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Parish Notes for June 2019

Firstly, a very big thank you to those who were involved in the successful plant sale. It was a busy, sociable morning and spurred lots of folks to get on and get going in their gardens (after they'd drunk lots of coffee and had a good chat with friends and neighbours!)

We congratulate our newly elected parish and borough councillors. Well done to all of them, for caring about the village and its residents and taking on their new roles. Thank you to those who were not elected this time for all their work in the past.

Our next occasion is the Spring Fair. We look forward to welcoming you to the Church centre between 10am and 1pm on Saturday June 1st. I'm told that if you missed the plant sale, you'll get a second chance as more plants will be available at the fair. Raffle tickets are available from the office and will be on sale at the fair.

Ascension Day services, 30th May, are 7am at the top of Coopers Hill and 7pm, a Eucharist Service in Church.

A reminder that the Church office is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.30 – 11.30am, but you can leave a message on the phone – 01452 550554, or send an email to: churchoffice@st-george-brockworth.org.uk at any time. We will get back to you as soon as we are able.

Christian Unity Service Sunday 9th June. 6pm

St George's will be hosting this year's Christian Unity Service, which is based on a service written for 2019 Christian Unity Week (usually celebrated in January)

It will be held in St George's church at 6pm on 9th June, (which is Pentecost Sunday,)

Tea, coffee and cake will be available after the service

BARNABAS CHARITY – *an international Christian charity supporting persecuted Christians suffering because of their faith.*

More than 80% of a congregation of Christians in Albania are from a Muslim background. Many are young people in their teens and twenties. New believers are increasingly coming into contact with Muslims who attack their faith in Jesus and the Bible. Atheistic material is actively propagated by most Albanian school-teachers, and these new Christians do not know how to answer the challenge. The Church, with help from Barnabas, has set up a programme specifically to teach, train and equip these young Christians so they can withstand attacks on their faith. Pray for these young people that their faith will grow stronger and they may know Jesus is with them all the way.

What happens during a Vacancy?

Following Jane's retirement, the Churchwardens, Lizbeth Harbottle and Richard Ashenden, are legally in charge of the parish, acting on behalf of the Bishop. They are supported by the Archdeacon of Gloucester, the Venerable Hilary Dawson, and the Severnvalle Area Dean, the Rev. Simon Mason and Assistant Area Dean, the Rev. Jacqui Hyde. Further support is provided by our Licensed Readers, Gordon Clifford and Louisa Messenger, and our retired local clergy, the Rev. David Sutch and Canon Adrian Slade, all of whom will be involved in maintaining regular Church services and taking baptisms, weddings and funerals. The Rev. Steve Newnes, who was our curate here, and is now a prison pastor, will also be taking some services, along with visiting priests such as the Rev. Jo Wetherall, the Diocesan Children's and Families Officer. Members of the PCC, the Church Council, were elected, or re-elected at the annual meeting in April. As the executive committee of the parish, they continue to meet on a regular basis as they are legally responsible for finance, maintenance of the Church and hall and for promoting mission. As well as the Churchwardens and Readers, mentioned above, the PCC members are: Chris Hickson, Liz Ashenden and Linda Vogwell, Deanery Synod representatives, with Linda also having been appointed as assistant Churchwarden, Lorraine Hickson, Ann Dunn and

Tony Wood, all re-elected, Derek Harbottle (treasurer), Pat Hartwell (Lay chair), Steve Plant and Dave Hopkins, all remained,

Liz Hopkins and Michael Owens, newly elected, make up a full quota of members.

On Wednesday 8th May, the full PCC plus retired priests met with the Archdeacon and Assistant Area Dean to start the process of appointing a new Vicar. We now have a timetable to work to, which is guided by the Bishop. Our first task, by mid-June, is to produce a Parish Profile, which will give information about the village and its amenities, and the Church, with styles of worship and all the other things we're involved in, such as Open the Book. What we also need is a vision for the future of St. George's and an idea of the kind of person who might embrace that vision with us as our new Vicar. If there is something you would particularly wish to be included in the Profile, you will need to get in touch before the end of the first week in June, either via the office, a PCC member or on: stgeorgesbrockworthmag@gmail.com

This Parish Profile will then be used in the process of advertising the vacancy which will be carried out by the Diocese in June and July.

We will keep you informed of progress and hope you will keep us in your prayers as we work through this next stage in the life of St. George's Church.

Thank you,
Pat Hartwell PCC Lay Chair

A Prayer for us all during the vacancy

Lord Jesus, Faithful and Good Shepherd to us all, during our Vacancy, please walk alongside to guide, encourage and protect us and those who have the responsibility of leadership and Ministry at this time, and be with those who assist you to choose our new priest.

We look forward in hope for whoever comes to St Georges, so that together we may serve the people of our parish, building on the work and witness of all those who served in this parish before.

May we journey in faith and share God's love in trust and faith, to the glory of your Holy Name. Amen

Canon Adrian Slade

Adrian is one of two local retired priests who are taking regular services during the vacancy.

