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Parish Notes for July and August 2019

A very big thank you to all those who contributed towards the successful and enjoyable Spring Fair.. More than £900 was raised. Our treasurer tells us we need to raise about £13,000 extra this year in order to balance our books and pay our way, so new ideas for fundraising are especially welcome. Contact the office, the Churchwardens, David Hopkins or any member of the PCC.

Our next planned event will be Ice Cream Sundae, which is always good fun for all ages. This will be on Sunday, 11th August from 2pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

On Sunday 7th July, the Archdeacon of Gloucester, The Venerable Hilary Dawson, is coming to take our 8am and 10am services. Hilary has been helping us manage our vacancy and it would be great for as many people as possible to come and meet her when she visits us.

I'm sure both our Open the Book teams and the Toddlers team will be looking forward to their summer break. We thank them for their wonderful work with the youngsters of the village and wish them a restful summer!

BARNABAS CHARITY –

an international and interdenominational charity supporting Christians who are discriminated against or persecuted because of their faith.

On Easter Sunday in Sri Lanka, religious extremists killed more than 250 people in suicide bomb attacks. A week earlier, a pregnant woman and three children were massacred at a baby dedication service in a church in Nigeria. These evil deeds are being carried out in many countries around the world. In Myanmar (formerly Burma) many Christians suffer life-changing injuries. Two men who left their camp to search for food in the forest, were severely injured and one had to have both legs amputated. In countries around the world about 3,000 Christians a year are murdered for their faith. Please pray for the work that Barnabas Charity workers are doing to help persecuted Christians. We have so little idea of the suffering many Christians are subjected to, - so pray, and pray again.

Vacancy—what happens next?

Firstly, a very big thank you to all those of you who took the trouble to respond to our request for your thoughts about St. George's and what we might look for in our new priest. We had a great many thoughtful comments which we were able to include in the Parish Profile. This was written by a small team, with some advice and guidance from the Diocese. In June, the Profile was approved by the PCC and handed over to the Archdeacon and Area Dean. This, along with a letter from the Bishop, will be used to advertise our vacancy in mid-July. At that point, the Profile will be placed on our St. George's website, so do have a look. The PCC also approved the three representatives who will work with the Archdeacon and Area Dean in the shortlisting process and also with the Bishop for the interviews, due to take place in October.

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

Wright or Wrong



A student called "Wright", so they say
Wrote "right" in the wrong sort of way
His teacher, inflamed,
Then loudly exclaimed
"Right, Wright, write "right" right, right away"!

When an old man died in the geriatric ward of a nursing home in an Australian country town, it was believed that he had left nothing of any value.

Later, when the nurses were going through his meagre possessions, they found this poem. Its quality and content so impressed the staff that copies were made and distributed to every nurse in the hospital.

One nurse took her copy to Melbourne. The old man's sole bequest to posterity has since appeared in the Christmas editions of magazines around the country and in Mental Health Magazines. A slide presentation has also been made based on his simple, but eloquent, poem.

And this old man, with nothing left to give the world, is now the author of this "anonymous" poem winging across the internet.

Cranky Old Man.....

What do you see nurses?.....What do you see?
What are you thinking.....when you're looking at me?
A cranky old man,.....not very wise,
Uncertain of habit.....with faraway eyes?
Who dribbles his food.....and makes no reply,
When you say in a loud voice....."I do wish you'd try!"
Who seems not to notice.....the things that you do,
And forever is losing.....a sock or a shoe.
Who, resisting or not.....lets you do as you will,
With bathing and feeding.....the long day to fill?
Is that what you're thinking?.....Is that what you see?
Then open your eyes nurse.....you're not looking at me.
I'll tell you who I am.....as I sit here so still,
As I do your bidding.....as I eat at your will.
I'm a small child of ten.....with a father and mother,
Brothers and sisters.....who love one another
A young boy of sixteen.....with wings on his feet,
Dreaming that soon now.....a lover he'll meet.
A groom soon at twenty,.....my heart gives a leap,
remembering the vows.....that I promised to keep.
At twenty-five, now.....I have young of my own,

From the Registers—

May 2019

Baptisms

Sunday 12th: Alfie Dean

Sunday 26th: James and Savannah Stephens

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

Saturday 4th May: Martin Griffiths
and Sarah Steele



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

Friday 10th May: Funeral and burial of Arthur Spackman

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

OPEN DOORS

North Korean believers say they are “very encouraged by radio messages” from Open Doors supporters, broadcast to them over the radio.

Open Doors broadcasts several Christian programmes to North Koreans each week, all in the middle of the night because it’s the safest time for them to listen to the radio. Last year, many Christians sent in messages of encouragement that could be shared with North Korean believers, and many sent in prayers and verses to strengthen their North Korean family.

