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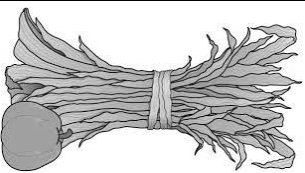
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AUTUMN

Letter from the Editor
Autumn Greetings to everyone
and welcome to our Link magazine

I hope that everyone is keeping well.

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Vicar David Writes...

The virtue of Being Teachable

Being teachable i.e. having an open spirit and attitude and willingness to learn is a good thing.

When interviewing, I've always looked out for this virtue as teachable people are much more likely to learn, adapt, grow and thrive working with others. I've found that those with a teachable spirit tend to be open spiritually and ready and willing and able to embrace needful change.



Vicar
Revd David Treharne

"If we live by the Spirit, keep in step with the Spirit." Gal 5:25

Proverbs 9:9 says, "Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning." And Proverbs 13:18...

"Whoever disregards discipline comes to poverty and shame, but whoever heeds correction is honoured." In other words, have a teachable spirit and do not let the characteristics of unteachable behaviour take root in you.

The problem of being unteachable

To understand how wonderful the virtue of being teachable is one just has to contrast it with being unteachable. When I'm unteachable, questions, other ideas, and contradictions might scare me and I'm insecure. I may see other ideas as a threat to my own ideas rather than a sharing of experiences that I might learn from. One might worry that one's own values and beliefs will corrode by exposure to others.

However, if my beliefs, values and ideas are well founded they will stand up to challenges and I can hear others' ideas without getting anxious and my beliefs and values and ideas may actually be deepened or enhanced.

Unteachable people may also be intolerant and even bitter. I might get easily angered because the rest of the world doesn't function the way that I think it should. I may miss out on the joy of discovery and learning because I am convinced that I know all that I need to know already. Indeed, unteachable people miss out. By closing oneself off to new



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possibilities and ideas and change and even God, one may miss out on precious things. I have met non believers who would not even enter into dialogue on matters of faith, whilst I have met many Christians whose unteachable attitude cuts them off from growing in faith, listening, hearing and connecting with others, and being able to love and share life with other human beings.

I would urge us all to guard our hearts against an unteachable spirit within us and around us. At its worst an unteachable spirit creates unwholesome conflict, it manifests a prickly impatience and unattractive insecurity; it has a belligerent and supercilious attitude to change; it can lack empathy and starts to become blind to the value and needs of others, and in the end can lead to bitterness, disruption and spiritual ignorance.

History as our Teacher: Learning from the Past.

Prior to the summer a group of us on Wednesday mornings looked at quotes from some of the giants of church history and hopefully learning from them. We've looked at quotes from the likes of more recent people such as CS Lewis and Karl Barth as well as people such as St Ambrose, St Augustine and St Irenaeus further back in time.

Intriguingly, we looked at a number of quotes that could have been written for our day and age such were their relevance. It seems that problematic issues of human behaviour and how we deal with one another and the world we live in are nothing new.

"Resentment is like drinking poison and waiting for the other person to die." St Augustine of Hippo (354-430AD)

"In the absence of justice, what is sovereignty but organized robbery?"
 St Augustine of Hippo (354-430AD)

"Ingratitude is the soul's enemy... Ingratitude is a burning wind that dries up the source of love, the dew of mercy, the streams of grace."
 St Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153AD)



“Error never shows itself in its naked reality, in order not to be discovered. On the contrary, it dresses elegantly, so that the unwary may be led to believe that it is more truthful than truth itself.”

St Irenaeus, (130-202AD)

“What one generation tolerates, the next generation will embrace.”

John Wesley (1703-1791AD)

“Truth persuades by teaching, but does not teach by persuading.”

Tertullian (155-220AD)

“Nature has poured forth all things for the common use of all men. And God has ordained that all things should be produced that there might be food in common for all, and that the earth should be in the common possession of all. Nature created common rights, but usurpation has transformed them into private rights.”

St Ambrose (339-397AD)

History can be a great teacher and it is sad that the subject of history in education can sometimes be dismissed as far less important than other academic disciplines. As the Spanish philosopher and novelist George Santayana wrote: “Those who cannot remember their past are condemned to repeat their mistakes.” I’ve quoted Santayana as he was an Atheist although he treasured the Spanish Catholic values, practices, and worldview in which he was raised. History, even with all its interpretations and challenging plurality, can give us such valuable insight, hindsight and teach us much!

And finally,
As summer progresses into Autumn and the time of Remembrance, Remembrance will highlight our unteachable spirit as we fail to learn and repeat the mistakes of history. Let us move from the entrenched dualistic thinking of our age with

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its sometimes-unteachable attitude and encourage the beautiful virtue of being teachable as we seek to tackle the issues of our time.

