta / curry sauce, tinned sponge puddings, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, cereals, tinned rice pudding / custard, tea bags, instant coffee, instant mashed potatoes, rice, pasta, tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned fruit, jam, biscuits, packaged cake, snack bars. (Not on official list: toilet rolls, nappies, jars of baby food, ladies' toiletries - including sanitary products, dog and cat food.)

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



Remembering Hilary Enid Savin

It is with much sadness that I write this. Hilary passed away peacefully in her beloved Forest of Dean, knowing that she was loved and cherished.

She had fought hard during the past three years but her body was tired and our Lord took her unto his own.

Both Tony and I would like to thank everyone who came to the funeral; it was a wonderful service of memories, joy and thanksgiving. We have both been overwhelmed by the number of cards and messages of condolence.

Hilary and I have been friends for many many years and Tony and I house shared with Hilary since the year 2001, so her passing has left a large void; but we know she is in a much better place now without pain and finally at rest.

Thank you once again,

Evelyn Smith



Community Prayer Breakfast

The Community Prayer Breakfast, Saturday 23 September from 9.00 am - 10.15 am at St Stephen's Church, is a great opportunity to meet and hear from different people involved in our community and to pray for them and the areas they work. Town and District Councillors will be represented along with our MP Mark Harper, Street Pastors, the Police, Fire service and other local organisations. Come along and show your support for those who serve us daily.

Mug for church funds?

No, I'm not suggesting you rob someone to give to church funds! But buying a mug (or a few) with a photo of one of our churches and our logo on will help raise money.

This is thanks to a very kind offer from Karen Wynn. Each mug costs £5 and church gets £2.50 from each purchase. There are 10 mugs in total. One ground level and one drone photo of each church. Many thanks to Mark Turner for the drone photos.

If you'd like to order mugs, please contact Chris or Rachel Witham (01594) 719438.

Photograph is an example of St Stephen's mug with an aerial drone photo.



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Please pray for:

- Bishop Rachel and Bishop Robert
- those who have recently been bereaved
- anyone who is unwell
- others around the Benefice who need prayer
- those who have recently been baptised, their parents and godparents
- Paul & Tina; married in August
- 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; especially Jim's shoulder as it heals
- 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
- children and young people as they return to school along with all their teachers; especially any students changing schools
- all those around the world facing persecution, homelessness or hunger

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Activity and Event Times

Harvest Supper at St John's (following 6.00 pm service)	Sunday 3 September, 7.00 pm
Mothers' Union at St Stephen's	Tuesday 5 September, 2.00 pm
Ride & Stride and Book Sale at St Ethelbert's	Saturday 9 September, 10.00 am - 1.00 pm
Heritage Open Day - Council Memorabilia Event and Ride & Stride at St Stephen's	Saturday 9 September, 10.00 am - 6.00 pm
Heritage Open Day - Council Memorabilia Event	Sunday 10 September, 12.30 pm - 4.00 pm
BoB Breakfast at St Stephen's	Saturday 16 September, 8.30 am - 9.30 am
Benefice Pilgrimage	Saturday 16 September, 9.30 am start at St Michael's
Ladies' Curry Meal at The Curry Leaf	Tuesday 19 September, 7.00 pm
Community Prayer Breakfast at St Stephen's	Saturday 23 September, 9.00 am - 10.15 am
Fellowship Lunch and BakeOff at St Stephen's	Sunday 24 September, 12.30 pm
Auction and Supper (following service) at Littledean URC	Sunday 24 September, 6.00 pm

Weekly Activities

- Monday: 7.00 pm - 8.45 pm Bellringing**, St Ethelbert's Church (*not on the first Monday of the month*)
 - Group to practice ringing for Sunday services. (Bells rung on a Sunday from 9.45 am - 10.30 am)
- Tuesday: 2.00 pm Craft & A Cuppa**, St Stephen's Church (*meets during term time; not on first Tues 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; restarts Sep 15*)
 - Youth group for boys in secondary school with food, games and activities

Coming up in October...

October is set to be a jam packed month! Don't miss out on events happening and get the dates in your diary now! SHINE Ladies' Conference will take place at St Stephen's starting on the evening of Friday 13 September and then all day on Saturday 14 October. The conference includes talks, sung worship, prayer zones along with lots of time for laughter, food and cakes! There is no need to come for all of the conference, but it would be really helpful to know when you are planning

to be there for catering purposes. You can register online or pick up a form from Sian Barnsley (822286) or Rachel Witham (719438).