In the family service at the beginning of May, he spoke about resurrection, starting with the stories in the gospels concerning the resurrection of Jesus. He told us how we could all have "resurrection moments", illustrated by St. Paul's meeting with the risen Christ on the road to Damascus.

He continued by talking about times in our history which were resurrection moments, such as the fall of the Berlin Wall – a moment of great hope for the divided German nation, but by no means an instant fix. There was, and still is, plenty of work to be done to rebuild a sense of unity between East and West, so resurrection is neither easy nor quick.

Similarly, another resurrection moment occurred with the fall of apartheid in South Africa, where again, after that moment of hope, much work was and is needed to establish fairness and justice for all. Coming right up to date, Adrian described the Climate Extinction movement and recent demonstrations as our own resurrection moment. We are now faced with the need for urgent action to prevent any further escalation of the damage we are doing to our beautiful but fragile planet. It's a huge and daunting task but we can, and must, all take steps to change whatever we can for the sake of future generations. I want my children, grandchildren and those that come after them, to live in a beautiful world with food and water enough for all.

After the service, someone asked Adrian for a list of things we could do to help, so here it is :

From the Registers— April 2019

Baptisms

No baptisms during April

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 April

Faithful God, giver of all good things, give these couples wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their lives together. May they dwell together in love and peace all the days of their life, seeking one another's welfare, bearing one another's burdens and sharing one another's joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Funerals

Monday 8th April: Catherine (Sarah) Nuttall, Graveside funeral
Monday 22nd April: Audrey Morgan, Interment of ashes

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

June 2019 Daily Bible Readings



Friday 1st
Saturday 2nd

1 Peter 4 7-13, Mark 11 11-26
Jude 17 20-end, Mark 1. 27-end

Monday 4th
Tuesday 5th
Wednesday 6th
Thursday 7th
Friday 8th
Saturday 9th

2 Peter 1 2-7, Mark 12 1-12
2 Peter 3 11-15a 17-end, Mark 12 13-17
2 Timothy 1 1-3, 6-12, Mark 12 18-27
2 Timothy 2 8-15, Mark 12 28-34
2 Timothy 3 10-end, Mark 12 35-37
2 Timothy 4 1-8, Mark 12 38-end

Monday 11th
Tuesday 12th
Wednesday 13th
Thursday 14th
Friday 15th
Saturday 16th

Job 29 11-16, Acts 11 19-end, John 15 12-17
1 Kings 17 7-16, Matthew 5 13-16
1 Kings 18 20-39, Matthew 5 17-19
1 Kings 18 41-end, Matthew 5 20-26
1 Kings 19 9, 11-16, Matthew 5 27-32
1 Kings 19 19-end, Matthew 5 33-37

Monday 18th
Tuesday 19th
Wednesday 20th
Thursday 21st
Friday 22nd
Saturday 23rd

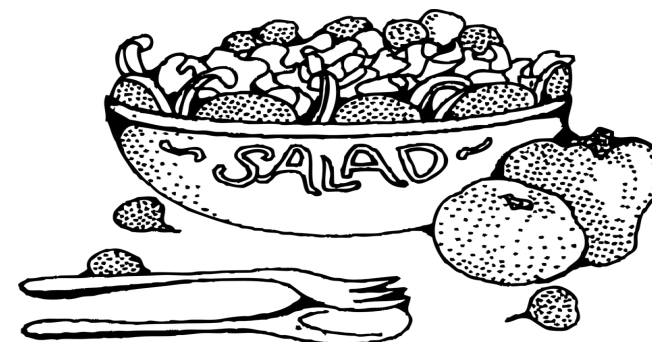
1 Kings 21 1-16, Matthew 5 38-42
1 Kings 21 17-end, Matthew 5 43-end
2 Kings 2 1, 6-14, Matthew 6 1-6, 16-18
Ecclus 48 1-14, Matthew 6 7-15
2 Kings 11 1-4, 9-18, 20, Matthew 6 19-23
2 Chr 24 17-25, Matthew 6 24-end

Monday 25th
Tuesday 26th
12-14
Wednesday 27th
Thursday 28th
Friday 29th
Saturday 30th

2 Kings 17 5-8, 13-15, 18, Matthew 7 1-5
2 Kings 19 9b-11, 14-21, 31-36, Matthew 7 6,
12-14
2 Kings 22 8-13, 23 1-3, Matthew 7 15-20
2 Kings 24 8-17, Matthew 7 21-end
2 Kings 25 1-12, Matthew 8 1-4
Lam 2 2 10-14, 18-19, Matthew 8 5-17

10 things you can do

1. Use organic dairy products where possible. Cows in fields drop their waste and it is used by insects, but when cows in are in sheds their waste is not so easily accessible to insects.
2. Use Green energy, especially for electricity. Most green suppliers are now about the same price as non-green. Try Bulb, or People's Energy for starters.
3. Switch off unnecessary lights. (I assume we all have low energy bulbs by now).
4. Don't overfill your kettle. Boil only what you need.
5. Turn your thermostat down to 19 degrees. (In the summer you would walk outside in short sleeves.)
6. Don't use insecticide in your garden. We need the insects, even the annoying ones. Plenty of flowers for bees and butterflies, plenty of greenery for caterpillars.
7. Don't water your lawn. (Have you got a water butt?)
8. Walk or take a bus whenever you can.
9. Eat less meat. Start with one meat free day a week.
10. Recycle everything you can.