One church leader said “I remember that after the song “The love of God” was broadcast, a message from a foreign believer was read out. It quoted Colossians 1: 1-8, where Paul talks about thanking and praying always.”

The message said that the lives of North Korean believers match those from Colossians 1.

“We also pray day and night in our desperation” from Revelations 3: 7-13.

Please continue to support and pray for North Korean believers. It’s thanks to you this incredible work is possible.

Extract taken from Open Doors prayer diary.

More information on: www.opendoorsuk.org

“Summer”

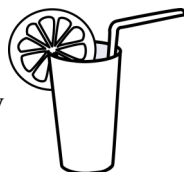
Summer time is here again
But not much sun, just plenty of rain
I’d like to try and get a tan
But I guess it will have to come from a can

Bikini hidden, out comes the mac
And the picnic will be an indoor snack
Crossword book and knitting to hand
My holiday will still be grand

So off I’ll go with pastimes ready
Hoping it’s calm, or I’ll be unsteady
TV on, drink on table
I’ll always enjoy it if I’m able

So, let’s not cry about the rain
I’m sure the sun will be out again
We’ll weather the storm, come rain or shine
And, despite the weather we’ll have a good time.

Liz Curtis



Who need me to guide.....and a secure, happy home.
A man of thirty.....my young now grown fast,
Bound to each other.....with ties that should last.
At forty, my young sons.....have grown and are gone
But my woman is beside me.....to see I don't mourn.
At fifty, once more.....babies play round my knee,
Again, we know children.....my loved one and me.
Dark days are upon me.....my wife is now dead.
I look at the future.....I shudder with dread.
For my young are all rearing.....young of their own,
And I think of the years.....and the love that I've known.
I'm now an old man.....and nature is cruel.
It's jest to make old age.....look like a fool.
The body, it crumbles.....grace and vigour depart.
There is now a stone.....where I once had a heart,
But inside this old carcass.....a young man still dwells,
And now and again.....my battered heart swells.
I remember the joys.....I remember the pain,
And I'm loving and living.....life over again.
I think of the years, all too few.....gone too fast,
And accept the stark fact.....that nothing can last.
So open your eyes, people.....open and see
Not a cranky old man,
Look closersee.....ME!

Remember this poem when you next meet an older person
who you might brush aside without looking at the young soul
within.....we will all, one day, be there too!
The best and most beautiful things of this world can't be seen
or touched. They must be felt by the heart.



From Gordon & Rona:

Outreach to charities continues although at a slower pace. Occasional cards continue to be handed in for Rona and myself to deliver to Cobalt in Cheltenham, for which they are grateful.

Used postage stamps have slowed tremendously because of social media but we would urge you to still tear off any stamps that you receive on correspondence, leaving about 10mm of backing as James Hopkins Trust still need them along with old mobile phones (less SIM card and chargers).



We still require unwanted spectacles and deliver these to SightSavers and / or VisionAid.

At the end of the Spring Fair on June 1st we bought all the jewellery* that had not been sold for a donation to St George's Church and delivered this to The Alzheimer's Society. They were thrilled to receive such a large amount all in one go. They asked that their thanks be passed onto St George's Church.

PLEASE continue to save any of the above listed items and pass them to us for onward delivery to the different charities who rely so much on our support for their finances.

*Jewellery can be perfect, broken, unwanted, oddments e.g. one cuff link or earring, costume jewellery or precious metal.

'Open the Book' finishes another academic year in July. Thank you to both teams for telling the primary school children stories from the bible. Term Time calendars will be available soon for the next year starting in September through to July 2020, so 'OtB' visiting dates can be agreed.



August 2019 Daily Bible Readings



Thursday 1st	Exodus 40: 16-21, 34-end	Matt 13:47-53
Friday 2nd	Lev 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34-37	Matt 13:54-end
Saturday 3rd	Lev 25:1, 8-17	Matt 14:1-12
Monday 5th	Num 11:4-15	Matt 14: 13-end
Tuesday 6th	Num 12 1-13	Matt 15:1-2,10-14
Wednesday 7th	Num 13:1,2,10-14,25	14:1,26-35Matt 15:21-28
Thursday 8th	Num 20: 1-13	Matt16:13-23
Friday 9th	Deut 4:32-40	Matt 16: 24-end
Saturday 10th	Deut 6: 4-13	Matt 17: 14-20
Monday 12th	Deut 10: 12-end	Matt 17: 22-end
Tuesday 13th	Deut 31: 1-8	Matt 18: 1-5,10,12-14
Wednesday 14th	Deut 34	Matt 18: 15-20
Thursday 15th	Joshua 3: 7-11,13-17	Matt 18: 21– 19:1
Friday 16th	Joshua 24: 1-13	Matt19: 3-12
Saturday 17th	Joshua 24:14-29	Matt 19: 13-15
Monday 19th	Judges 2: 11-19	Matt : 19, 16-22
Tuesday 20th	Judges 6: 11-24	Matt :19 23-end
Wednesday 21st	Judges 9: 6-15	Matt 20:, 1-16
Thursday 22nd	Judges 11: 29-end	Matt 22: 1-14
Friday 23rd	Ruth 1: 1,3-6,14-16,22	Matt 22: 34-40
Saturday 24th	Ruth 2: 1-3,8-11 4: 13-17	Matt 23:1-12
Monday 26th	1 Thess 1:1-5,8-end	Matt 23:13-22
Tuesday 27th	1 thess 2:1-8	Matt 23:23-26
Wednesday 28th	1 Thess 2, 9-13	Matt 23: 27-32
Thursday 29th	1 Thess 3: 7-end	Matt 24: 42-end
Friday 30th	1 Thess 4: 1-8	Matt 25: 1-13
Saturday 31st	1 Thess 4 9-12	Matt 25:14=30