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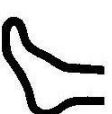
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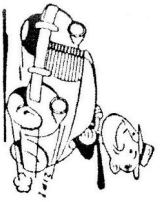
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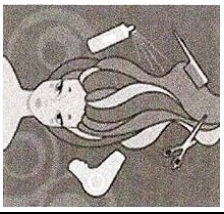
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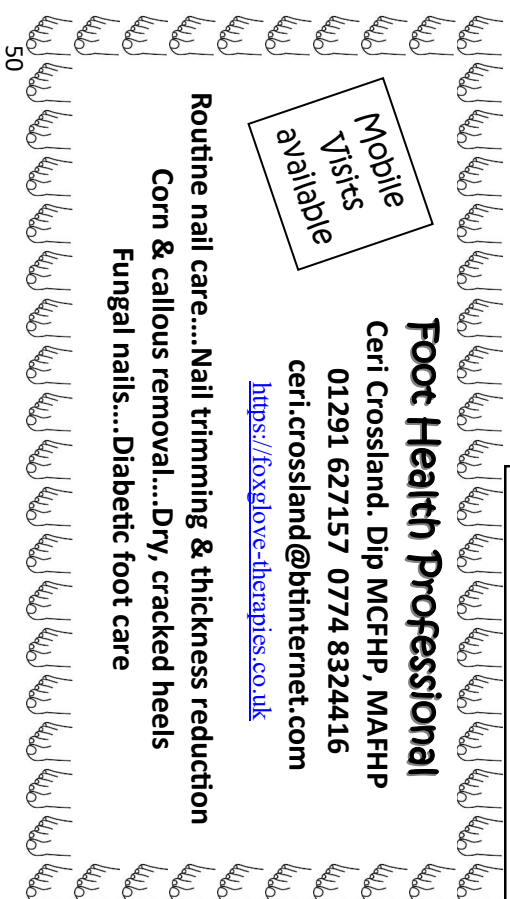
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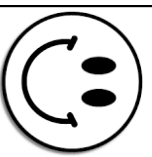
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Yvonne David



Q: Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?
A: Noah – he was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.



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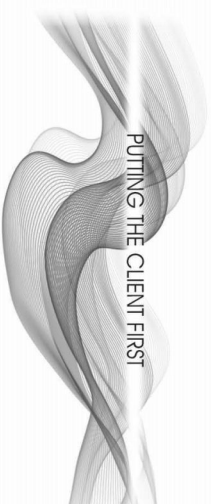
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- I personally prefer to have my Sunday lunches on Mondays but that's just me!



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Judith Bell, clinical director at TIC+ said: "We understand the challenges that young adults face today and the impact that these challenges can have on their mental health. The decision to expand the age range has been made after careful consideration of the needs of young adults and the demand for free mental health support. As a charity, we don't want young adults to suffer in silence due to financial constraints, are so proud to be providing the same free support that we have been successfully offering the younger demographic to those up to the age of 25."

Specific issues that young adults are facing include relationship challenges, financial pressures, anxiety and depression – problems that have all been heightened by the COVID-19 pandemic.

To find out more about TIC+'s work or to find help for yourself or someone you know, contact us at www.ticplus.org.uk or call 01594 372777

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Bullet Point News

✚ **Thinking about Baptism/Christening or a Wedding in church?**

It has been lovely to have people getting in touch once again about getting their baby christened or perhaps having a wedding in church. Many congratulations if you're at this stage of life! Please do get in touch with Vicar David or one of the team.

For weddings visit <https://www.yourchurchwedding.org/>

For baptisms/christenings visit <https://churchofenglandchristenings.org/>

✚ **Is God calling you?**

All of us reflect on the purpose of our lives at some point. Part of this reflection can lead us to having a sense of being called to do something particular in or with our lives. May the Holy Spirit lead you to respond to what the Lord may require of you. Please do not hesitate to speak with someone at church about this. It is quite normal and remember, God can use any of us he chooses!

✚ **Illness**

We would like to remind parishioners (church and non-church folks) that they should not hesitate to contact us in the event of illness and hospitalisation. If nothing else, vital prayers can be offered for those in need.

✚ **Churchyards**

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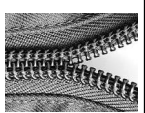
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CUT	MOUSE	VINEYARD
FALL	MOW	WHEAT
FARM	OATS	YIELD
FENCE	ORCHARD	



✝ **More than 600 church leaders training with TSA;**
Barnabas Aid's The Shepherd's Academy (TSA) is providing theological and pastoral training for more than 600 grassroots church leaders in the Global South.



✝ **Barnabas distributes another million ePap servings:**
Barnabas Aid's latest rollout of the nutrient-rich porridge ePap in Zimbabwe has provided for 11,700 hungry Christians



✝ **Let us not grow weary of doing good for Christians in Nigeria:**

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9)
A Nigerian village head had told Barnabas Aid three years ago, "We are tired and we do not want to bother others about our tragedies. We seem always to be reporting deaths and attacks, and people are weary of our reports."
Thank you for your continued support of our work to help suffering Christians in Nigeria. Let us not tire of doing good (2 Thessalonians 3:13), and let us do what we can to help.





