



How will *you* use St George's Church Centre Court Road, GL3 4ET?

Imagine hiring the Centre and holding
your event at this popular
venue in the heart of our community

The **Main Hall** accommodates
up to 100 guests. It's great for children's
parties, family gatherings and
community events.

***Hire it for just £15.00 per hour
(or £50.00 for four hours).***

The **Lounge** is perfect for up to 25 guests.
***Hire it for just £10.00 per hour
(or £35.00 for four hours).***

In both cases, use of the
kitchen and toilets is included.

Got an event in mind?
Call Karen at the Church Office

01452 550 554

St. George's Church Brockworth

Parish Magazine

April 2019

To Journey in Faith and Share God's Love

How to contact *your* St George's team

Church Office: Church Administrator, St George's Church Centre,
Court Road, Brockworth, Gloucester, GL3 4ET
Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9.30am - 11.30am
Phone: 01452 550 554
Email: churchoffice@st-george-brockworth.org.uk

Parish Website: www.st-george-brockworth.org.uk
Facebook: Search for "St George's Church Brockworth" and 'like' our page

Vicar: Reverend Jane Walden – 01452 862114,
Email: revd.jane@st-george-brockworth.org.uk



Licensed Readers :
Mr Gordon Clifford – 01452 862475; email: gordon.clifford@sky.com
Mrs Louisa Messenger – 01452 862058 email: louisamessenger@hotmail.co.uk

Churchwardens:
Mrs Lizbeth Harbottle, 31 Green Street, Brockworth
Tel: 01452 863732, e-mail: eaharbottl@aol.com
Mr. Richard Ashenden, Hilldown, 62 Court Road, Brockworth.
Tel: 01452 862515

Hon. Treasurer: Mr Derek Harbottle 01452 863732
Hon. Secretary: Mrs Lianne Eve
Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Rita Fix 01452 550554

The article deadline for the May issue is 15/04/19.
Please email stgeorgesbrockworthmag@gmail.com
If unable to email, please deliver hard copy to the Church Office.

Editorial Disclaimer & church policies :

Any ecclesiastical or political views contained in this magazine are not necessarily those of the PCC or the Editor. This church promotes good practice in work with children and young people. It has a current and active Child Protection Policy that's available to view at St George's Church & St George's Church Centre. St. George's, Brockworth is a Fair Trade Parish and supports the Parish Giving Scheme.

THIS MONTH'S COVER: St. George's flag flying above the tower



**STEVE PLANT
& SONS**

FOR ALL YOUR HOUSEHOLD AND GARDEN MAINTENANCE

 : 07833 402016

LAWNMOWERS

SERVICED—SHARPENED—REPAIRED

ALSO:- RIDE-ON LAWN MOWERS, CHAINSAWS,
ROTAVATORS, STRIMMERS, HEDGETRIMMERS ETC

FREE COLLECTION AND DELIVERY

TEL: CHELTENHAM MOWER LIMITED
01452 616 169

Unit B3, Nexus, Hurricane Road,
Gloucester Business Park, Glos GL3 4AG
Visit and buy on-line at
www.mowers-online.com

Parish Notes for April 2019

Our Lent lunch and Lent group continues to take place until Holy Week, which is the 15th to 21st April.

Please remember that on Palm Sunday, our main service begins at 9.45am at the church centre, from where we will walk to church.

During Holy Week there will be services each evening at 7pm.

On Good Friday, we will as usual be joining with other Christians in Brockworth for a Walk of Witness. This begins at 10am at St Patrick's and ends at St George's.

On Holy Saturday, 20th April in place of the evening service, there is to be the opportunity to gather at The Church Centre, to listen to a recording of The Messiah. Please speak to Revd David Sutch for further information regarding this.

You will find elsewhere in this magazine, info. about St George's tide celebrations to take place on Easter Monday.

Our Annual Parish Church Meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd April at 7pm in the Church Centre. Please do attend if you are able and learn all about what St George's is doing, has done and hopes to do in future. At this meeting our PCC and Officers are elected.

Please note that as of 8th April, all enquiries and calls should be directed to the church office and not the vicarage.

One final notice is to note in your diaries that St George's Spring Fair will happen on 1st June.



A letter from Jane...

Yes, this is the last magazine letter I will write for this magazine, and perhaps the hardest as well.

So many people have been asking; 'are you excited', and 'I expect you're winding down now, aren't you'. Well the answer to the latter is most definitely no; I don't think winding down is an option before my last Sunday. So much to do, so many folk to see, still so much paperwork!

As for the first question, am I excited; that is more difficult to answer. What I feel is a mixture of excitement, apprehension and loss.

It would be impossible to leave my role of seven years as vicar here, without feeling a sense of loss.

There are so many reasons why I will miss this place, and most of

them involve people, regular worshippers and otherwise. People with whom I have shared the ups and downs of ministry, of my faith journey and of family life, people with whom I have laughed and cried, and people who, in the same way, have shared with me, welcoming me into their homes and lives, sometimes at the most difficult of times: what a privilege!

As you read this letter, our Lenten journey will be taking us ever nearer to the remembrance of the death of Jesus and the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus at Eastertide, a time when new beginnings and new life are central; and so it seems fitting that endings and beginnings and hope are central to where we are as a parish right now.

For me, these are very personal, for all of you, they are communal. There is always sadness at endings, but often, if not immediately, joy at new beginnings and new opportunities. As Christians, sadness and joy is always to be seen through the lens of hope, the hope which the death and resurrection of our Lord gives to us.

This is a good time to offer our lives, individually and corporately, to him afresh and to listen for his amazing plans for us all.

