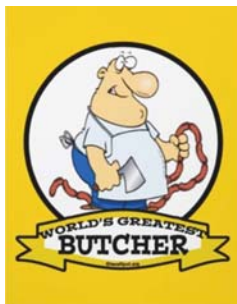




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Sandhurst; Staverton with Boddington.



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*(Letter from Suzanne: Page 22)*

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## FROM THE COSY KNITTING CORNER



Any of you who have come to know me over the last few years know my slight interest in knitting!! As I write this I have next to me four projects to keep my skills exercised.

This has made me think about new beginnings. September is traditionally a month when everything starts again, with schools being just one of these.

Do you remember the pleasure of

receiving a new set of books and blank paper waiting to be filled, or did it fill you with horror at the amount of work to be done? For many of us life now just drifts on, yes there is the pressure of certain dates coming up, but do we ever stop and think about our spiritual journeys? It's so easy to just allow that to drift along as well, and never or seldom changing the time we give or what we do to enrich this.

Maybe this month is the time to refresh our outlook. I encourage each one of us to do so. There's a wonderful range of books, bible reading notes and prayer guides available. This means we are not floundering around on our own. Maybe there is part of the Bible that is unknown or rarely read by you, so let's start something new and see how it helps us grow.

With the coming of our new rector Suzanne this month this also is another new beginning, and I am sure we are all keen to welcome her. I am sure as we get to know her we will all be learning and carrying on our journey together.

As for me? I have decided to renew my reading on the book of Judges, so be warned it will probably appear on some Sundays as we meet together.

So I wish all of you a happy month, enjoy anything new you start, and yes I am now going to pick up the needles and work a few more stitches.

Blessings and Love,

Chris (Reader)

# PRAYER DIARY — SEPTEMBER

|           |    |  |
|-----------|----|--|
| Sunday    | 01 | People living in Sandhurst                                   |
| Monday    | 02 | PCC Members  |
| Tuesday   | 03 | Children and students starting a new term                    |
| Wednesday | 04 | Those who commute day by day                                 |
| Thursday  | 05 | Diocese of Karnataka Central - India                         |
| Friday    | 06 | Our local and national politicians                           |
| Saturday  | 07 | Those attending the men's and ladies' breakfasts             |
| Sunday    | 08 | People living in Coombe Hill                                 |
| Monday    | 09 | Our churchwardens  |
| Tuesday   | 10 | For those working in the police fire, and ambulance services |
| Wednesday | 11 | Those ill in hospital and those who are housebound           |
| Thursday  | 12 | Diocese of Dornakal - India                                  |
| Friday    | 13 | The work of Christian Aid                                    |
| Saturday  | 14 | Those preparing to lead worship and preach tomorrow          |
| Sunday    | 15 | People living in Twigworth                                   |
| Monday    | 16 | Our churchyard working parties                               |
| Tuesday   | 17 | Those working in our hospitals                               |
| Wednesday | 18 | The staff, children and governors of Norton School           |
| Thursday  | 19 | Diocese of Västerås - Sweden                                 |
| Friday    | 20 | Our flower arrangers   |
| Saturday  | 21 | Those preparing to lead worship and preach tomorrow          |
| Sunday    | 22 | Revd Suzanne as she prepares to start her ministry among us  |
| Monday    | 23 | Churches in the Severn Vale Deanery                          |
| Tuesday   | 24 | Our church treasurers  |
| Wednesday | 25 | The 'Open the Book' team                                     |
| Thursday  | 26 | Diocese of Western Tanganyika                                |
| Friday    | 27 | The 'Bible Club' at Norton School                            |
| Saturday  | 28 | Those preparing to lead worship and preach tomorrow          |
| Sunday    | 29 | People living in Longford                                    |
| Monday    | 30 | Community of Korowe School in Kenya                          |



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## Readings to 29th September 2013: Year C