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Christian News

Our Faith in Today's World



✚ **Barnabas-funded rice mill provides for more than 13,000 Christians in SE Asia**
 The rice milling machine represents an exciting new dimension in Barnabas Aid's food: gives project, and is "providing a crucial lifeline" to hungry Christians.

✚ African

Christians "targeted" by Islamic State:
 A recent update from a US-based global security research group has confirmed once again that Christians in sub-Saharan Africa are being targeted by Islamic State (IS – also known as ISIS, ISIL, Daesh).



✚ Barnabas part-funds Bible translation

into indigenous West African language:
 Barnabas Aid is excited to be supporting the translation of God's Word into an indigenous West African language for the first ever time.

✚ India PM Modi condemns "shameful"

attacks on Christian women: India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi has promised tough action against a mob who paraded through the streets women naked through the streets during a deadly attack in the north-eastern state of Manipur.



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In our Summer Link magazine Wordsearch we were gardening. There were 40 words to locate and well done if you managed to succeed and discovered

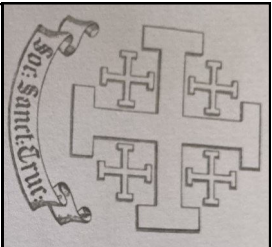
"PROPAGATE TREES"

I feel encouraged as this time I received 5 correct entries.

The winner, this time, was Nicholette Flatman of Beachley.

Well done!





Society of the Sacred Cross, Tymawr Convent

On St. Tello's Day 1923, a small group of women came from Chichester, West Sussex, to Tymawr near Monmouth, Wales to begin a life of contemplative prayer dedicated to God and living off the land.

One hundred years later, in May 2023, Cate Phillips and Leonie Jones joined a packed congregation at St Woolos' Cathedral Newport in a Thanksgiving Service to celebrate the Convent's Centenary.

The Holy Eucharist led by Rt Rev Cherry Van Bishop of Monmouth was joyful, full of uplifting music, sacred light and blessing. A Welsh harpist played as the gathering of local clergy, supporters and visiting Orders of Nuns from across the country received the bread and wine. It was a truly wonderful occasion.

The reception that followed gave everyone an opportunity to meet, eat and share the happiness when a large anniversary cake was presented to the Tymawr Convent Community.



Commemorative cake was also shared later in the year at the end of Tidenham Parishes' Quiet day at Tymawr in July. It was specially baked as a gift from the Sisters to celebrate our 20th Anniversary.

It was a

very unique and creative Quiet day this year. Mother Katharine led the morning reflections on Tides of the Spirit. We were offered the opportunity to follow the Stations of the Cross pilgrimage around the wonderful grounds and wild garden of Michaelgarth and/or to dwell on some spiritual poetry.



NEWS FROM YOUR COMMUNITY WELLBEING AGENT

DANCE & CONNECT SESSIONS - ALVINGTON

Exercise sessions for people with Parkinsons, are being run by my colleague Erica Sheppard at Alvington Memorial Hall on Wednesdays, 10.30-12 from 16 Aug onwards.

SING 2 REMEMBER

Mindsong are running this very friendly, dementia friendly , community singing group at Lydney Community Centre, 2-4, 2nd & 4th Mondays of every month.

RIISING SUN, WOODCROFT

The Rising Sun are holding very popular community coffee mornings, 11-12 on the 4th Thursday of each month. They are also planning to have community lunches.

I'm trialling a Drop In as Community Agent at The Rising Sun, stating on 11th Oct @ 11.00.

SEDBURY MEMORY CAFE

Celebrated their anniversary on the 2nd August at Sedbury Village Hall.

ST BRIAVELS MUSICAL MEMORY CAFE

Are still holding their tremendously successful sessions on the 3rd Wednesday of each month @ 10.30 in St Briavels Assembly Rooms.

WOOLSTON FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Still meet every Thursday, 2-4, at Woolaston Village Hall.

Regards, Richard Skinner

RICHARD SKINNER, COMMUNITY WELLBEING AGENT

Tel. 07927 051328 / or leave message at: 07738 759192 (richard.skinner@fdean.gov.uk)

The First Mobile Phone

was invented by God!

He called it Prayer.

It never loses signal,

and you never have to recharge it,

and you can use it anywhere, anytime.



tidenham historical group

Evening meetings from September to April are held monthly on the last Tuesday at 7.30 in Sedbury Village Hall, King Alfreds Road, Sedbury NP16 7AQ.

Visitors are always welcome. For more information contact Liz on 01291 621694, Carol on 01291 623736, or e-mail tidenhamhistorygroup@gmail.com



VILLAGE HALL MEETINGS 2023/24

Tuesday
26th September
7.30pm

“Gloucestershire and the Slave Trade” a talk by Tony Conder, author and member of Gloucester Civic Trust.

Tuesday
31st October
7.30pm

“Neolithic Orkney” by Andy Torbet who was one of the team of TV presenters who explored the archeological remains on Orkney, including building a boat to prove that it was possible to cross to the mainland.