At the end of the month, we will be hosting a Light Party - this year it will take place on the Friday (27 October) and will be split into two age groups: up to Yr 6, 4.30 pm - 6.30 pm and then up to Yr 13, 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm. Lots more details next month!

On Tuesday 31 October there will also be a Film & Games Evening at St Stephen's (for all ages). Again, more details coming soon!

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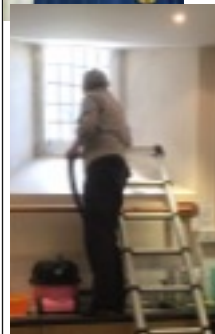




St Stephen's Summer Sort-out



Well Kim (Howard) has certainly inspired a summer hive of activity at St Stephen's and lots of people have commented that it is really looking rather smart. Aiming to get church looking its best before the Cinderford Memorabilia Day on 9/10 September, Kim has led from the front putting hours of hard work into church and inspiring others to lend a hand. It was great to see everyone working together on Sunday 13 August.



Kim and myself met with Bryan from Kiem Paints who was able to advise us on the correct paint system to use to protect churches walls. We're planning to paint the porches and the kitchen in

the near future. Bryan also advised how we could safely wash existing paint. As a result, we've now cleaned the entire south wall and the area around the Lady Chapel and War Memorial is looking much fresher.

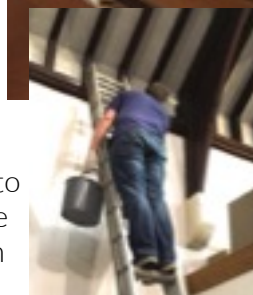
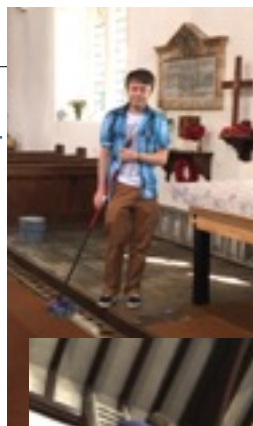


After Catherine from FoD Dementia Action Alliance audited our building, we were advised to change some of the colour schemes in the toilets to make them more dementia friendly. Brian Jones at Partington

Engineering Ltd on the industrial estate kindly offered to powder coat the hand rails from the disabled toilet free of charge. It turned out they had made our hand rails originally! We've also given the disabled toilet a fresh coat of paint and added some artwork, courtesy of Sian at heARTreach.

Arches have been dusted, windows washed, pews polished, carpets cleaned, stuff sorted, weeds weeded and the Fairtrade Stall has made a trip across church. We've made a new home for tables in the north porch and created a lot more usable space in church. A huge thank you to everyone who has helped out and made the church look fantastic.

- Chris Witham



Mike's Question:

Which Old Testament book (other than Psalms) has the most chapters?
Which New Testament books have the most chapters?

How many chapters in total in the Old Testament?

How many chapters in total in the New Testament?

Mike's Challenge:

Read a chapter of the New Testament each day! (It will take you less than 9 months to read through the whole New Testament!)

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

Answers to last month's ?'s:

Who does the Bible record as saying "Here I am" to God (the Father)? Abraham (Gen 22:1), Jacob (Gen 31:11, 46:2), Moses (Ex 3:4), Samuel (1 Sam 3:4), David (Psalm 40:7), Isaiah (Isa 6:8), and Ananias (Acts 9:10) say "Here I am" to God. (You might get slightly different answers using different translations. Jesus, quoting Psalm 40, also says "Here I am" to God the Father (Heb 10:7).)

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Getting to Know You ... with Neil Wentworth

Benefice verger and member of St Stephen's band

Favourite ice-cream? Rum & Raisin.

Favourite actor? Dan Ackroyd.

Favourite colour? Purple.

Favourite film? The Blues Brothers.

Favourite season? Spring.

Favourite food & drink? Curry and a beer.

Worst job you've ever done? Plum picking.

Favourite flower or tree? I once had a yucca in my office at work!

Favourite item of clothing? "Scruffs" work shorts.