### Sunday 1st September      Green      Trinity 14

|               |                        |
|---------------|------------------------|
| First Reading | Hebrews 13.1–8, 15, 16 |
| Gospel        | Luke 14.1: 7–14        |
| Psalm         | 81: 1, 10–16           |

### Sunday 8th September      Green      Trinity 15

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| First Reading | Philemon 1–21   |
| Gospel        | Luke 14: 25–33  |
| Psalm         | 139: 1–5, 12–18 |

### Sunday 15th September      Green      Trinity 16

|               |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|
| First Reading | 1 Timothy 1.12–17 |
| Gospel        | Luke 15: 1–10     |
| Psalm         | 14                |

### Sunday 22nd September      Green      Trinity 17

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| First Reading | 1 Timothy 2.1–7 |
| Gospel        | Luke 16: 1–13   |
| Psalm         | 79: 1–9         |

### Sunday 29th September      Green      Trinity 18

## BackToChurchSunday

|               |                    |
|---------------|--------------------|
| First Reading | 1 Timothy 6.6 - 19 |
| Gospel        | Luke 16: 19 -31    |
| Psalm         | 91: 1–6, 14–16     |

## SEPTEMBER

### Sunday 1st September

|                |                |          |                   |
|----------------|----------------|----------|-------------------|
| Sandhurst      | Evening Prayer | 6:00 pm  | Team              |
| Twigworth      | Morning Prayer | 10:30 am | Team              |
| Down Hatherley | Holy Communion | 9:30 am  | Fr David          |
| Norton         | Holy Communion | 11:00 am | Canon David       |
| The Leigh      | Evening Prayer | 6:00 pm  | Chris Lane        |
| Staverton      | Holy Communion | 9:30 am  | Rev Katie McClure |
| Boddington     | No Service     |          |                   |

### Trinity 14

- 5 Evening Home Group (See **MONTHLY MEETINGS** Page: 11)
- 7 Longford Car Boot Sale (See **AROUND THE PARISHES** Page: 17)
- 7 Men's Breakfast Club (See **MONTHLY MEETINGS** Page: 10)
- 7 Ladies' Breakfast Group (See **MONTHLY MEETINGS** Page: 11)

### Sunday 8th September

|                |                |          |                 |
|----------------|----------------|----------|-----------------|
| Sandhurst      | Holy Communion | 9:30 am  | Revd Ian Calder |
| Twigworth      | Holy Communion | 11:00 am | Canon David     |
| Down Hatherley | Evening Prayer | 6:30 pm  | Chris Lane      |
| Norton         | Morning Prayer | 9:30 am  | Team            |
| The Leigh      | Holy Communion | 9:30 am  | Canon David     |
| Staverton      | Morning Prayer | 10:00 am | Chris Lane      |

### Trinity 15

- 12 Glos Family History Day (Nature in Art) (See **EVENTS** Page: 21)
- 14 The Leigh: Car Boot Sale (See **AROUND THE PARISHES** Page: 14)

### Sunday 15th September

|                |                                   |          |  |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------|--|
| Sandhurst      | Family Service                    | 9:30 am  | Team & Speaker<br>From James Hopkins Trust |
| Twigworth      | Morning Prayer                    | 10:30 am | Team                                       |
| Down Hatherley | Holy Communion ( <i>Baptism</i> ) | 9:30 am  | Canon David                                |
| Norton         | Holy Communion                    | 11:00 am | Canon David                                |
| The Leigh      | Evening Prayer                    | 6:00 pm  | Team                                       |
| Boddington     | Holy Communion                    | 11:00 am | Rev George Mitchell                        |