July 2019 Daily Bible Readings



Monday 1st	Genesis 18:16-end	Matthew 8: 18-20
Tuesday 2nd	Gen 19: 15-29	Matt 8: 23-27
Wednesday 3rd	Gen 21: 5,8-20	Matt 8: 28-end
Thursday 4th	Gen 22: 1-19	Matt 9: 1-8
Friday 5th	Gen 23:1-4,19,24:1-8,62-end	Matt 9:9-13
Saturday 6th	Gen: 27: 1-5a,15-29	Matt 9: 14-17
Monday 8th	Gen 28: 10-end	Matt 9: 18-26
Tuesday 9th	Gen 32: 22-end	Matt 9: 32-end
Wednesday 10th	Gen 41: 55-end, 42:5-7,17-end	Matt10: 1-7
Thursday 11th	Gen 44:18-21,23-29, 45: 1-3	Matt 10: 7-15
Friday 12th	Gen 46: 1-7,28-30	Matt10: 16-23
Saturday 13th	Gen 49: 29-end, 50: 15-25	Matt 10:24-33
Monday 15th	Exodus 1: 8-14,22	Matt 10: 34—11:1
Tuesday 16th	Exo 2: 1-15	Matt 11: 20-24
Wednesday 17th	Exo 3: 1-6,9-12	Matt 11: 25-27
Thursday 18th	Exo 3: 13-20	Matt 11: 28-end
Friday 19th	Exo 11: 10—12: 14	Matt 12: 1-8
Saturday 20th	Exo 12: 37-42	Matt 12: 14-21
Monday 22nd	Exo 14: 5-18	Matt 12: 38-42
Tuesday 23rd	Exo14: 21—15: 1	Matt 12: 46-end
Wednesday 24th	Exo 16: 1-5,9-15	Matt13: 1-9
Thursday 25th	Exo 19:1-2,9-11,16-20	Matt 13: 10-17
Friday 26th	Exo 20: 1-17	Matt13: 18-23
Saturday 27th	Exo 24: 3-8	Matt 13: 24-30
Monday 29th	Exo 32: 15-24,30-34	Matt 13: 31-35
Tuesday30th	Exo 33: 7-11, 34:5-9,28	Matt 13: 36-43
Wednesday 31st	Exo 34: 29-end	Matt 13: 44-46

On Pentecost Sunday evening (June 9th) St George's Church hosted the ecumenical annual United Christian Service at 6pm for OPEN DOORS*. The theme was Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue (Deuteronomy c16 v18-20). Although I led this service on behalf of St George's Church, we had the different parts taken by congregation members from St . Patrick's Roman Catholic Church and The United Reformed Church. Deacon Brendan from St Patrick's preached and Reverend Eric Massey from the URC delivered the Psalm and gave the blessing. Tony Kilroy (St. Patrick's) played the organ for the hymn singing. Refreshments were enjoyed by the c40 people who attended.

*See separate OPEN DOORS article elsewhere in this magazine.

Golden Guests: On June 20th Rona and I were 'Golden Guests' at Castle Hill School who celebrated their 50th anniversary since the school opened in 1969. We have been very involved with the school for the last 45 years as our two children and two grandsons both attended there. I was chair of the PTA for 7 years and a Parent Governor for 3 years, both I had to relinquish when our children left the school in 1983. We were then involved with the grandsons who attended there.

Of course, more recently we have led the school assemblies with our 'Open the Book' team for the last 10 years. Long may that continue.

Gordon & Rona

THE JOYS OF TRAVEL

Seasoned travellers, the missionary and his wife went to book reservations at the airlines counter. They humbly requested "Two tickets to wherever our luggage is going."