Favourite TV programme? Last of the Summer Wine.

What would be your ideal holiday? Walking in the Lake District.

Favourite book? Ancestral Vices by Tom Sharp.

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

Favourite hymn or church song? Various songs by the Newsboys.

First car (and did it have a name)? Austin 1300 Countryman, no name.

If you could have any car, what would it be? My Cobra replica actually on the road!

What was your best holiday? Lake District.

Which living person do you most admire? Karen, my wife, as she has put up with me for 30 years!

Favourite Church building? St Paul's Cathedral.

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

Where would you most like to be right now? On top of Helvellyn in the Lake District.

Favourite place to eat out? Old Keswickian Fish & Chip Shop, Keswick.

Favourite place to go shopping? Bristol, as there are lots of music shops.

Favourite family memory? Jumping up and down with my dad to the Archers theme tune (dad died when I was 5 and a half).

What four people (dead or alive) would you invite to a dinner party?

John Noakes (former Blue Peter presenter), Sir Paul McCartney, Nelson Mandela and Noddy Holder.

First Job? Machine Operator, R A Listers, Cinderford.

Earliest memory? Mr Whippy ice cream van stopping by the cottages, between the George (The Belfry) and the Post Office in Littledean.

Best job you've ever had? Current one, I love the variety and being outdoors.

What do you owe your parents? My eyebrows.

If you could be any animal, what would it be and why? Cat, good mix of sleep and playtime.

What would your superpower be? Super fast guitar fingers.

Most treasured possession? My guitars, Fender Stratocaster in particular.

When were you happiest? When we adopted Ben and Martine.

What keeps you awake at night? Too many thoughts going around in my 'yud'.

Most embarrassing moment? Too many to mention.

If you could choose your own first name, what would it be and why? I'd stick to what I'm used to, Neil.

Favourite building? Battersea Power Station.

Favourite joke? Tim Vine jokes such as: I've got a horse called Treacle, he's got golden stirrups...

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Lectionary

Harvest Readings

Deuteronomy 8:7-18 or 28:1-14 Psalm 65

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Luke 12:16-30 or 17:11-19

3 September (12th Sunday after Trinity)

Jeremiah 15:15-21 Psalm 26:1-8

Romans 12:-9-end Matthew 16:21-end

10 September (13th Sunday after Trinity)

Ezekiel 33:7-11 Psalm 119:33-40

Romans 13:8-end Matthew 18:15-20

17 September (14th Sunday after Trinity)

Genesis 50:15-21 Psalm 103:8-13

Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35

24 September (15th Sunday after Trinity)

Jonah 3:10 - end of 4 Psalm 145:1-8

Philippians 1:21-end Matthew 20:1-16

1 October (16th Sunday after Trinity)

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-end Psalm 25:1-8

Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32

Michael and All Angels

Genesis 28:10-17 Psalm 103:19-end

Revelation 12:7-12 John 1:47-end



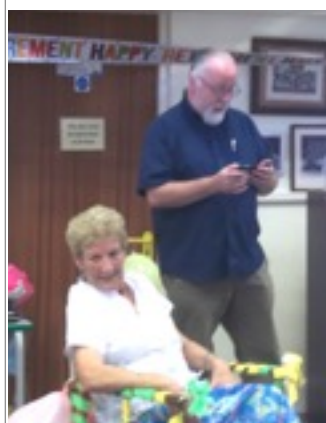
Littledean Church of England Primary School



Goodbyes

As we finish the summer term we say goodbye to our year 6's and wish them every success at their respective secondary schools. We also say goodbye to Miss White, who will be taking up her new position at Newnham St Peters Primary School in September.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Harris, who having worked at the school for 42 years, has made the difficult decision to retire. We held a special picnic for the children to say goodbye to Mrs Harris and we also held a tea party so that friends, past and present, could come and wish her all the best for her retirement.



Cinderford Memorabilia Day - 9/10 Sep

Cinderford Town Council are hosting their Annual Memorabilia event across The Belle Vue Centre and St Stephen's Church on Saturday 9 (10.00 am - 6.00 pm) and Sunday 10 (12.30 pm - 4.00 pm) of September. The event has been very popular over the last two years and has outgrown the Council Chamber. Hosting across the two sites will allow more space for exhibits in both buildings along with access to fixed historical items in both St Annals House and St Stephen's Church.