### Trinity 16

## SEPTEMBER

- 15 Five Parish Fun Ride (See **EVENTS** Page: 24)
- 16 Sandhurst WI (See **MONTHLY MEETINGS** Page: 11)
- 19 Norton WI (See **MONTHLY MEETINGS** Page: 11)
- 19 Afternoon Home Group (See **MONTHLY MEETINGS** Page: 11)

| <b>Sunday 22nd September</b> |                              |          | <b>Trinity 17</b> |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Sandhurst                    | Holy Communion               | 9:30 am  | Father David      |
| Twigworth                    | Holy Communion               | 11:00 am | Canon David       |
| Down Hatherley               | Evening Prayer               | 6:30 pm  | Team              |
| Norton                       | Morning Prayer               | 9:30 am  | Team              |
| The Leigh                    | Holy Communion <i>(Said)</i> | 8:30 pm  | Canon David       |
| Staverton                    |                              |          |                   |
| Boddington                   | Evening Prayer               | 6:30 pm  | Team              |

- 22 'Messy Church' (See **EVENTS** Page: 18)
- 23 Norton & The Leigh Local History Group (See **MONTHLY MEETINGS** Page: 11)

| <b>Monday 23rd September</b> |                           |         |                |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|----------------|
| Sandhurst                    | Licensing of Revd Suzanne | 7:00 pm | Bishop Michael |

- 27 Macmillan Coffee Morning, Down Hatherley (See **AROUND THE PARISHES** P. 17)

| <b>Sunday 29th September</b> |   |          | <b>Trinity 18</b>    |
|------------------------------|---|----------|----------------------|
| Down Hatherley               | Back to Church Sunday<br>Benefice Service | 11:00 am | Revd Suzanne Skepper |
|                              | Followed by 'Bring & Share' Lunch         |          |                      |
|                              | Down Hatherley Village Hall               |          |                      |

- 30 Longford Flower Club (See **MONTHLY MEETINGS** Page: 10)



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*(Matthew 28:19)*

|                       |           |                         |
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### WEDDINGS

*“God is love, and those who live in love live in God; and God lives in them.” (1 John 4: 16)*

|   |  |
|---|--|
| George Hannaford & Danielle Davis<br>August 3rd | St. Mary & Corpus Christi,<br>Down Hatherley |
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|  |                         |
|--|-------------------------|
| Andrew Jordan & Tanya Brown<br>August 17th | St. Lawrence, Sandhurst |
|--|-------------------------|

|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| Daniel Haskins & Olivia Bowkett<br>August 22nd | St. Mary, Boddington |
|--|----------------------|

### FUNERALS

*“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies.” (John 11:25)*

|                |                      |
|----------------|----------------------|
| Sheila Wilkins | St. Mary, Boddington |
|----------------|----------------------|

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| Dora Leach | St. Mary & Corpus Christi,<br>Down Hatherley |
|------------|--|

## October, November etc.

- 4 Oct Staverton & Boddington Harvest Supper (See **AROUND THE PARISHES** P. 14)
- 5 Oct Down Hatherley Gift day and MORE! (See **AROUND THE PARISHES** P. 14)
- 5 Oct Norton Village Bring & Share Supper (See **AROUND THE PARISHES** P. 15)
- 6 Oct Harvest Festival Norton Church
- 7 Oct Harvest Festival Staverton Church
- 12 Oct Down Hatherley Harvest Supper (See **AROUND THE PARISHES** P. 17)
- 13 Oct Harvest Festival Sandhurst Church
- 13 Oct Harvest Festival Down Hatherley Church
- 13 Oct Harvest Festival Twigworth Church
- 13 Oct Harvest Festival The Leigh Church
- 18 Oct Cobalt Card Sale (See **EVENTS** Page: 18)
- 20 Oct Harvest Festival Boddington Church
- 5 Nov Longford Flower Club (See **MONTHLY MEETINGS** Page: 10)