Tuesday
28th November
7.30pm

An archive update and Christmas Social. Look at new acquisitions and listen to updates from THG members who have done their own research, whilst enjoying a mince pie.

Tuesday
30th January
2024
7.30pm

“Society and industry in the 17th century Wye valley: the commonplace book of John Gwin” by Prof. Madeleine Gray.

John Gwin ended his days at Llangwm near Usk but his family was based at Chapel Hill near Tintern. He kept a commonplace book - a sort of notebook, full of family stories, medical recipes, information about things like the Abbey iron works, his apple and pear orchards, and his friendship with the Independent preacher Henry Walter of Piercefield.



After Communion at the Chapel and lunch we were led in the contemplative practice of stillness singing /chanting in Aramaic accompanied by the lyre.

We deeply value our connection with Tymawr Society of Sacred Cross Convent and thank them for their kindness and service to us over the past 20 years.

Next years Quiet day will be in Lent. Look out for information in the Parish newsletter January 2024 if you are interested in joining us. **Leonie Jones**



Folk Club

St Luke's Church

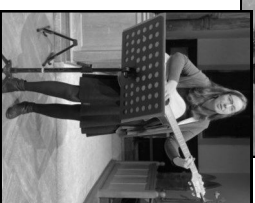
Saturday, 9th September 2023
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(doors open 5.30pm)

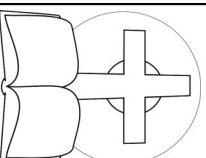
Coffee & Tea will now be provided. But please bring any further refreshments...

Contact Bill & Tawya White
(01291 623169) or
Steven & Jenny Shaw
(07474 608797)



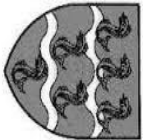
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the one who
takes refuge in him.

Psalms 34:8





News from our Parish Schools



Tutshill School – 01291 622593

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that the PTA raised just over £2,000 at our Summer Fete! An achievement we can all be super proud of!

From the donations received from the children, parents and carers, to the fantastic raffle prizes donated by our local community it all contributed to making the Summer Fete a huge success.

All of the monies raised will go towards equipment and essential items for the children to aid their learning and growth at Tutshill C of E School, Proceeds raised will enable us to provide life education, drama experiences, science and math's programmes.



This will also provide us with funds to buy valuable resources to enrich the children's learning through remote learning. Thank you!



Wydean

School and Sixth Form Centre
Aspire together, achieve together
adfccere partner, perfccere partner

Wydean School – 01291 636180

Year 10's have been working hard in Business Studies this year. We have two fantastic classes who have

impressed us with their efforts and enthusiasm throughout the year and achieving some incredible mock results. We have spent some time at the end of term producing ideas for a Dragon's Den scenario.

Students were given the task of pitching an idea to Forest Future, a government-funded organisation, that invests in initiatives to help the environment. They presented some professional and engaging pitches sharing an entire range of innovative ideas.

A big well done to Ava Darcy for presenting the idea of recycling plastic to make children's toys. She showed a thoughtful approach to the pitch and justified her reasons for this great business idea.



CHASE GARDENING CLUB

There are no formal meetings of the Club in the summer months when members are theoretically far too busy in their own gardens.

However we held the annual Plant & Cake Sale in May, a week later than usual to avoid a clash with the Coronation which luckily resulted in our enjoying good weather. Thanks to everyone who brought or bought or contributed in any way, it was an enjoyable morning and a helpful fundraiser towards costs of speakers for next season.



In June some members visited the Open Gardens at Ross-on-Wye. It was an extremely hot day and a lot of walking was required between gardens; anyone selling ice creams would have made a fortune! The gardens were varied and interesting, some obviously professionally designed and others were labours of love by their owners.

The favourite ones had seating areas in the shade and the cooling sound of running water.

Later in June we held the Summer Supper, again on a very hot day. It was superbly organised by Mary Kerr and Juliet Peet with the rest of the committee assisting and seemed to be much enjoyed. As usual the highlight was the extensive range of puddings generously provided by members & we also had the unexpected benefit of live music supplied by Nick Blandford. Much appreciated.

The first meeting of the new season will be on Friday 15th September when Gill Hazell will talk on classic, rare and unusual bulbs.

Meetings are held at Chase School, Rosemary Lane on the third Friday of the month at 2.30pm. All are welcome.

For further information, please contact
Bob Elliott on 01291 625659 or
Bill Kerr on 01291 621100





Chase WI

Our May meeting coincided with the Coronation of King Charles and members had voted to hold our meeting as normal on the 8th May.

We met in the hall, decorated to celebrate the coronation and for a wonderful afternoon tea, supplied by all the members but beforehand our speaker Nick Bunger entertained us with "magic." His talk included members and demonstrated "power of thought" and magic. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed his demonstration and we plan to have him back next year as he was so entertaining.