There is a Celtic blessing of which

I am very fond and which I pray
for all of you, it goes like this;

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your
back,
May the sun shine warm upon
your face,
The rain fall soft upon your
fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm
of his hand.

Why am I so fond of this? Well
because one can almost feel the
presence of God in this blessing,
and that's what I wish for each
of you, God's presence day by
day giving you all those things
you most need.

The last line is reminiscent of
those verses from Psalm 139
that describe the intimacy with
which God knows us, and the
hand of God that holds us. It
suggests how uniquely precious
each and every one of us is to
God.

When my precious grandson
was born, a friend gave me a
small stone carving of a baby in
the palm of a hand and now, not
only does it remind me every
time I look at it, how precious
Alfie is to me, as if I needed
reminding, but with this blessing

in mind it reminds me how
precious each one of us is to
God.

If I continue to write, then I fear
I will begin to ramble because
there are no words to describe
how I feel about arriving here,
being here, and leaving here,
other than an enormous and
most heartfelt **Thank You** to
God and to all of you.

I pray that each one of you will
receive this blessing with the
love with which it is offered,
and that indeed, from now into
eternity, God will hold each one
of us in the palm of his hand.

Much love to you all,

Jane



From the Registers— February 2019

Baptisms

Sunday 10th February Charles Mills

May God, who has received you by baptism into His Church, pour
upon you the riches of His grace, that within the company of
Christ's pilgrim people you may be daily renewed by His anointing
Spirit and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

Marriages

No marriages during January

Funerals

Friday 8th February	Rosemary Quarry
Friday 15th February	Bernard Braithwaite
Friday 22nd February	Terence Bevan

"I am the resurrection and the life" says the Lord. "Those who
believe in me, even though they die, will live and everyone who
lives and believes in me will never die" Amen

**Please also remember all who are sick or bereaved and who
need our prayers**

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health; comfort and restore those
who are sick and bereaved, that they may be strengthened in their
weakness and have confidence in your unfailing love; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen

Fit For Spring – four tips to get fit for Spring

Spring is coming. If you feel you simply HAVE to do something about your body shape, here are some ideas. They will improve your fitness, energy levels and quality of life.

Aim to exercise two to five times a week, for at least 20 minutes up to an hour. Some days you will have more strength; push harder. Other days you will feel more subdued; go easier.

Do a mixture of exercises. Include cardiovascular (running, walking), resistance training (using weights or just your body) and stretching.

Warm up before each session, and cool down afterwards.

You'll *never* be fit on junk food. Eat little amounts of nutritious foods at short intervals, and you'll become stronger and fitter more quickly.

Surround yourself with like-minded people. You will encourage each other, whereas a couch potato may feel threatened at all your activity and try to slow you down.

HAIRCUT

A minister, known for his lengthy sermons, noticed a man leave during the middle of his message. The man returned as the service concluded. Afterwards, the minister asked the man where he had gone. "I went to get a haircut" was the reply.

"But", protested the minister, "why didn't you do that before the service?"

"Because," said the man, "I didn't need one then."

100 Club March 2019 WINNERS

1st — Derek Harbottle (83)

2nd — Jill Reynolds (26)

3rd — Jenny Farmer (76)

NO TIME TO SPARE

No time to spare,
It is cleaning day today.
No time to spare,
Going shopping today.
No time to spare,
Going out today.
No time to spare.
So come on, let's have spare time.
Spare time to chat.
Spare time to say hello.
Spare time to care.
Yes – I have time to spare.



CHILDEN'S SOCIETY

I would like to say a very big thank you to all our box holders who, this year, have raised the grand total of £847.58. We were also able to send a further £123.47 from Carols by Candlelight, carol singing and a donation making a final total of £971.05 to this very good cause. Also we have recently received a letter from the society thanking us for our support over the years and pointing out that we as a church here at St. George's have raised the grand total of £25,951.70 towards their work.

Once again thank you.

Judy Baldwin

Titanic

Most of you will have been aware of the recent tragedy involving Emilio Sala, the Argentine football player who lost his life whilst flying from Nantes to Cardiff. His aircraft crashed into the sea near Guernsey in the Channel Islands.

The wreck was found by a team led by renowned shipwreck hunter David L Mearns. David has been responsible for finding, among many others, famous ships such as *H.M.S. Hood*, the *Bismarck*, *H.M.A.S. Sydney* and the merchant ship *M.S. Derbyshire*, the world's largest bulk carrier at the time of its loss. On each of the wrecks, with the co-operation of relatives, David has placed memorial plaques in memory of all those who died. Naval shipwrecks are designated war graves. Other than taking

identifications of the ships, nothing else is removed.

His search for the *U.S.S. Indianapolis*, which was torpedoed in the Pacific by a Japanese submarine, is hampered because both vessels were maintaining radio silence. The *Indianapolis* was returning from a secret mission delivering the atom bombs that were used against Japan. It is thought the Japanese submarine actually sank the *Indianapolis* after Japan had surrendered, but as no radio records are available, it cannot be proved.

David also worked, albeit not directly, with the team that found *Titanic*. This month is the 107th anniversary of the loss of the *Titanic*.

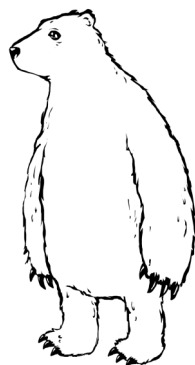
I came across this poem that gives an alternative view of the disaster. I hope you enjoy it.

Keith Stacey

Any News of the Iceberg?