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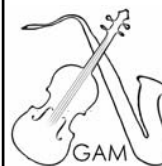
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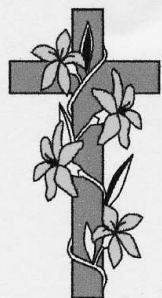
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Sept 4 Oct 16 Dec 4
- Sandhurst:** Meetings are held in Sandhurst Village Hall, starting at 7:30 pm on the first Monday of each month (unless this is a Bank Holiday). All parishioners are invited to attend.
- The Leigh:** Meetings have now been altered so that there are 4 planned meetings a year, one of those will be the Annual General Meeting each May where Councillor Officers are appointed to Parish Council roles. Meetings are held in St Catherine's Church, on a Wednesday at 7.30pm.  
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Next dates are:  
Nov 13  
2014: Feb 12 ; May 14 (AGM)
- Longford:** Meetings are held in Longford Village Hall, first Tuesday of the month, starting at 7:30 pm. All residents are invited.
- Norton:** Meetings are held in the Village Hall committee room starting at 7.30pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend.  
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## MONTHLY MEETINGS' ROUND UP

### LADIES' BREAKFAST GROUP



The Ladies' Breakfast group will meet again on 7th September from 8:30am - 10:00am at Mary Limbrick's home.

More ladies are always welcome and if you'd like to come, please contact Mary on 01452 731257. If you're able to make a donation to help cover costs that would be good (but not essential!).

### NORTON WI

New members and visitors always welcome. Meeting at 7:30pm on 19th September, the speaker for the evening, Ged Cassell, will give a talk on Costa Rica.

### SANDHURST WI

Meeting at 7:30pm on 16th September, the speaker for the evening, Beryl Griffiths will give a talk entitled 'Seasonal Flower Arranging'. New members and visitors always welcome.

### Home Groups

We have two home groups which meet for Bible study, prayer and fellowship.

The afternoon group will meet at the home of the Godwin's on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 3 pm. This month's meeting will therefore be on Wednesday 19th September.

The evening group will next meet on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm at 2, Foley Cottage Barrow, the home of Gill Parker-Dodd.



### NORTON & THE LEIGH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Meeting at Norton Village Hall on 23rd September at 7:00pm, the speaker, Phillip Moss, will be talking about Tudor Gloucester.

Admission: £2 includes coffee. All welcome.

## FEEDBACK

### Down Hatherley CC



The Jazz Evening at Down Hatherley Cricket Club in July raised £347. Many thanks to all who helped and supported this successful event.

*Helen Nicol*

## Norton, Leigh and District Horticultural Show 2013

Despite a trying gardening year all exhibitors gave an excellent account of themselves:

Overall:

1<sup>st</sup> Jo Robson (63.5 points) + Chairman's Rose Bowl (flower arranging)

2<sup>nd</sup> Janet Broughton (59.5points) + Challenge Cup (cookery)

3<sup>rd</sup> Harry Wilks (52 points) C E Hadley (onions) and Frank Bridge (Class 1 Collection) Memorial Cups - only 11 points between the top 3!

Other Cups went to:

C E Price Memorial (roses) and The Davies Cups (cut flowers) - Sue Phelps

Miss Finlay Cup (under 7s) - Georgina Austin

Joy Perkins Cup (under 12s) - Emma-Jane Austin

Under 16s - Harriet Robson

Harry Wilks Challenge Shield (team competition) - Karen & Jess Beeson and Jane & Georgina Austin



## COLIN'S COMPUTER COLUMN

### What's The Difference?



A friend emailed me some photos a few days ago, mentioning that he had taken the pictures with his iPhone and that they were **jpeg** files. When I double-clicked as usual on one of the attachment file references in the email to open the picture I was startled when an unfamiliar program took charge of my computer. "Ahhh - what's this? - the picture is there alright, filling the whole screen, but where are the usual menus and buttons?"

Then I realised what was going on. The computer was fairly new and used the Windows 8 operating system. Being a bit of a traditionalist, I had set up Windows 8 to use desktop mode rather than the new tablet/touchscreen mode. I had also set up Windows to use my familiar menu-rich programs for such functions as email and photo display rather than the new ones developed to suit the tablet/touchscreen mode. The photo file format I most often use is **jpg**, so I had "told" Windows that the program it should use to open **jpg** files was **Windows Photo Gallery**. I had not told Windows what program to use to open **jpeg** files, so Windows used the default unfamiliar (to me) tablet-oriented **Photos** program. It was a simple matter to change this by using Windows' **Default Programs** function in **Control Panel** and I then thought "what's the difference between a **jpg** and a **jpeg** anyway?"