BIBLICAL CITIES, **CHAPTER THREE** **-----JERICHO**

Dear Readers, what comes to mind if I asked you what you know about Jericho? Well, I guess many of you will say the well known African American spiritual hymn “Joshua fought (often fit) the battle of Jericho and the walls came tumbling down” The Composer of this spiritual is unknown but believed to be slaves in the first half of the 19th Century. It has been recorded by many famous people including, Elvis Presley, Bing Crosby, Paul Robeson and Mahalia Jackson to name but a few. So what is it all about? Well, we have to open our bibles in the book of Joshua Chapter 6 verses 15 to 21. Joshua, the son of Nun, was the King of Jericho. The walls of Jericho fell after the Israelites marched around the city blowing their trumpets in celebration after conquering Canaan. Excavations have revealed that Jericho is one of the earliest settlements dating back to 9000 BCE. It also has the oldest known protective wall in the world. Continuing excavations have revealed stone towers which are even older. The reason for its early settlements are the springs which are found in and near the

city. These springs supply the area with enough water to sustain a large population. Back to the Bible, it may surprise you to know that there are 58 verses in the bible that mention Jericho. But only 6 of these are in the New Testament so I thought that I would dwell on these. The first reference is in Matthew chapter 20. I quote”. And as they departed from Jericho, a great multitude followed him” It was here that he met the two blind men.

Now we move onto Marks Gospel Chapter 10 and again I quote “ And they came to Jericho and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people” It was here that he met blind Bartimaeus begging. Luke Chapter 10 tells the story of the Good Samaritan with which I am sure that we are all familiar. This happened to a man who travelled from Jerusalem to Jericho when he fell among thieves. There are two more references in Luke repeating the Matthew events.

Finally, the last reference is in Paul’s Epistle to the Hebrews Chapter 11 verse 30, quote: “By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days”

In conclusion Jericho, unlike many biblical cities, is not in ruins. It is a city located in the West Bank. Jericho is one of the fourteen earliest

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1st — Christine Bartholomew
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Don't be shy!

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

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**The DEADLINE
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is 15th August**

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 Famer or into the Church office to help raise money for Guide Dogs for the Blind

Thank you!



Ramblings

Hooray, we're going on holiday, only for a week, but it makes a break. Really, it's Mum's holiday. Each year we go to the same place because of her dementia. Now she knows the place and she is quite happy. She sits outside on the patio and talks to people as they walk by. The sea wall is just a few feet away and she can watch the sea, the boats, kids in the sea and David fishing. The walkway is on the coastal path, so someone is always tramping up and down with large walking boots, hiking sticks and carrying back-packs. We go for little strolls around part of the freshwater lake just behind the sea front and then we stop at the car park and look at the tank. Yes, a tank, a Sherman 2nd World War tank. This tank, dragged out of the sea, is used as a memorial for those American soldiers and sailors that never made it to the D- Day landings. Exercise Tiger was a dummy invasion practice as the beaches in Start Bay resembled the Normandy landing places. Nine German E boats stumbled upon them in the dark destroying two landing craft loaded with gasoline, explosives and hundreds of men on board. Officially 749 men died. I never knew anything about this until we went to Slapton, so each year we stop and read the memorial. Watching the D-Day commemoration on the TV, I thought of Slapton Sands and wondered how many more people do we have to thank for our freedom today. This year I will say a little prayer when we get to the tank and give thanks.

Liz Hopkins



continuous settlements in the world, dating perhaps from about 9000 BCE. The city's site is of great archaeological importance; it provides evidence of the first development of permanent settlements and thus of the first steps toward civilization. Jericho is located 258 metres (846 ft) below sea level in an oasis in Wadi Qelt in the Jordan Valley, which makes it the lowest city in the world..

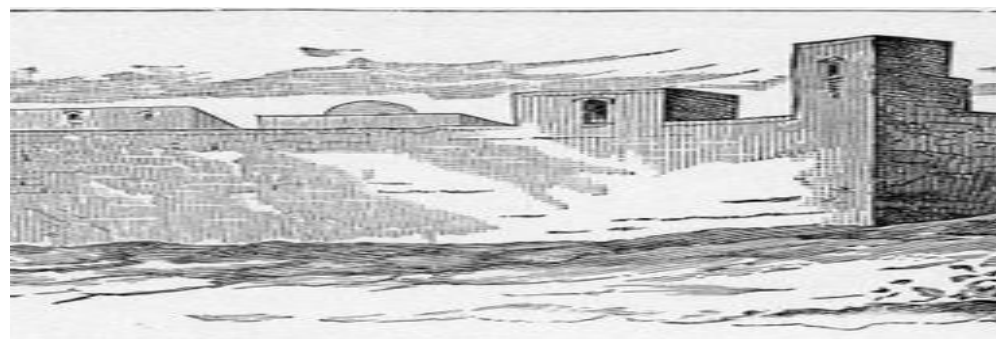
So, dear Readers what do we know of Jericho today? Jericho has been occupied by Israel since the Six-Day War of 1967 along with the rest of the West Bank. It was the first city handed over

to Palestinian Authority control in accordance with the Oslo Accords. The limited Palestinian self-rule of Jericho was agreed on in the Gaza-Jericho Agreement of 4 May 1994. Part of the agreement was a "Protocol on Economic Relations", signed on 29 April 1994.