By Les Barker

On a cold rainy night on a Liverpool quayside
In the years before the great war,
The world was in shock at the loss of the Titanic,
So proud had they been days before:
Relatives gathered for news of their loved ones,
To read through the list of the dead,
When into the throng came a sad eyed old polar bear
And to the clerk at the counter he said:



Jesus My Lord

My spirit soars to hear the
name
Of Jesus my Lord;
His spirit sets my soul aflame
O Jesus my Lord!
No evil vexes while I cling
To Jesus my Lord,
So shall my joyful spirit sing
Of Jesus my Lord!

He gave His life that I should
live
O Jesus my Lord!
My sinful soul He will for-
give
Sweet Jesus my Lord!
Of His salvation now I'm
sure
Through Jesus my Lord
I'll sing His praises evermore
Dear Jesus, my Lord

By Nigel Beeton



Reminder

Please remember that after Jane's retirement on 7th April, all calls should be directed to the Church office, 01452 550554 and not to the Vicarage.

Thank you

CHINESE NEW YEAR: CHRISTIANS FEAR INCREASING PERSECUTION

On 5th February, billions of people across China celebrated the Chinese New Year. Lanterns, dumplings and celebrations heralded the year of the pig – a year of wealth and fortune. But, for Christians in China, the New Year will bring great scrutiny and persecution. Last year, 20 million Christians in China experienced persecution. Open Doors estimates it is now 50 million – that's half of all Christians in China. In fact, China has jumped dramatically on the Open Doors World Watch List – the ranking of the top 50 countries where it is most difficult to be a Christian. It moved up 16 places from number 43 to 27, a clear indication that the tide has turned for Chinese believers.

The Chinese government has had Religious Affairs Regulations in place since the 1980s, but the laws were only enforced sporadically with decreasing severity. The Chinese church is known for caring for marginalised groups in society such as orphans, the homeless and underprivileged. In recognition of this, the government has allowed Christians relative freedom the last 15 years. In that time, churches have grown; some even have congregations in the thousands.

But the Communist Party's membership has plateaued at around 89 million, while the church is 97 million strong and growing. The government is worried. It was announced in 2017 that the Religious Affairs Regulations would be looked into, and in February 2018, the Chinese government authorised their changes and immediately began enforcing them.

The larger, more outspoken and influ-

ential a church is, the greater the risk of interference from the authorities. Churches in Henan and Zhejiang provinces (the birthplace of major house church networks) are being targeted and shut down as an example to the rest of the country.

Open Doors has heard reports from inside China that landlords are being pressured by local authorities to terminate rental contracts with churches. Some are being fined crippling amounts for offences such as inadequate fire safety equipment. There are strict guidelines for crosses displayed on churches. Many local authorities had turned a blind eye to these regulations but are now demanding that crosses are made smaller, removed from roofs and painted the same colour as the building so as not to draw attention. Churches have even been raided, their bibles and Christian material confiscated, and pulpits defaced.

In order to stop a new generation of passionate Christians, children's church, youth groups and camps are forbidden. Churches have even been ordered to place signs at their entrance forbidding anyone under 18 from entering.

More information can be found at:

www.opendoorsuk.org

A personal note from the editor – my great grandfather, the Reverend Thomas Elders North, was a missionary in Wuchang in China. He escaped the massacre of foreigners in the Boxer Rebellion and returned home via the Suez Canal, passing troop ships on their way to the Boer war in South Africa. My paternal grandmother and most of her siblings were born in China.

Have you got any news of the iceberg?
My family were on it you see:
Have you got any news of the iceberg?
They mean the whole world to me.

My wife and my children were coming from Greenland
To be by my side in the zoo:
Belinda's my wife, and the eldest's called Bernard
And Billy, well he's only two.
I know on the ship there were hundreds of people
And I know that the iceberg's not yours:
The polar bear's eyes held the start of his teardrops:
He covered his face with his paws.

Have you got any news of the iceberg?
My family were on it you see:
Have you got any news of the iceberg?
They mean the whole world to me.

It's been over a year since I last saw my children.
I left home to build a career:
I've worked very hard, I'm a star in the circus:
It's all been for nothing, I fear.
There's my face on the poster: we're in town this week.
My children were meeting me here:
Everyone watched as he struggled to speak,
As his paw brushed away one more tear.

Have you got any news of the iceberg?
My family were on it you see:
Have you got any news of the iceberg?
They mean the whole world to me.

By now all the people had gathered beside him,
His grief was one they could share:
The people around him, in silence and sadness
Listened to the sad polar bear:
I wanted my children to see me performing,
And Belinda, she would have been proud.
At last, lost for words, and his tears flowing freely,
The question was asked by the crowd:

Have you got any news of the iceberg?
My family were on it you see:
Have you got any news of the iceberg?
They mean the whole world to me.

CHURCH ARCHITECTURE: CHAPTER 6

Dear Readers you may remember one of my earlier essays when I recalled my very early visits to Cathedrals and Churches and being ignorant of the descriptive terms in the Guide books. The Guides usually expect visitors to have some knowledge as they deliver their description. Which of course is not always the case. So to use an example I chose Chester Cathedral which Ann and I visited last year

Here we go, quote: “Chester Cathedral has an east-west axis, common to many cathedrals, with the **chancel** at the eastern end, and the **façade** to the west. The plan is **cruciform** but is asymmetrical, having a small **transept** on the north side” Allow me to pause there and explain these terms: so far:

Chancel is the part of a church near the altar, reserved for the clergy and choir, and typically separated from the nave by steps or a screen.

Façade is the principal front of the Cathedral that faces on to a street.

Cruciform is simply having the shape of a cross.

Transept is either of the two parts forming the arms of the cross shape, projecting at right angles from the nave.

Ambulatory is place for walking, especially an aisle or cloister in a church or cathedral..