The answer is that there is no difference at all. I searched the Internet to discover that **jpeg** is the file extension denoting the type of standard compressed picture file format developed by the Joint Photographic Experts Group and that **jpg** is the file extension for exactly the same format when used by operating systems which can only support three letter file extensions.

But Windows doesn't know that, of course,

*The true moral of the story is that the "Default Programs" settings in a computer fundamentally affect the character and feel of the thing. "Personalisation", Windows calls it.*

## VILLAGE & COMMUNITY AGENT REPORT

### Healthwatch Gloucestershire



#### Your independent consumer champion for health and social care

On April 1st 2013, Healthwatch was launched all over the country and replaces the previous Local Involvement Networks (LINKs) and in this case, Gloucestershire LINK. Healthwatch gives the public a powerful voice locally and nationally. Local Healthwatch works to help people get the best out of their local health and social care services. Whether it is improving them today or helping to shape them for tomorrow, Local Healthwatch is all about local voices being able to influence the delivery and design of local services. Not just people who use them, but anyone who might need them in the future.

#### About Healthwatch Gloucestershire

Healthwatch Gloucestershire does this by having a visible local presence out in the six districts of the county on a regular basis, listening to your views and experiences of health and social care and sharing them with the people who plan and deliver those services locally. We will also pass your views onto the Care Quality Commission as regulator and Healthwatch England, who will use them to identify regional and national issues and trends. In addition, we have built upon the legacy of the GUIDE Information service to provide or signpost people to information, advice and Independent Health Complaints Advocacy, to help you make informed choices about health and care services or raise concerns/complain about your experiences.

Your voice really does count and can change health and social care for the better.

[Join us and make a difference today.](#) Tel: 0800 652 5193 | 01452 504989

[info@healthwatchgloucestershire.co.uk](mailto:info@healthwatchgloucestershire.co.uk)

**Jane Griffiths 07810 630244**

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**Ken Haines 07810 630234**

*Village Agent for Highnam, Innsworth, Longford, and Minsterworth*

## FEEDBACK

### Best Exhibits:

Vegetables and Cut Flowers - Harry Wilks

Fruit - Sue Phelps

Novice Vegetables - Malcolm Hand

Flower Arranging - Jo Robson

Wine - P Ranford

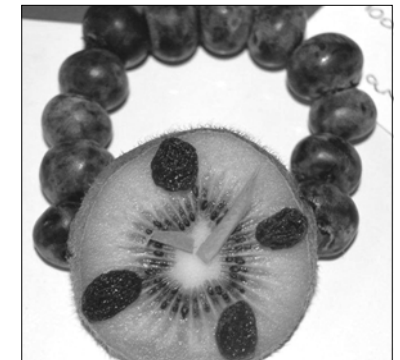
Cookery - Sylvia Davenport

Under 7s - Georgina Austin and Daniel Wilkins

Under 12s - Jess Remfry

Under 16s & Under 21s Vegetables - Miranda Smith

We had many new entrants this year who all did incredibly well - why not consider having a go next year? The auction of donated entries raised a fantastic £86 for the Air Ambulance charity - thanks to everyone who donated or joined in the bidding.