In June one of our own members, Margaret Kinsey, transported us to her childhood in the Rhonda, together with the appropriate costumes and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

June our speaker was unfortunately taken ill and Pearl Ricards (a new member) showed us "Armchair Pilates" with relaxation. Several members relaxed so much they almost fell asleep but tea and biscuits revived them!!

For our trip in June, we were transported to Bristol by coach and then boarded a boat in the harbour, which took us on a leisurely trip to Hanham, where we disembarked and had a lovely lunch looking over the river. Members thoroughly enjoyed the trip where we were able to see a lovely selection of birds and wildlife, and some were very lucky to see an elusive kingfisher. Our guide also explained the landmarks we saw on the sail and how important the port of Bristol had been for so many people over the years. It is now mostly used for the sport and leisure activities that abound in Bristol harbour.

Our WI like to subsidise trips and membership for our members and to that end some of us have cleaned the bus shelters for the Parish council to raise funds. Also, to this end we are planning a "garden party" and tea in one of our member's gardens on the 4th August (weather permitting of course). This to include members, spouses, family, and friends.

Our meetings are held at Chase Hall on the 2nd Monday of the month at 2.15pm, new members would be very welcome. If anyone would like to attend and see if it is "for them" we would love to see you.



ST JOHN'S

CHEPSTOW

Speech Day is always a joyful occasion, and this year was no exception. We were honoured to be joined by Old St Johnians, Sydney Davies and Oliver Bennett, and were bowled over by emotional speeches from our Head Girl and Boy, Emma and Harry. The sun shone, songs were sung and tears

were shed, at the end of a wonderful century year.

Thank you to the whole school community for coming together to celebrate our children. We wish the best of luck to Senior Prep pupils moving on to senior school - we

know you will take your St John's experience with you on your journey, and we are so proud of everything you have achieved



Dean Close St John's School
01291 622045



Offa's Mead Academy
To make our best better

We are extremely proud of the remarkable children here at OMA



and work hard to ensure we provide them with the very best academic, social and emotional learning opportunities every single day. A recent full Ofsted inspection, in October 2022, judged us to be a 'Good' school.

We are a vibrant Primary Academy, proud to serve the Sedbury, Beachley and Chepstow communities. Our children are encouraged to participate fully in school life and to be responsible for contributing to an ethos where every member feels valued, respected and has a sense of purpose. The school recognises the importance of partnership and wants parents to play an active role in their child's development throughout their primary years. **David Wayland, Principal**



Sedbury Space Snippet

From Lee Durbin

I love a bit of Star Trek. When I was growing up it was impossible to imagine anyone playing Captain Kirk other than William Shatner. But the amazing thing about fictional characters and stories is that they can get a life of their own, continuing long after the main creators have left the stage. About ten years ago Chris Pine became Kirk for a new generation of film goers and Paul Wesley is currently playing him in the most recent Star Trek series. Kirk just keeps on going.

Like Kirk, Sedbury Space keeps moving forward. We say goodbye to Susan Riordan as our centre manager and welcome Karen Chadwick in as our new captain. I want to thank those who got us this far, those who are keeping us going now and those who will take the good ship Sedbury Space onwards in the future. Whoever you may be.



Tidenham Parish Council Youth Worker

Meet Emily Timmins, the dedicated Community Youth Engagement worker at Tidenham Parish Council. Since taking on the role in 2021, her mission has revolved around nurturing our young community members and fostering avenues for children, young individuals, and families to connect within our parish. Over the last couple of years, Emily's emphasis has been on orchestrating and managing holiday clubs during the school holidays. Through these enriching activities, Emily not only forms bonds but also gains insight into the unique needs of the children, youth and families within our community.

This invaluable understanding serves as cornerstone for developing strategies to further improve Tidenham Parish Council's support for the young members of our parish.

For any inquiries or to get in touch, email Emily at Timmins@tidenhamparishcouncil.co.uk or contact her directly at 07599 928732.



Prepare for emergencies

We've all been hit by an unexpected cost, like the boiler breaking, a problem with your car or a hole suddenly appearing in your winter boots. Creating a budget will involve regularly setting aside some money for emergencies so that you're ready to react. It's important to prepare for these inevitable events so you are able to navigate your way through them and you're not thrown into financial disaster and soaring stress levels when they happen.

Reduce stress

When we don't know where our money is going, we are prone to worry about what's coming. Learning how to budget ultimately helps us gain more control over our finances, which in turn dial down our emotions, our stress levels, and their effect on our physical health and mental wellbeing. When we know where our money is going, how we are going to pay our bills and buy what we need, we feel more secure and are set free to enjoy life.