So let us now continue with the Guides desertion of Chester Cathedral again quote: ” At the eastern end, the symmetrical arrangement of the **aisles** was lost when the end of the south aisle was demolished and rebuilt in an **apsidal** shape. The **nave, choir and south transept** have wide **aisles** on either side, and are lit”

Aisle is a lower part of the Cathedral parallel to the nave, choir, or transept, from which it is divided by pillars and rows of seats

Apsidal in the form of or resembling an apse which in turn is a large semicircular or polygonal recess in a church, arched or with a domed roof and typically at the church's east end. True polygonal masonry is a technique wherein the visible surfaces of the stones

MAKING SENSE OF LENT

The Reverend Paul Hardingham on how to have a great Lent ... Lent: the six-week period leading up to Easter. In the early Church, it was a time when new converts were instructed in the faith, ready for their baptism at Easter. Over the years, Lent has become a season of penitence, self-examination and fasting. Jesus began His earthly ministry by fasting in the wilderness for 40 days and taught his disciples to fast, “when you fast.....” (Matthew 6:17). Fasting might involve missing one or two meals a day, refraining from TV or alcohol, or whatever gets in the way of us fully focusing on God. What are the reasons for fasting? The act of giving up something is a tangible sacrifice to God, reminding us of our desire to put Him first in our lives. Giving up things I value shows me how dependent I can be on other things rather than God.

Fasting helps me to surrender my “idols” to God.

When fasting I am reminded of a deeper hunger and need for God in my life: “*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled*”.

(Matthew 5:6) I learn to be more dependent on God, while releasing the stuff I depend on in my life.

Lent can also be a time to embrace new spiritual disciplines, eg joining a study group, “random acts of kindness”, giving more time to prayer and bible study. Whatever you are doing, have a great Lent! “*Jesus takes it for granted that his disciples will observe the pious custom of fasting. Strict exercise of self-control is an essential feature of the Christian’s life. Such customs have only one purpose – to make the disciples more ready and cheerful to accomplish those things which God would have done.*” (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

Being a Christian

To be a Christian means always to be young, in a sense far more profound than mere biological youthfulness. In the risen Christ, the Christian is always at the beginning of life



URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS IN ORDER OF SCARCITY

- Long Life Fruit Juice (Not Chilled)
- Tinned Custard
- Instant Mash Potato
- Tinned Ready Meals
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Packet Noodles
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Potatoes
- Deodorant
- Shampoo



Welcome to RUBY, Jackie Fletcher's new rescue dog, who looks quite ready to become a well-loved member of the St. George's family!

are dressed with straight sides or joints, giving the block the appearance of a polygon.

Clerestory is the upper part of the nave, choir, and transepts of a Cathedral or large church, containing a series of windows.

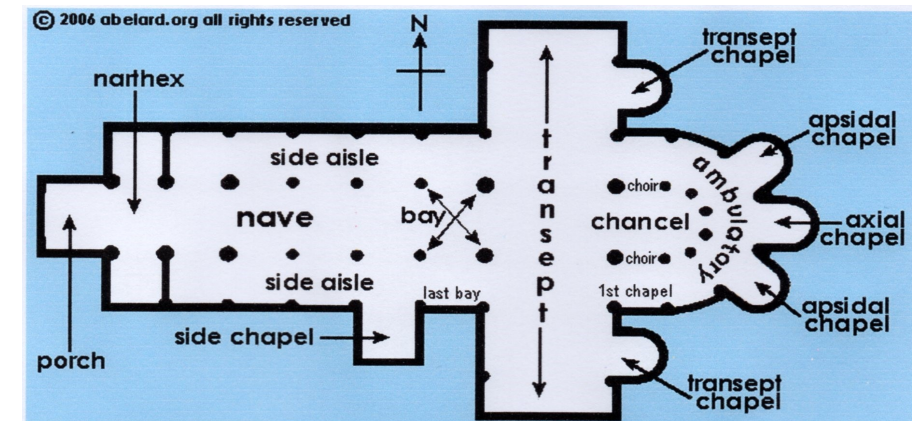
Cloister is a covered walkway in any religious building including a cathedral, typically with a colonnade open to a quadrangle on one side.

Refectory is a room used for communal meals in a religious building.

Chapter House is a building or room in a religious building usually a large Church or Cathedral where senior members of the Church meet to discuss business.

So there we have it and next time you visit a church or cathedral you will not be confused by the etymology of the Guide book.

Finally, I hear you say, what is that word etymology? It is of course the study and history of words and their meaning



Allan Delves

Historical Artwork

On a recent visit to Mrs Peggy Morgan, she gave me an artwork which lists all the clergy by name back to the consecration of St George's Church in 1142. It also contains items about the Doomsday Book in 1086, well known surnames and well-known roads and places within Brockworth village. It really is a fount of historical facts and information.

Ann Dunn has kindly updated this artwork as the last vicar shown at St George's was Reverend Stuart Bruce in 1954. The last four Incumbents have now been added in a similar typeface. Ann also produced an additional copy for the church porch notice board.

It has been re-framed and hangs inside St George's Church although a final resting place has not been chosen as I type this article.

When you have time please view this artwork as I am confident that you will find it very interesting.

Thanks must go to Ann for her hard work and beautiful calligraphy.

Gordon

Annual Call for Help

It's that time of year again when I make out the new rota for the cleaning of the brass in the church. At the moment we have three teams of two or three. The brass is cleaned every three weeks, so it only comes around every nine weeks. With just one more volunteer, you would only be called on once in twelve weeks.

There is also a team who clean the church each week. Pat and Sue do it once a month, but Jan and Heather do it every other week, with Valda helping whenever she can get there. We need at one or even two more pairs who would do it just once a month, to take the pressure off Jan, Heather and Valda.