It is a very popular tourist city with Palestinians but not with Europeans.

There we have it Readers, the next issue will be on Damascus.

Allan Delves.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July 2019

1st	10.00am	Parent and Toddlers: Hall, Church Centre
	10.00am	Coffee Morning: Lounge, Church Centre
	7.15pm	Bible Study: Lounge, Church Centre
3rd	9.30am	Holy Communion: Chapel, Church Centre
4th	10.00am	Needles and Natter: Lounge, Church Centre
	10.00am	Flower Arrangers: Church
	7.30pm	Bell ringing: Church
6th	2.00—2.30	Visiting bell ringers
7th	8.00am	Said Eucharist: Church
	10.00am	Family Service: Church
		(Archdeacon of Gloucester, Ven. Hilary Dawson)
8th	10.00am	Parent and Toddlers: Hall, Church Centre
	10.00am	Coffee Morning: Lounge, Church Centre
	7.15pm	Bible Study: Lounge, Church Centre
10th	9.30am	Holy Communion: Chapel, Church Centre
11th	10.00am	Needles and Natter: Lounge, Church Centre
	10.00am	Flower Arrangers: Church
	7.30pm	Bell ringing: Church
13th	12.30pm	Wedding: Church
14th	8.00am	Said Eucharist: Church
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist: Church
	11.30am	Baptism, Church

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

August 2019 (cont'd)

16th	3.00-5.00pm	MU "Summer of Hope" afternoon tea
18th	8.00am	Said Eucharist: Church
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist: Church
	11.30am	Baptism: Church
19th	10.00am	Coffee Morning: Lounge, Church Centre
	7.15pm	Bible Study: Lounge, Church Centre
21st	9.30am	Holy Communion: Chapel, Church Centre
22nd	10.00am	Needles and Natter: Lounge, Church Centre
	10.00am	Flower Arrangers: Church
	7.30pm	Bell ringing: Church
25th	8.00am	Said Eucharist: Church
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist: Church
26th		Bank Holiday
28th	9.30am	Holy Communion: Chapel, Church Centre
29th	10.00am	Needles and Natter: Lounge, Church Centre
	10.00am	Flower Arrangers: Church
	7.30pm	Bell ringing: Church
31st	1.00pm	Wedding: Church

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY August 2019

1st	10.00am	Needles and Natter: Lounge, Church Centre
	10.00am	Flower Arrangers: Church
	7.30pm	Bell ringing: Church
4th	8.00am	Said Eucharist: Church
	10.00am	Family Service: Church
	11.30am	Baptism, Church
5th	10.00am	Coffee Morning: Lounge, Church Centre
	7.15pm	Bible Study: Lounge, Church Centre
7th	9.30am	Holy Communion: Chapel, Church Centre
8th	10.00am	Needles and Natter: Lounge, Church Centre
	10.00am	Flower Arrangers: Church
	7.30pm	Bell ringing: Church
11th	8.00am	Said Eucharist: Church
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist: Church
	2.00pm	Ice Cream Sundae: Church Centre
12th	10.00am	Coffee Morning: Lounge, Church Centre
	7.15pm	Bible Study: Lounge, Church Centre
14th	9.30am	Holy Communion: Chapel, Church Centre
15th	10.00am	Needles and Natter: Lounge, Church Centre
	10.00am	Flower Arrangers: Church
	7.30pm	Bell ringing: Church

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY July 2019 (cont'd)

15th	10.00am	Parent and Toddlers: Hall, Church Centre (Final session this term)
	10.00am	Coffee Morning: Lounge, Church Centre
	7.15pm	Bible Study: Lounge, Church Centre
17th	9.30am	Holy Communion: Chapel, Church Centre
18th	10.00am	Needles and Natter: Lounge, Church Centre
	10.00am	Flower Arrangers: Church
	7.30pm	Bell ringing: Church
21st	8.00am	Said Eucharist: Church
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist: Church
22nd	10.00am	Coffee Morning: Lounge, Church Centre
	7.15pm	Bible Study: Lounge, Church Centre
	7.00pm	Mothers' Union Service: Church, followed by supper: Hall, Church Centre
24th	9.30am	Holy Communion: Chapel, Church Centre
	7.00pm	PCC meeting: Lounge, Church Centre
25th	10.00am	Needles and Natter: Lounge, Church Centre
	10.00am	Flower Arrangers: Church
	7.30pm	Bell ringing: Church
28th	8.00am	Said Eucharist: Church
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist: Church
	11.30am	Baptism, Church