Improve family relationships

Setting a family budget can sometimes feel like one person is

given the responsibility to decide the agenda and monitor the finances. But creating a budget as a team can actually help improve communication and draw families together. Get your partner or kids involved and work towards choosing goals and boundaries that you agree on, and how much you are going to allocate to what. Perhaps creating a weekly meal plan can be part of your regular family meetings. That way everyone has a say in the decisions and can take responsibility for sticking to your budget.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) offers free money coaching and budgeting courses. Find out if an online or in-person course is running near you by visiting capuk.org/capmoney. If you or someone you know is struggling with finances, CAP is available to offer free expert debt help alongside practical and emotional support. Find out more by calling 0800 328 0006.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a UK charity working with over 800 affiliated churches to deliver debt help, budgeting guidance, support to find work, life skills groups and more. Visit capuk.org to find out more.



Five benefits of budgeting

David Price

(07539 477286)

Most of us have first hand experience of how the current cost of living crisis and fall in real disposable incomes has driven down household living standards. Lots of people have turned their attention towards budgeting to help navigate their way through this critical time. If you haven't begun to create a household budget then now is the time to start thinking about it.

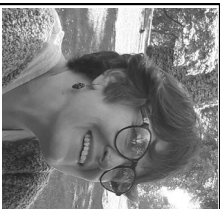
A good place to start is with your bank statements. Go through these to work out your incomes and outgoings over the past three months; this will help you identify where you are spending your money. You'll then be able to work out what's essential and what spending you can potentially refocus somewhere else. Whether you've never budgeted before, or have perhaps felt prompted to return to wiser habits, here are five great benefits that budgeting can bring.

Achieve long term goals

When you start budgeting, you're better placed to work out what financial goals are realistic and you can work towards. It may be saving up for a new car, or taking a summer holiday or some day trips. Some goals may seem unachievable but once you start budgeting you may realise they are actually within reach. Don't let life pass you by! Budgeting will help you control your spending and build a roadmap towards saving for those things you really want to do in life.

Recognise your current spending habits

When you create a budget, you'll immediately see whether you're spending your money on something you value or not. For example, you may love growing plants but are actually spending a significant amount of your income on eating out. Creating a budget will involve you consciously allocating money towards something you want to spend it on, and actively reducing overspending in another area you may not have been aware of.



Children, Youth and Families' Missioner - Emma Durbin

What an amazing privilege it is to be working amongst the community and Churches in Tidenham Parish.

In fact, a lot of the time it doesn't feel like work at all. Tutshill Baby & Toddlers & Sedbury Stay & Play (Tuesday- St. Luke's, Wednesday- Sedbury & Beachley village Hall) continue to grow in numbers.

Maybe it's the lure of Tea & Toast (not the Marmite....controversial!?) or amongst other things, the wonderful welcome that parents & grandparents get from our fabulous volunteers. At the end of the Summer term, it was heart warming to hear the children's shrieks of delight when they spotted the bouncy castles.

And it was great to welcome 45 young people from 4 local churches to St. Luke's for a BBQ and games evening. One of them said to me afterwards, "I just had no idea that there are so many others that go to Church!".

(Splash, Children's Church runs at St. Luke's, 11-12. YOUTH Club for Yr6-13 runs at various times on Sundays)

Of course, as I've said before, none of these things can be run without the hard work of volunteers. So if you are one, please give yourselves a pat on the back. Making tea, washing up or cooking hot dogs may seem mundane and I know that I do a lot of front of house stuff but Jesus said that the least amongst us is the greatest. The front row in Heaven will be reserved for you and I'll be throwing popcorn at you from behind!!
Thanks all.

Contact me by email Emmad.cyfm@gmail.com





The Parish Lunch ...

Usually 1st Thursday of month

For info and lifts phone

George or Beryl on 01291 625551

Thursday, 7th September 2023

Thursday, 5th October 2023

Thursday, 2nd November 2023 Parish Lunch

12.15pm

Woodcroft Centre



Since the break during COVID-19 Parish Lunch has been able to rebuild it's numbers.

We now have 36 members most of whom come every month.

There is a good mix of ages and genders.

The cost is still £3.00 and this will be maintained during 2023 and 2024.

New members and guests are always welcome.

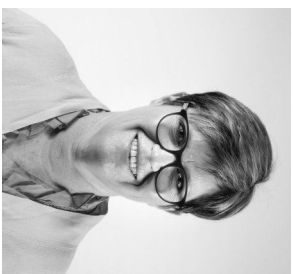
The lower age limit remains at 55, however younger escorts of guests are most welcome.

Contact remains the same: Beryl or George on 01291 625551.

We continue to meet on the first Thursday of the month.



News from Heather Johnstone Church Mission Society



I am extremely grateful for the numerous and wonderful Rehema cohorts who support our project and numerous women and children in so many ways. We give thanks that:

- the Rehema team were able to receive an Easter hamper of 5kg rice, 1kg meat, 1kg vegetables and a small cash contribution;
 - Maria and Christina, two young girls from difficult backgrounds, are being sponsored to attend a vocational sewing school, and Grace Salama, a young orphan, is being sponsored to attend boarding school;
 - Grace Jonas, a young deaf girl, received a gift of a sewing machine so she can start her own small business at home;
 - we received financial contributions towards the repairs and maintenance work at Rehema;
 - mosquito nets have been provided for families, helping to protect them; and so much more.
- Mungu akuwabariki. May God bless you richly



Found in another church's notices:

"Mr. Bradford was elected and has accepted the office of head deacon."

