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June - July 2024

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DEAR FRIENDS

As we begin June this year, the church is now entering into the long season of “ordinary time” which will see us through the summer and well into the autumn. After the wonder of Christmas, the solemnity of Lent, the darkness of Good Friday, the joy of Easter, and the fire of Pentecost, it’s now, just ... ‘ordinary’. It does seem a little strange to have a dedicated period of ordinariness, a kind of default season with no particular theme. But that’s how life is too – we have highs and lows, but a lot of the time, things just tick along. For many people living through suffering, stress or sorrow, ordinary is what they yearn for. You’ve probably heard of the traditional Chinese curse, “may you live in interesting times” – with the unspoken flipside of that, which we can presume would be given as a blessing, “may you live in ordinary times”. The second collect at Evensong, in a similar vein, prays that we “may pass our time in rest and quietness.”

But ordinary time isn’t about nothing happening. The liturgical colour for the season is green – a colour of life and growth. Although times of challenge and change in our lives do cause us to learn and grow, we also need times of rest, of quietness and ordinariness for the slow and steady rooting of our lives in God, and growth as Christian disciples. Ordinary time isn’t a time to stop, but a time to steadily attend to the daily necessities of our lives of faith.

May we all live in ordinary times.

With love and prayers

Katrina, Catherine and Sue

Sue’s working days in the Benefice are Wednesdays and Sundays.

MORNING PRAYER IN THE BENEFICE

Mondays : 9.15am at Lower Slaughter

Tuesdays : 9.15am at Guiting Power

Wednesdays : 9.15am at Naunton

Thursdays : 9.30am at Temple Guiting (after Open the Book in School)

Fridays : 9.15am at Upper Slaughter.

Do join in if you’d like to.

COMMUNITY MINISTRY - we have shared in these services

Baptisms

"May God guide and protect them"

Grace Fisher at Temple Guiting on 24th March 2024

Albert, Newton and Finneas Barfield Moore at Lower Slaughter on 7th April 2024

Isabelle Sweet at Temple Guiting on 12th May 2024

Weddings

"May God bless them"

Thomas Edrich and Amelia Dewhurst at Upper Slaughter on 20th April 2024

Funerals

"May God grant them light and peace"

Memorial Service for Jill Rankin at Guiting Power Church on 22nd March 2024

Funeral Service for Colin Stratford at Naunton on 27th March 2024

Burial of Ashes for Ailsie Corble at Upper Slaughter Churchyard on 28th March 2024

Thanksgiving Service and Burial of Ashes for Jan Smith at Upper Slaughter on 8th April 2024

***Are you interested in a Wedding or a Christening in one of our churches?
Do contact us to find out more!***

ZOOM ACTIVITIES AND LINK

We continue to offer worship and Bible Study on Zoom for all who would like to join us. The Sunday services continue with a 9.00am Morning Prayer on the first Sundays 2nd June and 7th July, and a 6.00pm service of Compline on the third Sundays 16 June and 21 July. Check out the service schedule for all the details.

For all Zoom events please follow link below:

Join Zoom Meeting

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BIBLE STUDY

Each month we have Bible study group for an hour on Zoom. We look at a Bible passage together, discuss our thoughts on it and learn from one another. Everyone is welcome to join this group - no preparation is needed, just join and add your reflections.

Our Zoom Bible Study evenings will take place on Wednesdays 5th June and 3rd July.

CONFIRMATIONS

Are you interested in finding out more about the Christian faith, in being part of a group discussing together what it is all about, and maybe in coming to be Confirmed?

We will be running groups for adults and younger people in the coming weeks and would love you to join us, and are hosting a Confirmation Service at Temple Guiting on 2nd July at 6pm with Bishop Robert.

To find out more, contact Katrina.

WIDER CHURCH NEWS



THE WELCOME DIRECTORY

Many prisoners who leave prison at the end of their sentence are keen to find a place of worship. That isn't always an easy thing to do. The Welcome Directory is a Charity which enables and empowers faith communities to welcome and accept prison leavers into their place of worship and fellowship in a safe way.

The acceptance and support that faith communities may give to ex-prisoners can make such a difference to their chances of successful outcomes in their lives outside prison.

There has been a consensus among the PCCs of our Benefice, to seek registration to the Welcome Directory, and I am happy to say we are successfully registered and on the Welcome Directory map.

We have joined a growing group of faith communities who want to support prison-leavers in their new lives, and that's a wonderful thing!

CARING FOR GOD'S ACRE

Caring for God's Acre is the conservation charity for burial grounds across the UK. It works to support groups and individuals investigate and care for burial grounds which offer a vital refuge for our native wildlife.