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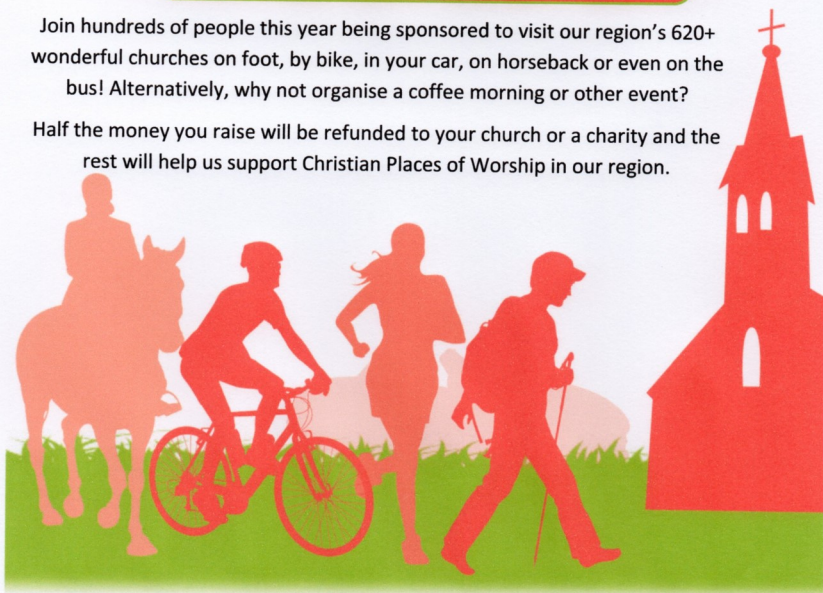
RIDE+STRIDE
for Churches



Sponsored Ride+Stride
Saturday 14 September 2019

Join hundreds of people this year being sponsored to visit our region's 620+ wonderful churches on foot, by bike, in your car, on horseback or even on the bus! Alternatively, why not organise a coffee morning or other event?

Half the money you raise will be refunded to your church or a charity and the rest will help us support Christian Places of Worship in our region.



Please contact your **Church's Local Organiser** below to discuss taking part!

For more information, please visit www.ghct.org.uk/ride-and-stride.

Local Organiser Richard Ashenden

Phone / Email 01452 862515



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This event is supported by the National Churches Trust

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

MULOA

(Mothers' Union Listens, Observes and Acts)

On Thursday June 6th a few of us attended the Deanery quiet morning at Churcham Church where, during the closing Eucharist service, Enid, our branch leader, was commissioned as MU Severn-vale Deanery leader by Rev'd Simon Mason, Area Dean.



We meet on Monday July 22nd at 7.00pm in St. George's Church for our Annual Summer Service conducted by Gordon Clifford one of our Licensed Readers followed afterwards by a 'Bring and Share' supper in St. George's Church Centre hall, (for MU members plus ones only). If it's a nice warm evening we may even be able to have some tables outside!!

The Diocesan MU Mary Sumner Day picnic is being held this year at Morton in Marsh on Friday August 9th.

Jan Bowkett has kindly given permission for us to hold an 'Afternoon Tea' on Friday August 16th from 3.00pm – 5.00pm in aid of MU 'Summer of Hope' Appeal.

The 'Wave of Prayer' for our deanery this year is between 3-5 September, More information on what our branch timeslot will be please see the pew sheet nearer the time.

Many blessings, Rona.



“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 COLD MEAT, EG HAM, CORNED BEEF
- SQUASH
- TINNED FISH
- TINNED POTATOES
- TOOTHPASTE
- SINGLE TOOTHBRUSHES



Visit to the National Star Centre

Following an interesting talk to the Mother's Union a few months ago, Jean Corless arranged for a group of us to visit the National Star Centre to find out more about their amazing work, for which it has received a number of awards, both national and international. The Star Centre opened in May 1967 in a Manor with a stable block and out buildings bequeathed to them at Ullenwood. Initially there were 10 students from all over the UK but this number grew to 40 in the first year.

The Centre has grown hugely in the intervening years and now supports more than 1000 young people with a wide range of disabilities including cerebral palsy, polio, spina bifida, brain injuries and learning disabilities. Originally housed in shared bedrooms and dormitories, specialist accommodation has been built with hoists, adjustable height fittings and remotely operated switches which give the young people a high degree of independence helping them to cope with their disability. At the Star College students learn a wide range of skills in beautiful

peaceful surroundings, supported by a dedicated staff of therapists and teachers. From the early days they had work placements with local companies and reports verify just how much they are capable of in the world of work.