If anyone else feels that they could spare a little time and elbow grease to help with either of these unseen but necessary jobs, please could you let me or the office know. Thank you.

Liz Ashenden 862515

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 2019 (cont'd)

Holy Monday

15th 9.30am
10.00am
7.00pm

Morning Prayer: Chapel, Church Centre
Coffee Morning: Lounge, Church Centre
HC Meditative Eucharist (Mothers' Union): Centre

Holy Tuesday

16th 9.30am
7.00pm

Morning Prayer: Chapel, Church Centre
Meditative Eucharist: Church

Holy Wednesday

17th 9.30am
7.00pm

Holy Communion: Chapel, Church Centre
Meditative Eucharist: Church

Maundy Thursday

18th 9.30am
10.00am
7.00pm

Morning Prayer: Chapel, Church Centre
Needles and Natter: Lounge, Church Centre
The Eucharist of the Last Supper with foot washing followed by Church Watch: Church

Good Friday

19th 9.00am
10.00am
2.00pm

Short Service of Morning Prayer: Church
Meet at St Patrick's for 'Walk of the Stations' finishing at St George's
Holy Hour at the Cross: Church

Easter Eve

20th 7.00pm

The Messiah: Church Centre

Easter Day

21st 8.00am
10.00am

Said Eucharist: Church
Family Service (with Egg Hunt for the children): Church

22nd 1.30pm

St George's Children's Celebration:
Parade followed by crafts: Church Centre

St George's Day

23rd

See 22nd for the celebration

24th 9.30am
25th 10.00am
10.00am
7.30pm

Holy Communion: Chapel, Church Centre
Needles and Natter: Lounge, Church Centre
Flower Arrangers: Church
Bell ringing: Church

28th 8.00am
10.00am

Said Eucharist: Church
Patronal Eucharist: Church

29th 10.00am
10.00am
7.15pm

Parent and Toddlers: Hall, Church Centre
Coffee Morning: Lounge, Church Centre
Bible Study: Lounge, Church Centre

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 2019

1st	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am 7.15pm	Morning Prayer: Chapel, Church Centre Parent and Toddlers: Hall, Church Centre Coffee Morning: Lounge, Church Centre Bible Study: Lounge, Church Centre
2nd	9.30am	Morning Prayer: Chapel, Church Centre
3rd	9.30am 12.30pm 1.30pm 7.00pm	Holy Communion: Chapel, Church Centre Lent Lunch: Hall, Church Centre Lent Course: Lounge, Church Centre Annual Parochial Church Meeting: Hall, Centre
4th	9.30am 10.00am 7.30pm	Morning Prayer: Chapel, Church Centre Needles and Natter: Lounge, Church Centre Bell ringing: Church
5th	9.30am	Morning Prayer: Chapel, Church Centre
6th	9.30am	Morning Prayer: Chapel, Church Centre
7th	8.00am 10.00am	Said Eucharist: Church Parish Eucharist in Church followed by 'Bring and Share' Lunch at St George's Church Centre to celebrate Reverend Jane's Retirement—<u>Everyone welcome</u>
8th	9.30am 10.00am 7.15pm	Morning Prayer: Chapel, Church Centre Coffee Morning: Lounge, Church Centre Bible Study: Lounge, Church Centre
9th	9.30am	Morning Prayer: Chapel, Church Centre
10th	9.30am 12.30pm 1.30pm	Holy Communion: Chapel, Church Centre Lent Lunch: Hall, Church Centre Lent Course: Lounge, Church Centre
11th	9.30am 10.00am 7.30pm	Morning Prayer: Chapel, Church Centre Needles and Natter: Lounge, Church Centre Bell ringing: Church
12th	9.30am	Morning Prayer: Chapel, Church Centre
13th	9.30am	Morning Prayer: Chapel, Church Centre
Palm Sunday		
14th	8.00am 9.45am 10.00am	Said Eucharist: Church Procession to Church from Church Centre Parish Eucharist: Church

LOVE

Love is good
Love is kind
Love one another
Love is forgiving
Love is forgiving yourself
Love is not judging
God loves you
God is always forgiving you
God does not judge
Trust God and you will receive His love forever.

APCM

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place at 7 pm on Wednesday 3rd April in the Church Centre. This is your chance to hear about all the things going on in St. George's, so please do come along.

You will be very welcome.

MISCELLANEOUS OBSERVATIONS **ON MODERN LIFE**

A cabbie is a fare minded person.
A closed mouth gathers no foot.
A dentist and a manicurist fought tooth and nail.
A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
A job at the nursery can lead to a budding career.
A man said his credit card was stolen but he decided not to report it because the thief was spending less than his wife did.
A will is a dead giveaway.
Age doesn't always bring wisdom. Sometimes age comes alone.

Listens, Observes and Acts.

On 7th April our Vicar and one of our MU branch members Rev'd Jane Walden and her husband John say GOODBYE to us all as Jane retires!

May we say a heartfelt THANK YOU to them for their friendship and support and also for their hospitality on many MU summer 'bring and share' supper evenings in the vicarage garden! (and on occasional rainy evenings, inside!)

We wish them every happiness in their new life and retirement years ahead.
We will miss them!!

As is our custom for quite a few years now, our meeting this month is to gather together with the congregation of St. Georges on the Monday of Holy week for Holy Communion at St. Georges Church Centre on Monday 15th April at **7.00pm**.

Our own MU member Rev'd David Sutch will be conducting this service and also each service throughout the week (the other evening services will be at **7.00pm** in Church)

Advance notices :-
May 2nd MU Diocesan Council at Maisemore.