LAST POSTING

From 2nd Tactical Air Force in Germany, I was sent (against my wishes!) to R.A.F. Lyneham near Swindon.

For me, transport aircraft didn't have the same kudos as major repairs to bombers and fighters. I was to run a shift (seven days followed by seven nights followed by seven evenings and then seven days off) preparing Britannias and Comets for different passenger and freight roles. The job was dirty, tedious and not at all technically challenging. The other three shifts were run by senior N.C.O.s who had had their service marked as unfit for working on anything technical and were simply running down their time to leaving the R.A.F. I was a Corporal at the time and resented their "couldn't care less" attitude to the job, very often leaving unfinished tasks to my shift. My complaints to them went unheeded and I asked my boss to take some action. He would drop in on them during their shifts, saw how lax their attitudes were and posted all of them away and brought in new personnel. Things improved rapidly!

Shift work was taking its toll on my health and an opportunity occurred for me to work permanent days on V.I.P. aircraft. I had two years left in the R.A.F. and this was my final job.

The V.I.P. aircraft were Comet 4s, the biggest of the Comet range. We would fit beds, settees, wardrobes, dressing tables, luxury reclining seats with footrests and other luxury items.

We mainly flew politicians, senior officers, and Royalty. Prince Philip was a regular as was Lord Mountbatten (who would not fly in Comets but had a compartment installed at the back of a Britannia – the noisiest and most uncomfortable place to fly!)

The Wilson Government at the time were negotiating to get us in to the Common Market, but de Gaulle kept saying "Non". On a trip to Switzerland to talk again, they thought they had a deal and on the return trip a booze fuelled party culminated with a food fight and a lot of damage to the fixtures and fittings. When we got the aircraft back the interior was a wreck and they then learned that the negotiations had failed.

I was told we had eleven days to get everything repaired and cleaned ready for the next attempt to reach an agreement. This time in Strasbourg. We worked 12-hour days for those 11 days and wondered what state the aircraft would be in on its return. However, it came back without the politicians who had decided to go

day of prayer at the Cathedral on Ascension Day 2016. Plans are already underway for a celebratory diocesan event in November as we move into the fourth year of our LIFE vision. It's for all in our worshipping communities (parish churches, chaplaincies, Fresh Expressions, schools etc.) and is being held on Saturday 9 November, between 2-5pm at All Saints Academy, Cheltenham.

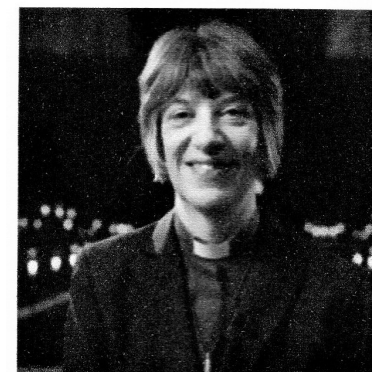
In the days between Ascension and Pentecost I invite you to participate with me in Thy Kingdom Come as we join with Christians around the world praying for more people to encounter Jesus Christ www.thykingdomcome.global Over these 11 days there will also be an encouragement in this diocese to pray each day for one of our vision priorities which will be introduced by an individual living out their everyday faith in a different context.

It seems fitting that my final Sunday before the start of my sabbatical is Pentecost Sunday and I will be baptising and confirming a diverse group of people at the morning Eucharist in the Cathedral. On the eve of Pentecost (Saturday June 8th)

the Evangelist J John will be speaking at the Cathedral at an event organised and promoted by churches of different denominations in Gloucester city.

As you walk into the days ahead may you continue to know the hope, love and peace of the risen Christ.

This comes with my thanks and prayers,



+ Rachel

A letter from Bishop Rachel –

My sabbatical

Published: May 9, 2019

‘Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ John 20:19

In this season of Eastertide I want to thank you once again for all the ways you are living and sharing the transforming gospel of Jesus Christ in your different contexts. It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Chrism Eucharist on Maundy Thursday.

I hope that since then you have had a joyous Easter with an opportunity to live some days of different rhythm with plenty of rest and refreshment. And talking of which....

Sabbatical 13 June –3 September:

I want to let you know now that I will be taking a 10 week sabbatical. This is a first for me and I am very grateful to all those who are making this possible. I am particularly grateful to Bishop Robert, and whilst I am sad not to be ordaining the new deacons and priests at Petertide, I am delighted that Bishop Robert will be doing

so. As I celebrate the 4th anniversary of my consecration in July I will be giving immense thanks for this wonderful diocese and the privilege of sharing in ministry with you. I am glad that on my return from sabbatical in September it will not be long until we gather together for our clergy conference.