Come along to see a history of Cinderford including the Cinderford Town Clock, interesting items from our mining heritage and photographs showing how the town has developed over the years. Refreshments and light lunches will be available at St Stephen's Church on both days.

If you or your organisation would like to exhibit, please contact Cllr Mark Turner (mark.turner@cinderfordtowncouncil.gov.uk) or Cllr Chris Witham (chris.witham@cinderfordtowncouncil.gov.uk).

Ride & Stride - Saturday 9 September

Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust's Ride & Stride fundraiser takes place on Saturday 9 September this year. The Ride & Stride is a great opportunity to visit churches around the county as well as raising money for GHCT and our own churches.

St Stephen's will be open from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm. The day will be combined with Cinderford Town Council's annual memorabilia day (see opposite). Light lunches and refreshments will be available. Andy and Chris will be riding around (on bicycles) 'collecting' churches between the Forest and Cheltenham and are happy for others to join them.

St. Ethelbert's Church will be open from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. Refreshments will be available along with book, cakes and bric-a-brac stalls. Members of St Ethelbert's will continue their 25 year tradition of completing the Ride & Stride on an exercise bike in the church.

St John's will unfortunately not be open, but the usual notice will be available to record visitors. A team from St John's are intending to try and visit as many churches as possible in Gloucester City (on foot).

Sponsorship for any of our riders and striders will be most welcome – remember half of monies raised locally will come back to church funds. Please speak to Chris Witham (719438) or Peter Poole (01594 822967) for more info about sponsoring or joining in!



Fairtrade Focus

Banana Coconut Surprise Loaf Cake

Ingredients

100 g butter
125 g golden caster sugar (or light brown sugar)*
200 g self-raising flour
2 large eggs
3 large ripe bananas (mashed)#
50g sultanas / raisins*
50g dried mango*
50g dried pineapple*
75g desiccated coconut*

All of the dried fruit can be substituted for whatever your preference is - cranberries / apricots / dates, hence the 'surprise'!

All starred () ingredients are Traidcraft products available at the Fairtrade stall at St Stephen's (or can be ordered); ingredients marked with a hashtag (#) are available as Fairtrade but not from church - speak to Rachel for advice on where to purchase if needed - 719438.*

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 170°C / Gas Mark 3.
2. Line a 1kg loaf tin with baking parchment or grease and flour.
3. In a large mixing bowl, cream the butter and sugar together until light and fluffy.
4. Add a small amount of the (sieved) flour to stop the mixture curdling when adding the eggs.
5. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well between adding.



6. Add the bananas, dried fruit and the coconut, mixing in thoroughly.
7. Fold in the remaining flour.
8. Pour the cake mix into the prepared loaf tin and bake for an hour or until the top is golden and a skewer inserted into the centre of the cake comes out clean.
9. Leave the cake to cool in the tin for 10 minutes, before turning out onto a rack to cool completely.
10. Optional extra - drizzle with a simple coconut icing, made with icing sugar, water and more coconut!

Harvest BakeOff - Sunday 24 September

The Harvest BakeOff will take place as part of the Harvest Festival celebrations at St Stephen's All Age Worship at 11.00 am.

The 'rules' for the Harvest BakeOff are simple, try and include as many Fairtrade or locally produced ingredients in as possible! Things grown in Cinderford are extra special!

Your entry could be anything from an apple pie to plum chutney and homemade crackers.

Entries will be judged on the number of Fairtrade or locally produced ingredients along with overall appearance and taste!

As always, there will be prizes in children's and adult categories. Ready, steady ... bake!!!

Entries will be consumed as pudding after Fellowship Lunch on the same Sunday (lunch starts at 12.30 pm for anyone who wants to join in eating!) and donations will be sent to Traidcraft Exchange.

Update from: Jim and Adalia Fisher

Jim and Adalia (or Dal) of God Ministry have written to us from the Philippines.

Jim recently fell off a chair on to a marble floor at a Christian Fellowship gathering and has badly hurt his shoulder and ribs. His clavicle and ligaments had totally broken away from the upper arm and he was left with the collar bone protruding from the shoulder. With prayer, hospital treatment and physiotherapy he has managed to regain 95% of his arm movement.