June 6th MU Severnvalle Deanery Quiet Day at 10.00am at Churcham led by Rev'd Lara Bloom when our Branch Leader Enid Lovell will be commissioned as Deanery Leader by Rev'd Simon Mason, Severnvalle Area Dean.

Easter Light, Easter Joy
You bring the promise of the sunlight,
the resurgence of hope
For in you all has been conquered,
death and pain and doubt.
For you are
Easter Light, Easter Joy.

Happy Easter
with many Easter blessings for you all, Rona.

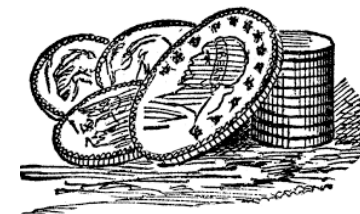
Cash4Coins

Our treasurer, Derek Harbottle, is always on the lookout for ways of raising money for St. George's. He has found a website called "cash4coins".

They accept all foreign coins and notes, euros, pre-euro European coins, old UK coins and pre-decimalisation UK coins, - i.e. most things.

If we can collect over 5kgs of coins we can send them off for free. So, please have a rummage down the back of the sofa or in your odds and ends drawers for any old coins and notes no longer in use and give them to Derek, Karen in the office, or any member of the congregation who will pass them on and Derek will arrange to send them off.

Thank you in anticipation...



Wanted!

This is *your* magazine. We need your interesting stories, facts, jokes, poems, quotes, recipes, brain teasers, photos, notices or anything else that others would enjoy reading.

All contributions will be gratefully received by the church office or, preferably, please email:

stgeorgesbrockworthmag@gmail.com

**The DEADLINE
for the
May issue
is 15th April**

Thank you!

Help Guide Dogs for the Blind

Please save your plastic milk bottle tops (they can be any colour, but **only milk bottle tops**) and pass them to Jenny Farmer or into the Church office to help raise money for Guide Dogs for the Blind

Thank you!



Daily Bible Readings



Monday 1st April	Isaiah 65:17-21, John 4:43-end
Tuesday 2nd April	Ezekiel 47:1-9,12, John 5:1-3,5-16
Wednesday 3rd April	Isaiah 49:8-15, John 5:17-30
Thursday 4th April	Exodus 32:7-14, John 5:31-end
Friday 5th April	Wisdom 2:1,12-22, John 7:1-2,10,25-30
Saturday 6th April	Jeremiah 11:18-20, John 7:40-52
Monday 8th April	Susanna 1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 John 8:1-11
Tuesday 9th April	Numbers 21:4-9, John 8:21-30
Wednesday 10th April	Daniel 3:14-20,24-25,28, John 8:31-42
Thursday 11th April	Genesis 17:3-9, John 8:51-end
Friday 12th April	Jeremiah 20:10-13, John 10:31-end
Saturday 13th April	Ezekiel 37:21-end, John 11:45-end
Monday 15th April	Isaiah 42:1-9, John 12:1-11
Tuesday 16th April	Isaiah 49:1-7, John 12:20-36
Wednesday 17th April	Isaiah 50:4-9a, John 13:21-32
Thursday 18th April	Exodus 12:1-4,11-14, John 13:1-17,31b-35
Friday 19th April	Isaiah 52:13-53:end, John 18:1-19:end
Saturday 20th April	Job 14:1-14, Matthew 27:57-end
Monday 22nd April	Acts 2:14,22-32, Matthew 28:8-15
Tuesday 23rd April	Acts 2:36-41, John 20:11-18
Wednesday 24th April	Acts 3:1-10, Luke 24:13-35
Thursday 25th April	Acts 3:11-end, Luke 24:35-48
Friday 26th April	Acts 4:1-12, John 21:1-14
Saturday 27th April	Acts 4:13-21, Mark 16:9-15
Monday 29th April	Acts 4:23-31, John 3:1-8
Tuesday 30th April	Acts 4:32-end; John 3:7-15

THE BIBLE VERSE OF 2018

A Bible app, YouVersion, has named Isaiah 41:10 as the most popular verse of 2018.

That verse has been posted, bookmarked, and highlighted more times than any other on the app (which has been downloaded more than 350,000 times around the world).

Isaiah 41:10 reads: “So, do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” The verse came top in Chile, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Peru, South Africa, Spain and the United States.

But in the UK, for 2018, we preferred Jeremiah 29:11. “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

SPRING

I love the life of springtime. The dew dances in early morning sun, the brilliant hues of noon in the garden, and the gentle wash of amber warmth as the sun sinks low on the horizon. For me, spring is the essence of hope, of beginning anew and celebration, life in it's most intense, yet simplest form. I imagine that's how God sees us when we are born anew in Him. The dark winter of our soul is replaced with new life and all of creation rejoices.



Thomas Kinkade

Paraprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence is unexpected.....

Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
War does not determine who is right – only who is left.
Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,' then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
To steal ideas from someone is plagiarism. To steal from many is called research.
In filling in an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency', notify: I put 'DOCTOR.'
I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
A clear conscience is the sign of a bad memory.
I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
Nostalgia isn't what it used to be. Nor is there any future in it.
Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.
I am not arguing with you, I am explaining why you are wrong.
I've had a perfectly wonderful evening, but this wasn't it.

Thank you, Jane for your prayers and support to both of us whilst you have been our parish priest. We are very grateful for all your help and guidance during this time. We take this opportunity of wishing you well in any future ministry that you undertake in your retirement.

Gordon & Louisa - Readers

A Senior's Version of FACEBOOK

For those of my generation who do not, and cannot, comprehend why Facebook exists:
I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversations, give them a "thumbs up" and tell them I "like" them. And it works just like Facebook. I already have 4 people following me: 2 police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.