We could not get a better man"



Why Do We Need to Buy Fairtraders

One could ask, do we need to buy Fairtrade produce? What happens if we don't?

Let us look at chocolate. Many of us love a piece of chocolate, my favourite is dark 85% cocoa, but I know many prefer milk chocolate – a Mars bar or a flake maybe? But unfair pay for farmers could mean an end to chocolate supplies as we know them.

Did you know that most of the world's cocoa is grown in West Africa? But, young people are not going into cocoa farming because it doesn't pay – 74p/day is the average pay for a cocoa farmer. This is well below the world's extreme poverty line and less than half of what is required to achieve a living income in West Africa.

Climate change is raising temperatures above those needed for cocoa to grow and weather unpredictability is reducing/destroying crops. Cocoa farmers are forced to cut down forest to extend their growing area to hopefully grow enough cocoa to buy food. These could lead to little or no chocolate in the next 20 years.

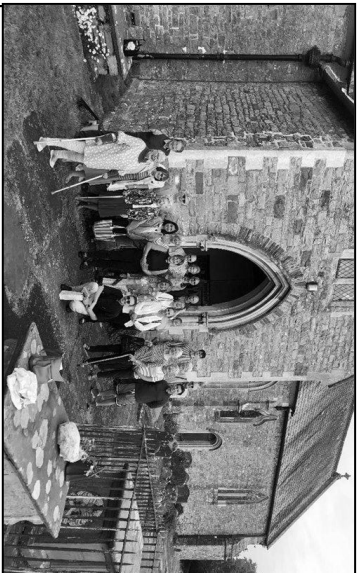
Are these not reason enough to buy Fairtrade chocolate? When we do, we can be confident that the supply chain of the ingredient the Fairtrade mark is awarded for, is protecting farmers, workers and the environment, and paying fairly. The Fairtrade price also includes a premium paid to the Fairtrade community which they can invest in adapting to climate change. For example, 'Alliances for Sankofa' is a project that is pioneering forest friendly farming, and training farmers in diversifying to enable them to earn a living income. This is not possible without fair pay.

There is a similar story behind coffee, tea, bananas and other tropical produce. Tea, did you know that 96% of us prefer tea bags to loose tea? The trouble is tea bags often contain plastic which is not great for the environment. Clipper's Fairtrade tea comes in plant-based biodegradable tea bags. Look out for them when you shop, and help our world.

Coffee, Cafedirect's coffee, all of which is Fairtrade, now comes in compostable bags. Enjoy the aromas of Peru or Columbia, while being kind to the environment, and the fair price you paid enables growers to fight climate change every day.

Please choose Fairtrade, at least for some of your purchases, and so save our world, farmers' lives and their communities.

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Church service held outdoors after locks are superglued shut by vandals

by [Paul Wilkinson](#)
16 June 2023

MEMBERS of the congregation arriving for church last Sunday at St Mary and St Peter's,

Tidenham, near Chepstow, turned disadvantage into celebration after finding that [vandals](#) had superglued the church-door locks shut.

They held an impromptu service outside in the churchyard, followed by tea and cake, and posed for a photo. "We worshipped together with great gusto and joy," the organist, Kathryn Payne, said afterwards. "The singing was better than ever, and the mini sermon, about sticking together, went down very well."

The Vicar, the Revd David Treharne, who was celebrating his 50th birthday that day, said: "It has been a wonderful reminder that the church is the people, not the building. It brought us together in a way we will always remember."

The vandals had poured adhesive into the locks of the church's two main entrances, which cost the church £200 to fix. One had to be replaced on Monday, but the other was able to be freed. "We have no idea why anyone would do this," Revd Treharne said. "It's a pretty good parish here, and we don't get much trouble. I think a window was broken a few years back. Perhaps we might install CCTV now."

In a message to those responsible, he said: "Despite these kinds of things, God's people will keep on worshipping. We did not lose heart, and will not lose heart. We have also prayed for the person that did this, that the love of Christ would bring a change to their heart."

Gloucestershire Constabulary is checking CCTV from houses near by, and asks anyone with information to log on to www.gloucestershire.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/soh/seen-or-heard, quoting incident number 190 of 11 June.

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CHEPSTOW CHORAL SOCIETY
MUSICAL DIRECTOR: GRAHAM BULL

CCS is affiliated to Ty Cerdd – Music Centre Wales and Making Music. Registered Charity no. 1127098

CCS -- ANOTHER SEASON BECKONSI!
CHEPSTOW CHORAL SOCIETY commences its 45th season this autumn.

We are incredibly proud to still be “in business” post-pandemic and now look ahead, after an amazing return to full singing in 2022/23 season, to another year of three contrasting concerts for Christmas, Spring and Summer.