Sabbatical theme:

My sabbatical theme is ‘Encounter’ and I will spend part of it in Galilee where I will be reading and reflecting on Christ’s encounters with people as told in the Gospels. I will then be having times of re-encounter with people and places who/which have shaped me. This will include a return visit to South Africa where I did a placement in 1994 prior to my ordination and leading up to the first SA elections after the official end of apartheid. I am also looking forward to catching up with old friends and family as well as having time for reading, including 10 novels which have each been recommended to me by a different member of the staff team.

From now until then...

In these coming weeks before my sabbatical I am looking forward to Ascension Day, particularly remembering how our process of prayer and conversation to discern our diocesan vision began with a

around the other countries in the Common Market by train. Again, they were unsuccessful!

By now I was married and a father to a lively daughter and had bought my own house in Wootton Bassett. I was also driving a Humber Super Snipe which did not go unnoticed by the Base Commanding Officer. I was marched into his office and asked to explain how a mere Corporal could run a better car than he could.

I had ordered a Morris Minor Traveller and was waiting for delivery that never came and I was offered the Humber at a greatly reduced price. I then told him it would soon be going as I had bought a house. He was stunned! ” How could I afford it?” he asked again. I pointed out that paying a mortgage was cheaper than paying rent on a married quarter and that many airmen and N.C.O.s owned their own houses. He called in his Adjutant and asked for confirmation to my claim. By now I had been invited to sit down and explain further. He obviously didn’t have a clue as to what was going on. The Adjutant returned and said he had spoken to the Housing Officer who had said that up to twenty per cent of non-commissioned ranks were buying or owned their own homes. The

Housing also said that due to R.A.F. reducing the numbers of aircraft and bases needed, that manpower was likely to drop by 30% quite quickly. I pointed out that I would be in that 30% because the chances of advancement were diminishing. He then got up, shook my hand, thanked me for my candour and promised to be better informed;

I left the Airforce in May 1968. England were world football champions (1966) and my life changed dramatically. Far too painful to recall in these pages! It took many years to adjust and realize where I was going but perhaps only the last 25 years have seen me come to terms with the changes.

One day I might pick up my pen and write some more stories, but for now, thank you for your kind responses to what has been a therapeutic period for me.

Keith Stacey

Thank you, Keith, for sharing your stories. Very much appreciated and very interesting. We look forward to you picking up your pen again! Ed.



BIBLICAL CITIES-

Chapter TWO

BABYLON

If I asked you, dear readers, what comes to mind when you mention Babylon, I am sure you will say that popular 70s reggae song” By the Rivers of Babylon”. The rivers being the Tigris and the Euphrates. The song is based on the **Biblical Psalm 137:1-4**, a hymn expressing the lamentations of the Jewish people in exile following the Babylonian conquest of Jerusalem in 586 BC

Or maybe you will think of the “Hanging Gardens of Babylon”, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, listed by Hellenic culture which described them as a remarkable feat of engineering with an ascending series of tiered gardens containing a wide variety of trees, shrubs, and vines, resembling a large green mountain constructed of mud bricks, and said to have been built in the ancient city of Babylon, near present-day Hillah, Babil province, in Iraq. According to one legend, the Hanging Gardens were built alongside a grand palace known as *The Marvel of Mankind*, by the Neo-Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar II (who ruled between 605 and 562 BC), for his Median wife, Queen Amytis, because she missed the green hills and valleys of her homeland.

So, on to the Bible where the earliest reference to Babylon is in the book of **Genesis, Chapter 11 verses 1-9**, describing the construction of the Tower of Babel. It was an attempt to explain the existence of diverse human languages. Babel is the name used in the Hebrew bible for the city of Babylon.

The Tower of Babel represents the pride of mankind wanting to reach the heavens and be their own gods. It represents the unification of all people in error. Because of their pride, which is a sin, the same sin that caused Lucifer to rebel, God divided them by making them speak different languages. According to the Amazing Biblical Timeline with World History, this occurred around 2200 BC The English word “babble” is derived from Babel.

So, now, fast forward to other biblical reference to Babylon, In the Bible, it was named “Mistress of Kingdoms” and was the capital of the third world power of Bible history in **Isaiah 47:5**. Like the Egyptian and the Assyrian empires before it, the Babylonian Empire played a prominent role in Bible history. History also shows that ancient Babylon was an extremely religious city, rife with astrology and divination. For example in **Ezekiel 21:21**, we read that the king of Babylon resorted to divination in order to determine whether to attack Jerusalem. But its destruction is summarised in **Isaiah 47**. In response to her wickedness, arro-

This little verse was sent to me after my Dad died, by an old friend of his, who in turn had been given it by her mother many years previously. Ed.

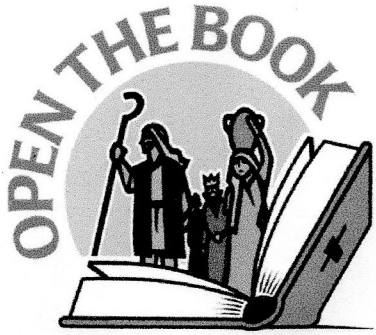
God has not promised,
Skies ever blue,
Flower strewn pathways,
All our lives through:
God has not promised,
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.
But he has promised,
Strength for each day,
Rest after labour,
Light for our way,
Grace for all trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
Undying love.