Sides Persons Volunteers Required

It would be helpful if at least two more members of the congregation could volunteer for the Sides persons rota. The duties are not onerous and involve getting to the Church at 0915, updating the hymn boards, welcoming (and counting) the congregation as they arrive, handing out hymnbooks, taking the collection and directing people to take communion. They are responsible for nominating two people to bring the bread and wine to the altar and finally for collecting and tidying up the books at the end of the service. This duty should only come around once in five or six weeks, (or of course less frequently should more people volunteer.) If you feel you could help with this valuable service, please contact Richard Ashenden.

**Saturday 20th April
Easter Eve
7pm**

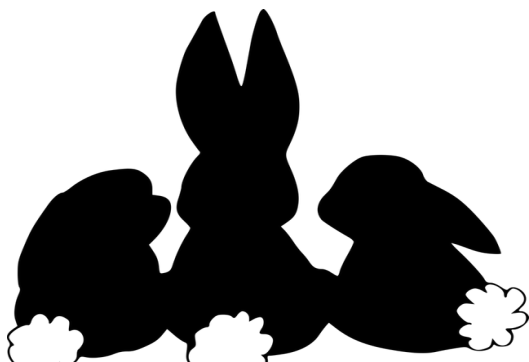
**You are invited to come and listen to
a recording of**

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

**at St George's Church Centre,
Court Road**

SPRING FAIR

**Our Spring Fair will take place on
Saturday 1st June at 10 am
in the Church Centre.**



NIGERIA: BLESSED PEACEMAKERS

News from Tearfund

Life in central Nigeria has been tense and troubled since the turn of the century, with an estimated 14,000 people dying in communal violence. The blood-letting is often characterised as clashes between Muslims and Christians, although there are underlying tribal and land right issues at play. Invariably those who suffer the most are women and children. In the central city of Jos, we're supporting our partner, Scripture Union West Africa (SUWA), to train Christian and Muslim religious leaders in resolving conflict. Christian and Muslim young people are often drawn into violence, so they're being targeted by the training, with some people selected to be peace ambassadors.

The beautiful games

Sport is also being used to bridge divides, with interfaith football matches and other games fostering peace in trouble spots. In between games, short speeches on peace are given and interfaith discussions take place.

Work between SUWA and Jama'atu Nasril Islam of Jos, the umbrella body for Muslims in Nigeria, has resulted in the signing of a peace agreement in some of Jos's most turbulent communities. And there are other indicators that attitudes are changing. Partner staff found that just a few days into training, participants started to recognise that revenge or other forms of violence only perpetuates more violence.

An inspiring example of this in practice was when a church was bombed in 2012, and young people from the surrounding area who had been through peace-building sessions were able to persuade those who had not, to refrain from revenge attacks.

For more information, go to: tearfund.org

Raise free funds for

St George's

every time you book
travel online!

Find us on easyfundraising:



Shop with over 250 travel retailers including:



£ £25 million raised

1.5 million users

120,000 causes

Hooray for England and St George!

We will be celebrating St George's Day with Brockworth Village Community on Easter Monday 22nd April

Monday 22nd April

Children's Parade through the Village to the Church Centre where there will be craft activities, Morris Dancers and refreshments.

Meet at the Church Centre at 1.30pm. The parade will be accompanied by England's Glory Ladies Morris dancers.

We will turn right onto Court Road, proceed along Hurcombe Way, then right onto Vicarage Lane, right again onto Moorfield Road and return to the Church Centre.

After a short break for refreshment, England's Glory will dance for us some more, (or maybe with us like the last time they came,!) There will then be craft activities laid on for the children in and maybe outside the hall, provided by various groups from the Community as well as by ourselves. Meanwhile, their parents may enjoy a peaceful "cuppa" while they watch.

If you live near the route of the parade, please do come out and support us. St George's flags are available to wave!

Sunday 28th April

Patronal Service in Church

Watch for further details!

Liz Ashenden

Events and training

More details for all these events at gloucester.anglican.org/events

Brunch and bounce

Saturday 6 April, 9.30am to 11.30am
at Gloucester Cathedral Chapter House

A fun and relaxed get-together, open to all, with a bouncy castle and crafts for the children, plus coffee, pastries and the weekend papers.

Eggsplore Easter

Saturday 6 to Monday 22 April at
Gloucester Cathedral

Do you know what happened on the very first Easter Day? Come and explore this amazing building to find the answer. £1 per copy from the gift shop and exchange the completed trail for a tiny egg (subject to availability). More info www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk

Catalyst: Your Voice, Central, with Revive. For young people aged 11-18.

Saturday 27 April, 7.30pm to 9.30pm
Kingfisher Church, Gloucester, GL1 4NJ

Connect, worship, have your say. Have your voice heard about your faith and what really matters. More information

from andy@therock.uk.com 01242 700700.