Due to the accident, Jim's planned walk of 515Kms with a 12' tall wooden cross from Pagupud to Angeles City has been postponed until he is back to full health.

Dal has been trained to deliver Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes and has been able to collect and distribute 100 boxes to the children involved in the God Ministry project.

Since moving to the Philippines in 2012, Jim has missed the Anglican church, especially the communion service in the

Book of Common Prayer. This year Jim and Dal have been able to get involved with the Anglican Church Philippines (Traditional). ACPT is now established in Angeles City and the Revd. Bill Myers (American) gives Holy Communion weekly. After prayerful consideration Jim has accepted an invitation to train to take his 'Holy Orders'. Revd. Bill has become Jim's mentor and he is now waiting to start the Archbishop's training programme. The work of God Ministry will continue alongside Jim's training.

The old mission house has been sold and a new one setup in San Isidro, Magalang just a few Kms away. Jim and Dal also have a new mode of transport in the form of an electric two seater bike. Each full charge allows them to travel 40Km with a top speed of 30Km/h. This has allowed them to undertake their ministry without having to wait around for sometimes unreliable public transport. It's also environmentally friendly!

They finish by thanking everyone who has supported God Ministry in the Philippines.



Seen walking around the Benefice, but where?

(Old) Police Station, Station Road



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

St Paul's Church, Parkend



Dates for Your Diaries...

Fri 13 and Sat 14 October - **SHINE Ladies' Conference** at St Stephen's

Sun 15 October - **Wave of Light for Baby and Infant Loss** at St Stephen's

Fri 27 October - **Light Party** at St Stephen's

(up to Yr 6, 4.30 pm - 6.30 pm; up to Yr 13, 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm)

Tue 31 October - **Film & Games Evening** at St Stephen's (for all ages)

Sat 4 November - **Christmas Craft Fayre** at St Stephen's

Ladies' Curry Meal

On Tuesday 19 September, all ladies are welcome to join the ladies' night out at The Curry Leaf (Cinderford). The meal starts at 7.00 pm and costs £12 each.

Please contact Rachel (719438) or Sian (822286) for a menu and return with a £5 deposit by Sunday 17 September.

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If you have anything for the next magazine (articles, photographs) or would like to enquire about placing an advert please contact magazine@cinderford-churches.org.uk by Friday 15 September.

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Never been on a pilgrimage? Come and join our annual Benefice Pilgrimage linking our 5 churches/communities by a walk which gives a chance to enjoy God's creation and get some exercise while getting to know each other better.

We shall start at St Michael's in Soudley with a time of reflection and prayer before continuing to walk to our next stop in St Ethelbert's, Littledean where the pattern repeats itself. There and from there on are drinks and toilet facilities at each church (except currently Bilson Mission), with a light lunch available at St Stephen's. After an outside stop at Bilson Mission we progress to St John's where we end our day with tea and cake.

Much of the time we are off road on paths and tracks which undulate through the settlements, woods and fields. We cover about 9 miles in total with a couple of steepish climbs and about 10 stiles to cross. Unfortunately the terrain is not pushchair friendly. If we are blessed with our usual fine clear weather, there are great views and scenery to be enjoyed – and you may walk places you have not visited before. There can be mud and some paths are uneven so stout walking shoes or boots are recommended. Also consider carrying waterproofs and some drinking water in case of need. The last two sections of the walk are less strenuous than the first two.

A group of stalwarts plan to walk the whole way: anyone with a reasonable level of fitness should not feel out of place.

However, just join us for one or more sections if you feel able. And if walking is not your thing then, please do come to one of the churches for fellowship and prayer time.

Please note the arrival/departure times for each church; to try to finish in good light we aim to keep to the schedule below as closely as possible. Whatever you decide we hope to see some of you on the day.

Arrive	St Michael's, Soudley	09.30 am	Depart	10.00 am
	St Ethelbert's, L'dean	11.30 am	T	12 noon
	St Stephen's	1.15 pm	T	2.15 pm
	Bilson Mission	3.15 pm		3.45 pm
	St John's	5.00 pm	T	

T = toilet facilities available

Any further information or concerns contact Peter Poole (822967) or Mike Barnsley (822286).

Leaflets with all details will be available in each parish church.