100 Club

May 2019

WINNERS

1st — Steve Plant
2nd — Brian Vogwell
3rd — Jill Reynolds



‘Open the Book’

On Tuesday May 14th our ‘Open the Book’ teams storytellers attended, along with 500 approx. others, the 20th Anniversary Service held at Gloucester Cathedral led by Bishop Rachel, Bishop of Gloucester with an address by Professor Paul Williams CEO of the Bible Society and a talk and story was told by Bob Hartman (author of ‘The Lion Story-

teller Bible which is used by ‘Open the Book’) involving all the congregation in the usual ‘OtB’ style antics! ‘wiggling, clapping, jumping, (not a pretty sight with some of the age of the congregation) groaning, etc. etc.

Prof. Paul Williams said the growth of ‘Open the Book’ was quite remarkable! 17,000 storytellers visit 4,500 schools telling and dramatising Bible stories to over 800,000 Children! He is hopeful this will continue increasing. After the service Bishop Rachel cut the anniversary cake which was shared by us all with a welcome cup of tea. We were very fortunate to spend time with Bob Hartman who autographed our service book and had photos taken with us.

What a wonderful afternoon enjoyed by us all.

As The Rev’d David said “If we don’t tell the children stories from the Bible, who will”?

Rona and Gordon.

OPEN DOORS

Did you know that the Foreign Secretary, Jeremy Hunt, has launched a review into UK support for persecuted Christians?

Please pray that God would guide the review team and give them wisdom and insight. Pray that the review would result in the UK doing more to support persecuted Christians around the world.

gance, self-indulgence and brutality towards the people of God the Lord pronounces a message of sudden doom to Babylon.:

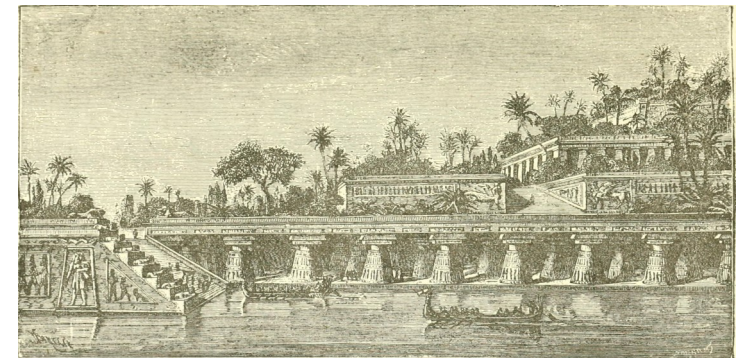
Probably the biggest biblical figure in Babylon history is Nebuchadnezzar.

The Book of Daniel

Chapter 1 introduces Nebuchadnezzar as the king who takes Daniel and other Hebrew youths into captivity in Babylon, to be trained in "the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans". In Nebuchadnezzar's second year, Daniel interprets the king's dream of a huge image as God's prediction of the rise and fall of world powers, starting with Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom (Daniel 2). Nebuchadnezzar twice admits the power of the God of the Hebrews: first after Hashem saves three of Daniel's companions from a fiery furnace (**Daniel 3**) and secondly after Nebuchadnezzar himself suffers a humiliating period of madness, as Daniel predicted in (**Daniel 4**). He forced the exile of thousands of Jews to Babylon. This is the key scene in the Opera Nabucco by Verdi which Ann and I saw in Verona many years ago.

To conclude “Where was Babylon and what of Babylon do we know in current times?” Babylonia was a state in ancient Mesopotamia. The city of Babylon, whose ruins are located in present-day Iraq was founded more than 4,000 years ago as a small port town on the Euphrates River. It became the largest city in the world. Under Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi government excavated Babylonian ruins and attempted to reconstruct certain features of the ancient city, including one of Nebuchadnezzar’s palaces. After the 2003 invasion of Iraq, United States forces built a military base on the ruins. The United Nations cultural heritage agency UNESCO reported the base caused “major damage” to the archaeological site. The site was reopened to tourists in 2009 but sadly is not a popular attraction due to the unstable state on the Middle East. I could write much more on this very important Biblical city, but I think that is sufficient to digest.

Allan Delves.



Gordon Clifford writes:

“Whilst preparing to officiate at a recent funeral service, I came across this item which I thought was lovely and well worth sharing.”

Friends of the Aged.

Blessed are they who understand my faltering steps and shaky hand.

Blessed are they who know my ears today must strain to catch the things they say.

Blessed are they who seem to know my eyes are dim and my thoughts are slow.

Blessed are they who looked away when coffee was spilled at dinner today.

Blessed are they who with cheery smile stop and chat for a little while.

Blessed are they who never say “you’ve told that story twice today”

Blessed are they who know the ways to bring back memories of yesterdays.

Blessed are they who make it known I’m loved, respected and not alone.

Blessed are they who ease the days of my journey home in loving ways.

CHARITY DONATIONS

Please continue to save your used postage stamps for the James Hopkins Trust. I realise that not many stamped letters are delivered to our homes today because of the cost of postage and the advancement and popularity of social media, but I still collect them along with old mobile phones and deliver them to Ria Heap at JHT Barnwood.