From 8-16 June this year, they are encouraging everyone to get involved in the Love your Burial Ground Week by holding events such as volunteer work parties, and Churches Count on Nature which focusses on the wildlife found in churchyards by recording findings and then entering details onto their website. Full details can be found on caringforgodsacre.org.uk. **Protecting Wildlife Preserving Heritage Involving People.** Do get involved, great for everyone – young and young-at-heart!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1st June – Refreshments & Sale at Lower Slaughter Village Hall 10-4pm

2nd June - Open Gardens at Guiting Power 1-5.30pm

15th June - Guiting Power Fayre - 12-4pm

16th June - Open Gardens in Naunton

6th July – Upper Slaughter Fete – 12-3pm

7th July - Open Gardens at Kirkham Farm, Upper Slaughter

13th July - Naunton Donkey Derby

26th August - Lower Slaughter Fete



Guiting Music Festival 19th-28th July 2024

10 days of live music in the beautiful Cotswolds, featuring the best classical, jazz & blues

To book tickets: guitingfestival.org

The poster features six photographs of musicians: Kaupo Leikas (guitar), Brian Aris (violin), a male singer, Aji Sakho (percussion), Pierre Nocca (piano), and Andrey Gilev (violin). A QR code is located at the bottom right.

AROUND THE BENEFICE

Sunday 2nd June - Special Service of Holy Communion

Beginning with a picnic in the churchyard at 5pm, our family and children friendly service begins at 6pm.

Inspired by "On Fire Mission", the service is infused with superb band led music within a charismatic-catholic feel. With prayer ministry and space to reflect, all members of the family are welcome to come and experience something new. To find out more about this style of service, see onfiremission.org. Everyone welcome.

FLAME

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**Come and celebrate with us
on Sunday 2nd June 2024
at St Mary's Church, Temple Guiting**

BYO Picnic | from 5pm
Gathering Worship | 5.45pm
Eucharist | 6pm

Flame draws from the riches of the Catholic and Charismatic traditions to shape our worship. All ages and stages are welcome and included. We are inspired by On Fire Mission: go to onfiremission.org to find out more.

TEMPLE GUITING CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

VACANCY - A Clerk to Governors Temple Guiting Church of England School is required from September 2024 (see www.templeguiting.gloucs.sch.uk/school-vacancies/). The Clerk will be accountable to the Governing Body, working effectively with the Chair of Governors, the Headteacher and the Governors. The post is for 78 hours per annum (approximately 2 hours per week) 38 weeks per year. Closing date: Friday 7th June 2024.

COULD YOU BE A CHAIR OF GOVERNORS?

We are looking to recruit a new Future Chair of Governors for our small friendly village school. Temple Guiting CofE is a high achieving school which benefits from extremely supportive governors, families and strong relationships with the wider community.

The Chair of Governors is a key leadership role within the school. The Chair, along with the governing board, works in partnership with the headteacher to provide strategic direction and ensures that the school is delivering the best possible education to its pupils. Playing a crucial role in setting the culture, the Chair leads the governing body and makes sure it fulfils its statutory duties.

Key Responsibilities

- *Leading effective governance: providing clear direction and ensuring the governing body operates successfully as a team.*
- *Offering support, challenge and encouragement whilst working with the headteacher to promote and maintain high standards of educational achievement, driving school improvement.*
- *Ensuring that the governing body sets a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction for the school.*
- *Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, in addition to the performance management of staff.*
- *Overseeing the financial performance of the school and ensuring effective use of its resources.*
- *Communicating effectively with the school's stakeholders; including parents, staff and the wider community.*
- *Ensuring that the governing body is transparent and accountable to the school's stakeholders.*

Requirements

- *Leadership, communication and governance skills.*
- *Commitment to the school's vision, values & ethos.*
- *An understanding of the education sector.*
- *Ability to work collaboratively with the headteacher and other members of the governing body to achieve the school's goals.*

If you are interested and would like to find out more, please contact Clare at clerk@templeguiting.gloucs.sch.uk or Helen at chair@templeguiting.gloucs.sch.uk

'VILLAGE VOICES'

We are a very informal group of singers from local villages who meet on alternate Mondays, mainly in St Mary's, Temple Guiting. Please do ring me if you enjoy singing and would like to come along - Ali Clifton Barnard 07583 415065.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES THIS SPRING

All of these activities are for all, and with no charge:

St Andrew's Coffee Shop – Every Thursday from 10.30am-12.30pm, come along to share drinks and biscuits and chat in the church in Naunton.

COFFEE AND CAKE IN THE WEST END

At **10.00am** on **FRIDAYS 7 and 21 June, 5 and 19 July and 2 August.**

Come and join friends and neighbours for real coffee and homemade cake at **St Mary's Church, Temple Guiting**
(Donations welcome)

Community Space at Lords of the Manor – On the second Tuesdays of these months, we will be hosting a space at Lords of the Manor Hotel in Upper Slaughter from 11am-12noon. Come along for coffee, tea, biscuits, a warm, lovely space and time together, on Tuesdays 11th June and 9th July.