## CENTRAL MOBILE LIBRARY

As part of the new Library Strategy there have been changes to the mobile library service. Routes F and H no longer exist and so there will be no visits to Sandhurst, Norton and Staverton. The only remaining visit on 'our patch' will be at The Swan, Coombe Hill.

| Village     | Stop Name | Time          |
|-------------|-----------|---------------|
| Coombe Hill | The Swan  | 14.55 — 16.55 |

Dates: 20th September; 18th October

## AROUND THE PARISHES — THE LEIGH



Saturday 14th September

Midday—3pm

Leigh Farm, The Leigh

(off the A38)

In aid of the Air Ambulance

Booters: £5

Contact: 01242 680196

## AROUND THE PARISHES — LONGFORD

### WELCOME TO LONGFORD'S CAR BOOT SALE

7<sup>th</sup> September

10.00 am - 1.00 pm

Gates open 9.00am



Longford Village Hall

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AROUND THE PARISHES — NORTON

## VILLAGE GET-TOGETHER

### BRING-AND-SHARE SUPPER

### MEET YOUR FELLOW VILLAGERS

### LEARN THE LATEST

### GOSSIP (PUB?)

### HELP THOSE IN NEED

### AND IT'S FREE!

Norton Village Hall

Saturday 5th October 7pm for 7:30pm

American / Bring & Share Supper

Bring your own tipples!

Celebrate all things 'harvesty'—food and beer and wine!

Got unused / unwanted tools in the shed / garage—bring them along so that they can be taken to Kenya.



## WANTED!



Editor required for **Norton News** from October 2013. Three—four hours at the end of each month are needed to compile and then deliver the newsheet to the distributors. Please contact Ann Wrench on 01452 730439.

**Website: The Village of Norton, Gloucestershire**

**[www.nortonglos.btck.co.uk](http://www.nortonglos.btck.co.uk)**

(type into address box)

## AROUND THE PARISHES — SANDHURST



### Calling all table tennis fans in Sandhurst

Fun table tennis sessions will be starting in the village hall from September on a Tuesday night.

A chance for villagers of any age and ability to get together for a social evening over a few games of table tennis.

For more information on the social table tennis sessions please contact Norman Saunders on 730208.



## AROUND THE PARISHES — STAVERTON & BODDINGTON

### *Staverton and Boddington* **Harvest Supper**

The annual Harvest Supper will be held on Friday October 4<sup>th</sup>

at Boddington Manor

- doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30 start

Tickets are available **NOW** from: -

Debbie Drinkwater (680006),

Jacqui Maguire (680161), Gill Parker-Dodd (680784)

or Chris Evans (01452 713068)

To help with catering, **please ensure** that you have booked AND paid by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September - thank you.

**"Tickets remain at the outstanding value of £6"**

**Book early - don't wait until they have all gone!**

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## EVENTS



### IT'S BACK ON!

5 PARISH FUN RIDE

SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER 2013

The popular 5 Parish Fun Ride is to be held again this year on Sunday 15th September 2013.

The Cotswold Vale Farmers' Hunt will be organising the Ride with kind permission of local farmers and landowners.

A donation will be made from the profits to the charity LINC (The Leukaemia & Intensive Chemotherapy Fund based in Gloucester and Cheltenham Hospitals) chosen by the 5 Parish Committee Chairman.

We would welcome help with marshalling etc. around the course throughout the Benefice on the day. Please telephone Rosemary Elliott on 01452-731708 if you can help us.



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## AROUND THE PARISHES — DOWN HATHERLEY

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 27th Sept 10 am to 12



*In aid of cancer support*  
Be part of it



**Down Hatherley Village Hall**

More details from [www.downhatherleyvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.downhatherleyvillagehall.org.uk)  
or call Sue 730005, Jean 730528 or Pam 730796

### DOWN HATHERLEY GIFT DAY AND CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

SATURDAY OCTOBER 5TH 10AM - 4PM

Come and enjoy meeting others at the church.

Refreshments provided.

If you are able to support the hard working volunteers maintaining the churchyard that would be much appreciated. Bring your gardening gloves and help us for as little or as much as you like!