Old, broken or unwanted jewellery items are also collected for Alzheimer's Society.

Unwanted spectacles are collected and donated to Vision Aid or Sight Savers

Of course any occasional cards (birthdays, anniversary, get well etc) are always very welcome. Rona and I gather these into a car load and deliver them to The Cobalt Unit, Cheltenham.

All of these charities are grateful for these items which really does help their finances.

These items can be left at the church office, the church centre lounge or given to us at church.

Thank you,
Gordon

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June 2019 (cont'd)

16th	8.00am	Said Eucharist: Church
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist: Church
17th	10.00am	Parent and Toddlers: Hall, Church Centre
	10.00am	Coffee Morning: Lounge, Church Centre
	7.15pm	Bible Study: Lounge, Church Centre
19th	9.30am	Holy Communion: Chapel, Church Centre
20th	10.00am	Needles and Natter: Lounge, Church Centre
	10.00am	Flower Arrangers: Church
	7.30pm	Bell ringing: Church
23rd	8.00am	Said Eucharist: Church
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist: Church
24th	10.00am	Parent and Toddlers: Hall, Church Centre
	10.00am	Coffee Morning: Lounge, Church Centre
	7.15pm	Bible Study: Lounge, Church Centre
	7.30pm	Mothers' Union meeting: Hall, Church Centre
26th	9.30am	Holy Communion: Chapel, Church Centre
27th	10.00am	Needles and Natter: Lounge, Church Centre
	10.00am	Flower Arrangers: Church
	7.30pm	Bell ringing: Church
30th	8.00am	Said Eucharist: Church
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist: Church
	11.30am	Baptism, Church

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June 2019

1st	10.00am-1pm	Spring Fair, Hall, Church Centre
2nd	8.00am	Said Eucharist: Church
	10.00am	Family Service: Church
3rd	10.00am	Parent and Toddlers: Hall, Church Centre
	10.00am	Coffee Morning: Lounge, Church Centre
	7.15pm	Bible Study: Lounge, Church Centre
5th	9.30am	Holy Communion: Chapel, Church Centre
6th	10.00am	Needles and Natter: Lounge, Church Centre
	10.00am	Flower Arrangers: Church
	7.30pm	Bell ringing: Church
9th	8.00am	Said Eucharist: Church
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist: Church
	12.00md	Baptism, Church
	6.00pm	Christian Unity Service, Church
10th	10.00am	Parent and Toddlers: Hall, Church Centre
	10.00am	Coffee Morning: Lounge, Church Centre
	7.15pm	Bible Study: Lounge, Church Centre
12th	9.30am	Holy Communion: Chapel, Church Centre
13th	10.00am	Needles and Natter: Lounge, Church Centre
	10.00am	Flower Arrangers: Church
	7.30pm	Bell ringing: Church

SOME OBSERVATIONS ON LIFE

I am sure that most of us, looking back, would admit that whatever we have achieved in character we have achieved through conflict; it has come to us through powers hidden deep within us, so deep that we didn't know we had them, called into action by the challenge of opposition and frustration. JW Hamilton

It is the duty of nations as well as of men to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon. Abraham Lincoln

A generous and free-minded confession disables a reproach and disarms an injury. Michel de Montaigne

In misery, it is a great comfort to have a companion. John Lyly

There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up. John A Holmer

Without Christ I was like a fish out of water. With Christ I am in an ocean of love. Sadhu Sundar Sing

Compassion is the basis of all morality. Arthur Schopenhauer

It could only happen in the States....

EPITAPHS FOUND ON HEADSTONES

In Hartscombe:

On the 22nd of June
Jonathan Fiddle
Went out of tune.

In Pennsylvania:

Here lies the body of Jonathan Blake
Stepped on the gas
Instead of the brake.

In Maryland:

Here lies an atheist
All dressed up, and no place to go.

Listens, Observes and Acts

Monday 3rd June finds us visiting The 'National Star' centre
at Ullenwood

with 'Afternoon tea' price £18.00 per person at 2.30pm.
(for those that are attending)

On Thursday 6th June the Severnvale Deanery Quiet Morning is
being held at **Churcham Church** from 10.00am with coffee
(10.15am start) culminating at 12noon with a communion service
during which Enid will be commissioned as Severnvale Mothers'
Union Deanery Leader (this service will finish at 12.30)

Dear Lord, we ask that you will give your servant Enid a sense of
your presence and the knowledge of your constant love. Grant to
her your guidance and the humble obedience to accept it. Give her
wisdom and understanding. May she be conscious, in all she does,
that the members support and uphold her; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

Our Branch Meeting is on Monday 24th June at 7.30pm
in St. George's Church Centre Hall when the speaker is
Kat Gibson giving us 'A Mission Trips' talk.

As always our meetings are open to everyone so do come along
and hear what she has to tell us!

Many blessings, Rona.

THY KINGDOM COME

In 2016 Archbishop Justin Welby and Archbishop John Sentamu
invited all Christians worldwide to pray between Ascension and
Pentecost for the renewing power of the Holy Spirit to empower us for
evangelism, and that friends and family, colleagues and neighbours
would come to faith in Christ.