SERVICES IN JUNE

Sunday 2nd June

- 9am Zoom Morning Prayer
- 11am Matins at Upper Slaughter
- 6pm 'Flame' Holy Communion at Temple Guiting

Sunday 9th June

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Farmcote
- 11am Holy Communion at Lower Slaughter
- 11am Matins at Naunton

Sunday 16th June

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Cutsdean
- 11am Holy Communion at Upper Slaughter
- 3.30pm Wild Worship at Temple Guiting Village Field
- 6pm Zoom Compline

Sunday 23rd June

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Naunton
- 10am Family Holy Communion at Temple Guiting
- 11am Morning Praise at Lower Slaughter
- 6pm Evening Service at Guiting Power

Sunday 30th June

- 9.30am Benefice Communion at Cutsdean

SERVICES IN JULY

Tuesday 2nd July

- 6pm Confirmation Service at Temple Guiting

Sunday 7th July

- 9am Zoom Morning Prayer
- 10am Holy Communion at Guiting Power

11am Matins at Upper Slaughter
6pm Evening Service at Temple Guiting

Sunday 14th July

9.30am Holy Communion at Farmcote
11am Holy Communion at Lower Slaughter
11am Morning Prayer at Naunton

Sunday 21st July

9.30am Holy Communion at Cutsdean
11am Holy Communion at Upper Slaughter
3.30pm Wild Worship at Temple Guiting Village Field
6pm Zoom Compline

Sunday 28th July

9.30am Holy Communion at Naunton
10am Family Holy Communion at Temple Guiting
11am Morning Praise at Lower Slaughter
6pm Evening Service at Guiting Power

**Our apologies if services have to be cancelled or altered at short notice. **

NEWS FROM THE PEWS AND VILLAGE EVENTS

GUITING POWER

“June is bustin’ out all over” ... we hope! (with apologies to Rogers & Hammerstein!) as we begin the month with our Open Gardens on Sunday 2nd. Certainly May has been after the very wet months that preceded and we enjoyed a good day for the Rogation Walks and service in the barn at Guiting Manor Farms afterwards. Thank you again to Nick for generously hosting us, and to Marion Marshall for providing a delicious and welcome tea on arrival.

During June we also have the Village Fete & Fun Dog Show to look forward to on Saturday 15th from 12noon at the Village Hall and Playing Field. Donations for the Bottle Tombola for Church funds gratefully received, there will be a box for donations in Church or please contact Fiona Formby.

July of course brings the Guiting Music Festival for its now 53rd year. The festival runs from 19th-28th with another excellent programme of daily concerts.

We are fortunate in our corner of the Cotswolds to have so much to enjoy in the months ahead, not least our beautiful surroundings and may our various activities be blessed with good weather for all to enjoy. Do come along!

Simon Wallis

LOWER SLAUGHTER

How lovely to be writing this as summer has arrived with the longer, sunny and warmer days – a season for enjoying the great outdoors. How blessed we are to live and work in such a beautiful and fruitful area of the country.

On Ascension Day, 9 May, a joyful service of hymns and readings was held at St Mary's after which we all enjoyed a selection of puddings and prosecco and catching up with others from around our Benefice.

Looking ahead, our annual Village Fete is on August Bank Holiday Monday 26th from 11am to 4pm. Do come along and enjoy the wonderful stalls and attractions. On Sunday 25th August from 12.30-5.00pm our church will be hosting floral displays themed to "Songs". Light refreshments will be served in church so please do visit and enjoy the church bursting with colour.

At the Village Fete, I am running a gift mug tombola stall where various filled mugs and small gifts can be won. Any donations of good quality mugs and/or small gifts will be gratefully received. Please contact me on 01451 810294 after 6pm.

Have a wonderful summer and enjoy your holidays. I look forward to catching up with you all at the variously garden events, fetes and church services.

Marion Marshall

TEMPLE GUITING

On 1st May we held our annual Parish Meeting in the village hall, where we heard accounts from the Cotswold District Council, the Parish Council and reports from other people who also work for the benefit of the Community. This included a report from Sheila and Ruth who are our Churchwardens. They summarised the events that had taken place in the West End of St. Mary's over the past year, and we are very grateful to them for the efforts that they put in to support the running of the Church.

We had a wonderful evening in "The West End" on Friday 26th April when we saw a new play from our local playwright Lou Becket. "A Rose by Any Other Name" is the

story of when a literary journalist starts to ask questions about the authorship of the Shakespeare plays, she finds herself facing a wave of hostility. The four professional actors made the story come alive and there was some enthusiastic feedback from the audience: *'The play was so well structured. I loved the way the live debate concluded with a popular vote. Such amazing acting. Thank you for an enjoyable, thought provoking evening'*.