Many have difficulty in communicating so in recent years the advances in assistive technology to help them communicate has had a huge impact. The wide range of activities that that students benefit from include art and drama, music, the use of a gym, swimming pool and hydrotherapy centre as well as many outdoor activities. They also learn life skills assisting in the shop and restaurant.

After 3 or 4 years at the National Star College (as it was renamed in 1993) some students move into



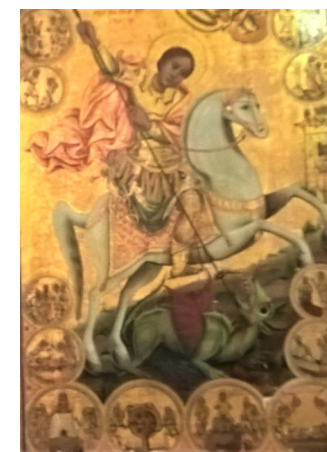
Summer Holiday Photo Spot



The Slades visited Bulgaria. The photo above shows a resurrection scene from John showing Peter diving into the Sea of Galilee. Adrian says Peter forgot to put his clothes on! Top right shows that Bulgarians also collect bottle tops! To the right is an Easter Garden in an egg.



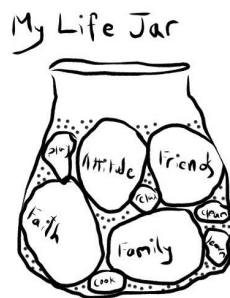
The Ashendens found these icons of St. George on a recent trip to Cyprus.



LIFE

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.
Life is beauty, admire it.
Life is a dream, realise it.
Life is a challenge, meet it.
Life is a duty, complete it.
Life is a game, play it.
Life is a promise, fulfil it.
Life is sorrow, overcome it.
Life is a song, sing it.
Life is a struggle, accept it.
Life is a tragedy, confront it.
Life is an adventure, dare it.
Life is luck, make it.
Life is life, fight for it.

Mother Teresa



one of the 'Foundation Houses' in Cheltenham, Gloucester or Malvern where they can live independently and take part in work.

The advances that have been made have been possible largely due to a huge amount of charitable fund raising.

After our tour of the site and its facilities, we enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea in the restaurant where some of the

students were working.

The abiding memory I have taken from the visit is the smiling faces of young people overcoming their disabilities in beautiful surroundings, supported by so many dedicated staff.

Lizbeth Harbottle

Cash for Coins

Thanks to all who donated old and foreign coins recently. I sent off just over 6Kgs of assorted coins and have received £46.36 for St George's funds.

I will continue to collect old and foreign coins and will send off when I have 5Kgs (as it is free then). So, keep your coins from holidays abroad, including euro coins, and I can turn them into cash for St George's.

Thanks,

Derek Harbottle



Here's a challenge!

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We know you have insightful and thoughtful views about St. George's. Can you compress them into one sentence with one picture for a chance to win £5,000 for the Church? Closing date is 31st October.

One of our retired priests, Rev. David Sutch, led our service at Pentecost, when we celebrated the Church's birthday



.....after leading us in an Ascension Day service at 7am at the top of Coopers Hill. Thank you, David!



Events and training

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

Faith in creation: Climate change and hope workshop

Saturday 6 July, 10am for 10.30am start, finish 3.30-4pm, at Rudford Church, GL2 8DT. Cost £15 including a simple lunch.

A day to reflect on the environment and climate change and explore how we can find paths forward in our current crisis. For more details including an outline programme or contact faithincreation@icloud.com

Tewkesbury Abbey Theological Forum: Sacred Music and Human Dignity

Tuesday 9 July, 7.30pm to 9pm, at Abbey House, Tewkesbury
Speaker, the Revd Dr Jonathan Arnold, Dean of Divinity at Magdalen College, Oxford University.
tewkesburyabbey.org.uk/the-theology-forum

Barnwood Church's Flower Festival

Friday 12 July to Sunday 14 July, 10am to 5pm at St Lawrence Church, Barnwood

Afternoon tea and a raffle will be available throughout the weekend.

British Festival of Archaeology:

Archaeology Roadshow

Saturday 13 July, 11am to 3pm at Cathedral Green, Gloucester.

Kurt Adams, Finds Liaison Officer for Gloucestershire and Avon will have a variety of local archaeological finds on display and some handling items to bring history to life. If you have unearthed something you want to know about, bring it along. Admission free.

Song writing workshop for young people

Saturday 20 July, 10.30am to 3pm in the Parliament Room at Gloucester Cathedral

Workshop for young people aged 12-18. Using music to tell stories and express ideas, try song writing or improve song writing skills. Spaces £5
helen.jeffrey@gloucestercathedral.org.uk

Celebrate: Tetbury

Sunday 21 July, 4pm to 5.30pm in St Mary's School Hall

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. Finishing with tea time for everyone. Celebrate is run by St Mary's, Christ Church, Five Valleys Christian Fellowship and St Michael's Catholic Church. All are welcome.