What happened next was absolutely extraordinary – clearly a work of
God. In less than three years, "Thy Kingdom Come" has captured the
imagination of millions of Christians in more than 114 countries, who
have joined the chorus "Come, Holy Spirit, Thy Kingdom Come"

*Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer initiative taking place between
May 30th and June 9th.*

Don't be shy!

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:

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**The DEADLINE
for the double
July/August issue
is 15th June**

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!



THE BACKPACK PROJECT

Recycling never felt this good! We'll send your schoolbags, polo shirts, skirts and shorts to Malawi to help children get the most out of their education.

To find out how you can help, visit:

WWW.MARYSMEALS.ORG.UK

Mary's Meals provides daily meals in school for hungry children in some of the world's poorest communities.

The Backpack Project helps the children get the most out of their learning – and it's a great way to recycle your school bag and P.E. kits.

mary's meals

a simple solution to world hunger



PLEASE FILL YOUR BAG WITH:

Notepads, pencils, pens, crayons, eraser, sharpener, ruler, pencil case, towel, shorts or skirt, t-shirt or dress, flip-flops or sandals, small ball (e.g. tennis ball), soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, spoon.

HANDY HINTS

- Don't buy new, recycle where you can!
- Clothing for children between four and 12 years is suitable.
- Please label filled bags for boy/girl and age e.g. girl, 8.
- Don't be tempted to put in toys or sweets. This can cause problems during delivery.



To find out how to get involved visit:
WWW.MARYSMEALS.ORG.UK



“The foodbank was there when we really needed it, it was an absolute lifeline.”

We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why we provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis. We are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK

PLEASE DONATE FOOD

Our foodbank relies on your goodwill and support.

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS IN ORDER OF SCARCITY

- LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE (NOT CHILLED)
- LONG LIFE MILK (NOT CHILLED)
- INSTANT MASH POTATO
- TINNED READY MEALS
- TINNED RICE PUDDING
- PACKET NOODLES
- TINNED FISH
- TINNED POTATOES
- DEODORANT
- SHAMPOO

Good Friday Walk of Witness

On a lovely sunny Good Friday morning about 55 people from St. George's, St. Patrick's, and URC Churches, began the 'Walk of Witness' around Brockworth. The first 'Station of the Cross' was at St. Patrick's Church, then we wended our way around the shops and houses, stopping at various points for the 'Stations' including the URC free Church. The fourteenth 'Station', of Jesus's journey to the cross, was in St. George's Church and this was followed by a well-deserved 'cuppa' and hot cross bun!

Rona



St. George's Day celebrations

We had a highly successful and happy afternoon on Easter Monday when we were joined by a good number of the community as England's Glory Morris ladies danced us round the block from the Centre. After a well-earned cuppa, they danced again in the hall while the many children got involved at the six different craft tables and of course in eating cake! Members of St George's provided two of the tables with others set up by local groups including Brockworth WI, B Epic from the Brock, and Castle Hill. Huge thanks to everyone who helped and to Tesco for the donation of cake.

Liz Ashenden



A colorful poster for a Spring Fair. At the top left is a rainbow. To its right is a smiling sun. Below the sun is a cloud containing the text 'Church Centre Court Road Brockworth'. To the left of the sun is another cloud with 'Saturday 1st June'. Below that is a cloud with '10am to 1pm'. The main title 'Spring Fair' is in a large, stylized font. Below the title is a string of colorful bunting. There are two cartoon bees. Two tilted rectangular boxes list the stalls: a pink one for 'Plant stall', 'Tombola', 'Produce stall', and 'Cream teas'; and a yellow one for 'Cake stall', 'Handicrafts', 'Raffle & Much more!'. At the bottom is a green grassy area with several colorful flowers. A small box at the bottom right says 'Find us on Facebook St. George's Church Brockworth'.

Events and training

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

Flower Festival: Friends of Coaley Church's 25th Anniversary

1—2 June, 11am-5pm,
St Bartholomew's Church, Coaley
Admission free. Preview Evening on Friday 31 May at 7pm with refreshments and musical entertainment by pianist Matthew Sharp. Tickets for preview evening available from Maggie 01453 8890559

Michael Perham Cathedral Lecture

Monday 3 June at 7.00pm
University Chapel, Francis Close Hall, Swindon Road GL50 4AZ
The lecture will be given by Canon Lucy Winkett, Rector of St. James Church, Piccadilly and is entitled 'The silence of the damned?'. It will explore the question: 'In contemporary multi-faith Britain and in a noisy society, is there a place for a silence that is public and shared?'

Catalyst: Your Voice

Sunday 9 June, 7-8.30pm
St James Church, Church Street, Chipping Campden GL55 6JG

Have your say

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Christian? Aged between 11 – 18?
Come and tell us about what could help you in your faith journey?
Do you talk about your faith with your friends? What could help your confidence in talking about those things that really matter? Contact youthwork-er@stjameschurchcampden.co.uk to find out more.