Our next event is Bochmann String Trio, performing on Friday May 31st. Entitled "Glorious Strings", we are being entertained with music from Schubert and Beethoven to Scott Joplin and more. As always, with the West End evenings there will be a bar available.

Val Littlewood

NAUNTON

It's happening at last! The sun is shining, the birds are busily nurturing eggs and chicks, the countryside is alive with every shade of green imaginable. Spring has well and truly sprung at last.

As part of our Holy Week activities, the usual children's Easter Garden service was held on Good Friday. We welcomed children of all ages, along with their families. It is always a joy to see so many together; Easter themed craft activities (including assembly of a small Easter Garden) and refreshments were enjoyed by all, culminating in a short act of worship led by Rev'd Katrina.

Easter Sunday at St Andrews church was a joyful celebration, heralded by our team of bell-ringers (they are a happy and welcoming bunch, always on the lookout for new recruits. If this is something that you'd like to try, please contact bell-captain Richard Tilbrook 07717 720589).

We have also enjoyed a varied selection of worship events together since, including being a part of the traditional Rogation Walk (around the Benefice) and a more contemporary style Matins service.

We are always thankful for our wonderful clergy team (Katrina, Catherine and Sue) and to all those who help maintain our buildings and churchyard, and help plan and prepare for worship.

Thursday Coffee/Warm Space continues in St Andrews Church between 10.30-12.30, and provides an opportunity to chat and simply be with old and new friends. At this time of year, it's really great to meet and meet the needs of visitors and walkers exploring the local area. In chatting with them, it's always a reminder of the beauty of our own environment which it would be easy to take for granted. And a reminder that our Church buildings are beacons of love, welcome, inclusivity ... a place of peace, love and welcome for all. There are many moving comments in our Visitors book which affirm this.

Other events held in St Andrews include the Rural Cinema initiative (first Tuesday of the month) and Naunton Music series, which kicks off this year with a concert on Friday 24th May (www.nauntonmusic.org.uk).

Naunton (which is possibly the most sociable, community-minded village in the North Cotswolds if not in the whole world!) will be a busy over the coming weeks and months. Many fun events are planned including the upcoming Open Gardens on the afternoon of Sunday June 16th (the streets are eerily quiet, save for the sound of hand-held garden tools and the odd cry of “no, that wasn’t a weed! “). Highlights include a Donkey Derby on the Recreation Ground on 13th July, followed by our very own festival event Nauntonbury, on July 20th, to name but a couple.

The Spirt of Naunton service will be held slightly later in the year, on Sunday 15th September. This informal worship is held in a different context from usual - the Black Horse pub, and is always popular and well attended.

It’s so uplifting to enjoy the sights and sounds of spring... and with that, I shall leave you to get on with my own interminable gardening chores!

Moira Anderson

TEMPLE GUITING SCHOOL

Another busy and productive term at school.

Class 3 residential trip : Our Year 3 + 4 children went on a 2 night 3 day residential trip to Croft Farm water adventure centre – for quite a few children this was their first overnight stay away. There were some nervous smiles and butterflies in their tummies but as soon as they arrived they just threw themselves into all of the activities. There was kayaking, Kata canoeing, paddleboarding, rock climbing and crate stacking plus so much more. It was an absolutely packed 3 days and the weather was brilliant. The children arrived back grubby, tired and so enthusiastic about all they had done. Every one of them were so proud of the new skills they had learned.



Bikeability : We believe this is a vital skill for our Year 6 children to have before they leave primary school. Each year they get 3 days of training to master bike skills on

busy roads and how to keep themselves riding safely. All our Year 6's gained their certificate and we are very proud of them.

Weston Super Mare (WSM) Trip : Class 2 went off to visit WSM museum and beach. This trip had links with History, Geography and Science. The children had workshops and time to wander around and investigate the exhibits at the museum and then went onto the beach – a very historic seaside. It was a special day for class 2.

World Book Day : This annual event gives us the chance to highlight reading and all the positive impact it has on our learning and is a vital life-long skill. Our theme this year was we can read anywhere – so we all dressed in comfy clothes to be ready to listen to books, poems, newspaper reports and lots more. We even had a local author – Lizzie Pepper - come to visit us for the day to explain how she writes her books and where her inspiration comes from. It was so exciting to hear an author reading her own book. It was a great day for us all.

Ann Barry, Head Teacher



Guided Walks with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens

Details of the walks available are described on the website:

<https://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/visiting-and-exploring/guided-walks/>

Please check details carefully, and if booking is necessary



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