### HARVEST FESTIVAL SUPPER

DOWN HATHERLEY VILLAGE HALL

12TH OCTOBER

Further info:

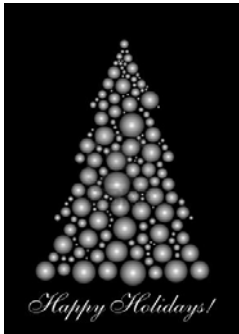
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## EVENTS

### COBALT

#### CHRISTMAS AND GREETINGS CARDS SALE



10.30 am - 6.30 pm

Friday 18th October

at

The Dovecote

Sandhurst Lane

Sandhurst

Gloucester GL2 9NR

(past church and follow signs)

Complimentary coffee and cake. Please come and bring your friends.



#### SEVEN TOWERS GROUP OF CHURCHES

INVITES YOU TO



SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER 2013

3:00PM - 5:00 PM

Sandhurst Village Hall

CRAFT, CELEBRATION AND FOOD FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

NO UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN PLEASE

## A NEW ADVENTURE!

Then a stranger appears, joins them on their journey, talks to them about how God has spoken throughout history of how he was going to rescue humanity and a new light, a new dawn breaks into their hearts and they ask this stranger to stay with them as he looks like he's going to travel further ahead. And Jesus stays and quietly prepares a meal; the guest now becomes the host.

He picks up the bread and before their eyes gently breaks it...and they realize...Jesus is actually with us...He's sat amongst us, hope and light suddenly return.

It's interesting that we are told one of the names of those journeying but not the other...maybe that's left unknown so that we can put our own names in, we can see ourselves on that road, full of questions, wondering why things have happened the way they have... sat as he breaks bread amongst us, transforming us.

As we pack our belongings up and set out to join you, my prayer is that wherever you find yourselves on this road through life, the invitation is there, we can all be the other nameless fellow pilgrim, if we choose to be, who finds God is amongst us in Jesus, walking with us, helping us with all our questions, sitting breaking bread with us, revealing God himself to us, transforming us.

A new day, a new dawn, hope rises, there's a burning in our hearts...a new adventure, which propels us forwards, to share the good news with others so that this burning in our hearts catches light and spreads abroad.

Exciting! Looking forward to journeying alongside you, with Jesus in our midst.

Suzanne and Chris

(Rev Suzanne Skepper)

## A NEW ADVENTURE!

I'm sat in my study surrounded by my books on the floor, bin bags of shredded paper, Ruby (one of our cats) sprawled out on the settee, and lists of things that need doing before we move to our new home at the Rectory in Twigworth!

On the TV the other night they were saying that most families will move on average about 8 times in their life! For me the move to Twigworth will be my 11<sup>th</sup>!

I was born in Liverpool and lived with my Mum and Dad with my Nan and Granddad for a short time in Huyton before my Mum and Dad bought their first house in Kirby. We then moved from Kirby to Southport and from Southport to Liverpool, from Liverpool to St Helens. I met and married Chris and we moved into a church house when Chris became the Verger and Sexton of Christ Church, Eccleston (you can ask him what that job entailed!) Chris then got a job working for Gloucester County Council and hence we moved to Gloucester and have moved a further three times within Gloucester itself.

I'm tired just thinking about it!

Our family has increased in that time we have two daughters, Emma and Rachael and a son Joshua (Joshua is still at home with us but not for much longer!)

So as you can see we have done our fair share of moving.

But you know that got me to thinking God is always on the move, he always seems one step ahead of us, calling us onwards to follow him, at least that has been my experience! He is a creative God a transforming God, a God who journeys with us. Which reminds me of how Jesus revealed himself to fellow journeyers on the road to Emmaus.

Two fellow pilgrims, hopes for a brighter future dashed at all that has happened recently in Jerusalem with the death of Jesus, nothing seeming to make sense for them anymore.

## EVENTS



### **Go on, be an angel!**

Sunday 29 September is Back to Church Sunday but it is also the Feast Day of St Michael and All Angels, or Michaelmas. On this day we give thanks to God for the heavenly beings, those mostly unseen characters who do his will, pass on critical messages and help us feel cared for. This Back to Church Sunday, you too can be an angel.