Have your say

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the messenger

engagement Israel versus Egypt in Stonehouse



This half term, sports ministry charity PSALMS held its first sports camp in Stonehouse. 18 children aged 7-11 came to play sport and learn more about trust and perseverance through the story of Moses.

Ben Fudge, one of the sports ministers running the day explained how it was set up. "The day started with the children dividing into two countries, Egypt and Israel. They did team chants, made badges and held an opening ceremony. To introduce the theme of trust and perseverance, we watched a video of the Brownlee brothers, the brothers who became famous when older brother Alistair helped his dehydrated younger brother Johnny over the line in the World Triathlon Series race in 2016.

"The PSALMS team got the children involved by doing a role play about Moses and Pharaoh and then it was time to start doing sport. Each sport task used the key values as part of the activity and the 'countries' came together to discuss the value in each break time. The final conversation was around practical applications of the values for the young people's lives— "How can this value be worked out in the situation that I am facing right now?" Camps in general are important for getting kids outside of their comfort zones and getting them to think in a different way. It gives them the space to go a bit deeper in their thinking and ask questions about faith.

"Delivering the day was a team effort—thanks go to The Woolpack for providing free food and Pizza Planet for discounted food, plus Churches Together in Stonehouse for a donation towards costs. 100 per cent of the children said they would like to come again to something similar and 80 per cent were confident that they now understood more about the core values."

If you are interested in sponsoring a sports ministry event or sending your children along, you can get in touch with PSALMS at <https://psalms.uk.net/>



Spotlight on The Armoury

The Armoury is a new Christian-run gym, connecting with young men and women with no church background. 85% of the members are ages 18-25. Founder Jon Taylor has a vision of creating a supportive culture in the gym. The core ethos is that it focuses on mental well-being as well as physical fitness. The Armoury is also accessible with minimal monthly fees.

Jon wanted the loving support of a church to be duplicated in other settings such as gyms. He was inspired to create a gym that sought to serve the physical, mental and social needs of communities and those not in churches.

He said: "The Armoury has provided a community where people are not judged on what they look like, how far they can run, what they say but on who they truly are. We value people and progress, over perfection."

What do you think? Would this kind of gym be an asset in your area? Let us know by emailing kclamp@glosdioc.org.uk or Tweet [@glosdioc](https://twitter.com/glosdioc)

Ride and Stride, Saturday, 14 September 2019

How many miles could you cover in one day? The Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust has put out a challenge to see who can visit the most churches on Saturday 14 September, on foot, bike, horseback, driving or public transport.

Get sponsored per mile or per church and half the cash goes to your local church, and half to supporting other churches in Gloucestershire. Did you know the charity gives out £150,000 every year to help churches with grants to repair or modernise churches?

It's a brilliant way to challenge yourself, work on your fitness, get out in the gorgeous Gloucestershire countryside and support local churches at the same time. And you will know that you are giving back to your community and helping to preserve our beautiful historic churches for generations to come. Get in touch with Glenn Duff at ride-and-stride@speracc.com to get your entry pack or find out how your church can welcome visitors on this special day.

Internships at PSALMS

PSALMS sports ministry charity is looking for interns to develop their skills in children's and youth work while gaining theological knowledge. PSALMS will cover the cost of the New Wine Discipleship year programme and pay £2,000 a year. You can choose sports specialism stream or youth ministry stream. To find out more visit <https://psalms.uk.net/2019-2020-internships/>

Sticks for Stumps

Scripture Union has produced resources based around the Cricket World Cup which you can use to engage with your community, church or school. You will need to sign up to download the resources, but it's free to do. <https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/sticks-stumps>



Taking faith further with the Foundations course

God wants you to know him better. And one of the ways that you can get to know God and your calling in his Church is to keep learning about him.

Each year, the Diocese of Gloucester sponsors places on the Cuddesdon Gloucester and Hereford (formerly WEMTC) Foundations in Theology, Ministry and Mission. If your local church feels that this would be a good course for you, you can apply for a sponsored place for this year long course.

Former course participant Kathryn Lee said: "I thought I might not be clever enough, or know enough and although I wanted to learn more, I was afraid it would be boring."

From the first evening, I knew I was wrong. The first module was about theological reflection and it bought my faith to life. It was faith in action, not faith in books, which was exactly what I was looking for."

It's perfect for people who feel called into greater public involvement in the life of their church, to serve the local congregation, live out your faith in the world and serve your local community. Visit gloucester.anglican.org/2017/foundations-in-theology-ministry-and-mission-2 or speak to Jane Cusworth at jane.cusworth@rc.ac.uk to find out more.