Cheltenham Jazz Festival

4 to 6 May, Montpelier Gardens,
Cheltenham

Come along and make some music with the diocesan team at the Cheltenham Jazz Festival. You can try out our giant windchime, make a drum and find your own rhythm, think about what makes your heart sing and having encounters and conversations about the big things in life. If you're interested in volunteering to help, contact Emma on eanderson@glosdioc.org.uk For more information on the festivals visit www.cheltenhamfestivals.com


Faith in the Arts showcase

Sunday 12 May, 3pm to 6pm at
Discover Decrypt, Southgate Street,
Gloucester GL1 1TP

Do the arts bring people into your church? Does the local choir or drama club rehearse there? Do you host art exhibitions—or would you like to? If so, this event is for you. Designed to bring together artists and church communities, this will be an opportunity to share experience and learn from each other. Talks, discussion and interactive arts sessions. Free—book at christianartsfestival.org

Have your say

Visit Facebook [f/Diocese.of.Gloucester](https://www.facebook.com/Diocese.of.Gloucester), email Katherine at kclamp@glosdioc.org.uk, follow us on Twitter [@glosdioc](https://twitter.com/glosdioc), view videos on YouTube [Diocese of Gloucester](https://www.youtube.com/DioceseofGloucester) or visit our website gloucester.anglican.org

 DIOCESE OF
GLOUCESTER

the
messenger

April 2019

imagination

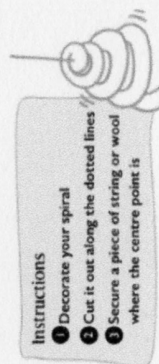
A time to play

A different way to explore Lent

Children in 190 Church of England schools across the Diocese have been given wooden spoons to decorate, Lego™ to make traffic lights and welcome signs to colour, as part of our Lent course 2019, Shapes for Living. They've been looking at what it means to have a rule of life, and some of the activities and disciplines that were practised by Benedictine monks. It's not too late to get involved—find out more and download activities for adults, for schools and for families at www.gloucester.anglican.org/your-ministry/shapes-for-living
The activity below is taken from week four of the families programme.

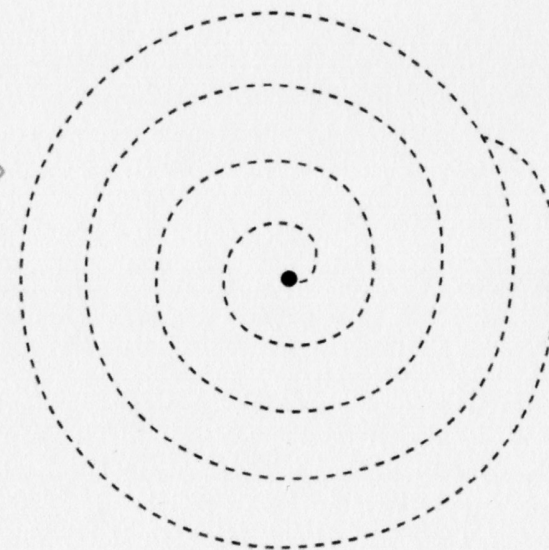
DIOCESE OF
GLOUCESTER

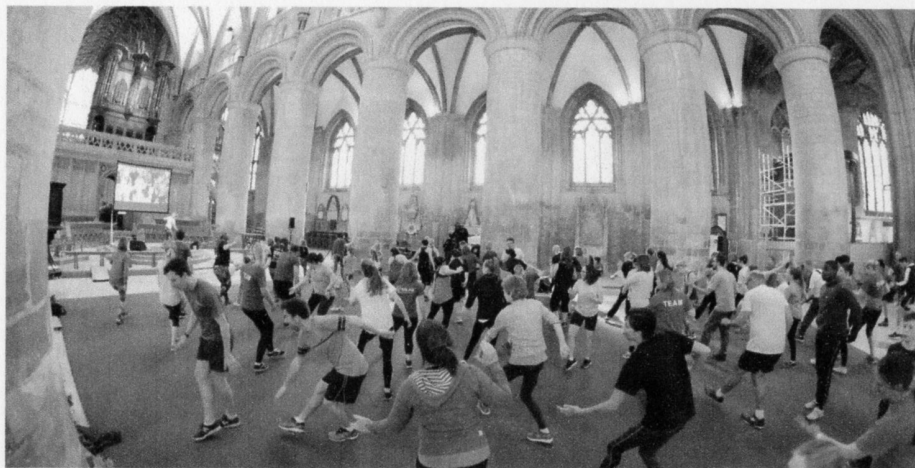
WEEK 4



Instructions

- 1 Decorate your spiral
- 2 Cut it out along the dotted lines
- 3 Secure a piece of string or wool where the centre point is





Wild and Fit

There was a great turn out for the Wild and Fit event in the Cathedral at the beginning of March. Lots of happy and healthy people making connections and having fun. Sign up to our diocesan mailing, the Bulletin, at <https://bit.ly/2RzdnKo> to be first to find out about events, stories and opportunities.



Win £50 for your charity

Be in with a chance to win **£50 for a charity of your choice**, by sharing your views on sports in your community in our online survey (and do a good deed at the same time).

It takes around 10 minutes and the draw will take place on 3 June 2019. So spread a little kindness and take part in the survey online at <http://bit.ly/churchsport>



Thy Kingdom Come, the global wave of prayer 30 May to 9 June

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are asking Christians across the globe to join them in a global wave of prayer for the Church between Pentecost and Ascension. There are lots of ways to take part:

- Download free resources and inspiration like the Adventure Prayer Map to guide children's prayer (one free copy of the map is being supplied to all Church of England pupils in years 4-6).
- #Pledge2Pray and add your prayer light to the map by adding your pledge at www.thykingdomcome.global
- Share what you are doing on social media with #Pledge2Pray and #ThyKingdomCome in all your posts.

Find out more at www.thykingdomcome.global

Every day faith—share your story

We would like to invite you to share your everyday faith story in a short video. Whether you are a mum, builder, administrator, doctor or are retired, the aim is to create two minute long videos of people sharing how they live out their faith every day. Each video will be linked to our LIFE vision and Thy Kingdom Come. All films will be promoted through the diocesan website and social media and also made available for you to share on your own online platforms. Please contact Sam Cavender scavender@glosdioc.org.uk or call 01452 835527.