Guardian angels stand alongside us and care for us. They concentrate on our well-being and are agents of God's love. You can be an angel to someone too. Personal invitation and accompanying a friend brings people to church. Faith is spread by one to one contact, one to one by you, and one to one by God. When you invite someone you know to come to church with you, you are helping them on a one to one basis to feel that God loves them, wants to know them better and that the church is full of angels just waiting to be agents of his love. So go on, spread your wings and bring someone along to church.

Look out for news in your church and local community about Back to Church Sunday. It may be that there is a special event or just a service to which all are especially welcomed and accompanied.

It is in the invitation, the journeying together that people can come closer to God and to his church. When the Archangel Gabriel invited Mary to be the mother of Jesus, the whole of creation hung on her response. It was the ultimate one to one relationship.

Your invitation will be part of that good news.

### **Go on, be an angel.**

From the Dean of Gloucester, the Very Revd Stephen Lake,

Extracts from Our Diocese, ([www.gloucester.anglican.org](http://www.gloucester.anglican.org))

## EVENTS

### Back to Church Sunday

If you have just picked up this magazine and have no real involvement with church you might be interested to find out more about Back to Church Sunday. It's a special day, this year on 29 September, when people are particularly welcomed to come along and meet people at their local church.

You don't need to have been inside a church before, or know how a service 'works' - the aim is that everyone feels welcomed, will be looked after and hopefully make some new friends. It's a great chance to find out a bit about God, Christianity or even community work that your local church is part of.

## BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 29TH

SEVEN TOWERS GROUP OF CHURCHES

UNITED SERVICE lead by REVD. SUZANNE SKEPPER

this year at

DOWN HATHERLEY CHURCH at 11.00am

Followed by a 'Bring & Share' lunch at Down Hatherley Village Hall.

### New Bishop of Tewkesbury

The Ven. Martyn Snow, 45, has been named as the next Bishop of Tewkesbury, replacing Bishop John Went who retired last year. Martyn is currently the Archdeacon of Sheffield and Rotherham and will be ordained and consecrated as a bishop by the Archbishop of Canterbury on 25 September at Westminster Abbey. Please hold him in your prayers at this special time.



Martyn is married to Lynn, who is a paediatrician, specialising in adoption and fostering. The couple have three children, Roxanna, 11, Fraser, 10 and Wesley, 8, who will be starting schools in Gloucester in September.

## EVENTS

### Gloucestershire Family History Society Help Desk at Nature in Art

Thursday 12th September, 10am-3pm



Every September, Gloucester takes part in the national Heritage Open Days scheme when many historic buildings, normally closed to the public, are opened and various tours, talks and workshops about the city are organised. Most events are free though you do need to book for some of them. Last year, our Open Days were the third most popular in the country, with nearly 140 events and locations

to enjoy. Gloucester has a proud heritage and its Open Days, from 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September this year, are an opportunity not to be missed!

During those four days this year, on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September, from 10am to 3pm, Gloucestershire Family History Society will be holding a Help Desk session at Nature in Art, Twigworth, when our experts will endeavour to assist visitors in developing their ancestral research. Do you know who your ancestors were? We can help you! Do you know where they came from? We have resources that cover more than just Gloucestershire. We enjoy a challenge so bring us your family information and we will try to help you extend your family tree and solve your problems.

Family history is a fascinating and absorbing hobby. It is your own *personal* heritage that you are researching. It is history seen through the eyes of your own ancestors. You will not only learn about your family but, along the way, you will explore villages, wander around country churches and churchyards, visit record offices, learn more about historical events and social history. It will take you to places you have never been before in the hunt for more knowledge.

We look forward to meeting you at Nature in Art on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> September. Visitors to the GFHS Help Desk will have free access to the galleries and sculpture gardens. There is free parking and a café on site. Why not make a whole day of it, explore the lovely 18<sup>th</sup> century building, look at some wonderful paintings, sculptures and other artwork and find out more about your ancestors. Mark the date in your diary now and don't forget to bring your family history notes with you when you come!