CELEBRATE: Tetbury

Sunday 30 June, 4-5.30pm,
St Mary's School Hall, Tetbury
GL8 8BW

New for all the family. Explore best-loved Bible stories and ask questions, big and little. Enjoy time together with crafts, chatting, learning iSingPOP songs and prayers. We finish with teatime for everyone. All Welcome.

Save the date: LIFE Party

Saturday 9 November, 2-5pm
All Saints' Academy, Blaisdon Way, Cheltenham GL51 0WH

Food, drink, dancing, singing, storytelling, sports, games, face painting, plus much more...Further information coming soon! For all in our worshipping communities.

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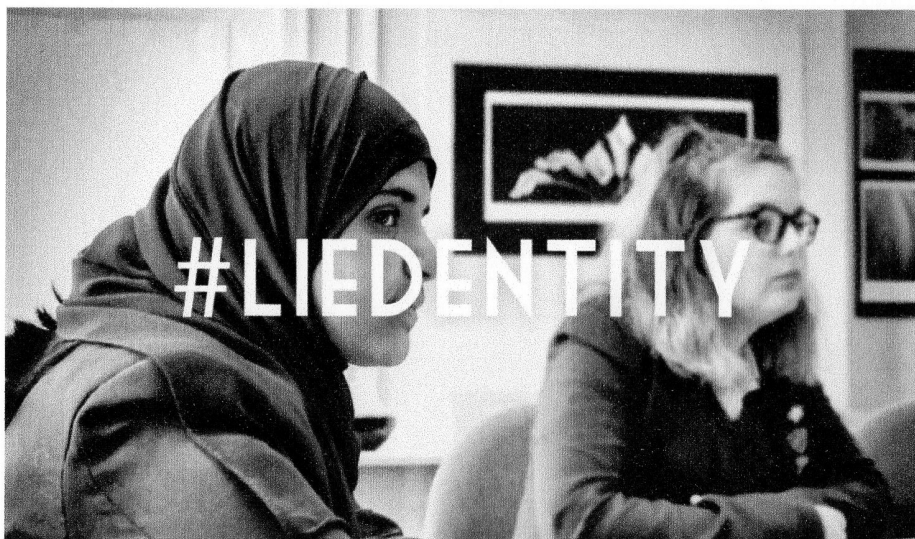
"My desire is for every person to discover their worth and potential as a unique individual created in the image of God."

Three years ago Bishop Rachel embarked on a campaign to raise awareness of body image anxiety in young people and the pressures they face through social media, TV and advertising to look a certain way.

Bishop Rachel said, "Over the last few years I have been speaking publicly about this issue and promoting the message that who you are, is more than how you look. I launched a social media campaign #Liedentity with pupils from All Saints Academy in Cheltenham, challenging negative body image and encouraging young people to look within to discover true value and beauty. This has given me a great opportunity to speak with young people about my own identity in Christ and my desire for every person to discover their worth and potential as a unique individual created in the image of God."



"As part of that campaign we collaborated with the BRF's Messy Church team and created a 'Real Me' session for Messy Churches. All the activities, crafts, songs and reflections pointed to one truth: that we are all special, uniquely crafted by our creator God in his image and for his purposes. We are not all meant to be the same."



The Messy Church Team share this story—

"In one particular Messy Church, the 'Real me' message hit hard. The previous week, the suicide of a popular young woman in the wider community – apparently as a result of low self-worth – had rocked the community. Leaders were counselled to use the activity sessions to simply listen to what people needed to say.

"Before the session was over, one woman had confessed to living with abuse for years, and asked for help. Anonymous prayer requests collected for leaders to intercede over in the coming week were dominated with cries for help about mistreatment at work. An emergency meeting of the core team was called to plan how to respond pastorally to this unprecedented outpouring."

To read Bishop Rachel's full introduction to the Real Me and to download this free resources please visit

<https://www.brf.org.uk/updates/am-i-enough>

#Say1Thing

We're asking for action! 'Say1thing' is an initiative as part of the Liedentity campaign, which asks the simple question; "What do you value about your best mate? #Say1Thing".

We are living in a society where our value is being determined by what we look like, rather than who we are from the inside out. So we are encouraging all people on social media to change this message by posting a picture of their friends or family and sharing one thing they value about that person with the hashtag #Say1Thing.

Be sure to tag us on social media
fb: Diocese.of.Gloucester
Tw/IG: @GlosDioc



CHELTENHAM Science Festival

in association with



Cheltenham Science Festival

Tuesday 4 to Sunday 9 June,
9.30-5.30pm, Imperial Square,
Cheltenham,
GL50 1QA

If you're interested in volunteering or sharing your stories of faith in our tent, please contact Emma, eanderson@glosdioc.org.uk

Get hands-on and explore how humans are created by making your very own DNA bracelet, writing your name in genetic code, checking out your fingertips under the microscope or guessing where different internal organs fit in your body. Drop in to The Happiness Lab (Thursday, 5–7.30pm & Friday, 5–8pm) and explore what psychologists, doctors and faith leaders say will make people happier. For more information on the festivals visit www.cheltenhamfestivals.com