- Wednesday December 13th, Chepstow School Arts Hall, 7.00pm – CHRISTMAS MUSIC and mince pies/wine/soft drinks – choir items, carols, a lovely start to Christmas!**
- Saturday March 23rd 2024, St Mary’s Priory Church, Chepstow, 7.30pm – Rossini’s “Petite Messe Solennelle”, a vibrant work for choir, 4 soloists and 2 pianos, as the principal item in the concert.**
- Wednesday July 3rd, Arts Hall, Chepstow School – a Celebration Summer Concert, with a mixed range of vocal items and styles – followed by light refreshments and drinks.**

HOWEVER – it is an undeniable fact that Choral Societies cannot function without singers!!! CCS is the only choral group in our area to regularly produce concert programmes with 4-part SATB mixed singing, using professional musicians with full orchestras and young professional singers (the latter often from RWCMD).

If you enjoy singing, COME AND JOIN US!!! (details below).

www.chepstowchoralsociety.org.uk or tel. 01291 623310 (Marje) or follow us on Facebook & Twitter -- @ChepstowChoral



that belongs to ALL of us... we’re all called to love our neighbour and respond to need... but these folks have been commissioned to undertake certain specific pastoral duties.

In July 2023, it was great to commission Aaron, Shleah, Jono, Corette, Emma, Nicholette, Polly and Tanya as worship leaders. We’re all called to worship but these folks will play a particular part in helping to lead and facilitate our worship together.

We must listen to the promptings of the Spirit to hear what God’s call is for each of us in the gathered Church in this place in this generation. When we come together what gifts do you/we bring? We can’t all be preachers. We can’t all play the piano. We can’t all operate the PA desk or give hospitality. But we are all members of the Body with a part to play.

The Parish needs people with gifts in finance and administration, people with Governance skills and people to organise hospitality. We need people who can lug chairs around. We need people to work with our children and young people... called by God to build up the Body of Christ in this place.

The harvest is plentiful but even with such an amazing Body here... the workers are still few. Who amongst us is God raising for the tasks God has called us to undertake as his people?

HARVEST PRAISE SERVICE
 St Michael and All Angels Church, Tidenham Chase
SUNDAY OCTOBER 1st 6.00pm

Please come along and join us as we celebrate Harvest
 A service of thanksgiving, with many of the popular Harvest hymns for all, led by a group of enthusiastic singers!
 Let us all raise the roof at Chase Church (though not literally!) in praise and singing!

For further details, please contact Marje (01291 623310) or bduerden@doctors.org.uk



The Body of Christ and its Members...

Years ago it was the Vicar and HIS ordained assistants who were in public authorised ministry, whilst the rest of God's people were politely asked to join in with various tasks but were not permitted to take much of a role in public worship and Parish ministry.

Praise the Lord that we have recovered the ministry of ALL God's people, all the baptised. All members of the Body of Christ (Romans 12 and 1 Cor 12) playing their part. We now have men and women preaching and teaching, leading worship, interceding, undertaking pastoral care and more, not because the Vicar isn't here this week and shoes need filling but because it is the right and good thing to share ministry and exercise the gifts of God within the church, the Body of Christ.

It's a massive cultural shift from when I was a child... a shift in the Spirit and of the Spirit of God. A body alive and functioning from head to toe!

We believe in every member ministry. Just as this building is made up of stones and no stone is more important than another.... so also the Church is made up of many members, each with a different part to play... ordained and lay people together.



It is one of the most joyous parts of being the Vicar of Tidenham here that so many people exercise ministry within the Church... gathered in here and scattered out there, up front and behind the scenes. And it is a privilege to share ministry with you. Sharing ministry makes communication a challenge. We will make mistakes and we may find it costly and a struggle at times... but as we serve the Lord and one another and give things a go in faith, we will hopefully grow and learn and glorify God.

It was great to commission Sue, Susanna, Mary, Linda, Rosalind, Leonie and Kathy as pastoral visitors. Of course pastoral care is a responsibility



Confirmation Joy



Congratulations to Mike Edwards and Charlotte Hitchings who were confirmed at St Luke's Church, Tutshill on Sunday 9 July 2023 by Robert, Bishop of Tewkesbury. It was a beautiful lively service and a very moving occasion. Both Mike and Charlotte

shared their powerful faith stories which had led them to this public confession of faith and to own their baptismal promises for themselves. It was a privilege to be present and share in the joy of their faith, their commitment to Christ and their special place within the Body of Christ in Tidenham Parish.

It was also wonderful to have Revd David Gardiner, one time resident of Tidenham Parish but now Vicar of Lydney presenting a candidate from his Parish.

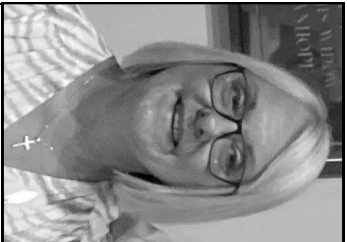
Commissioning Joy

At the Confirmation service on Sunday 9 July 2023 the following were commissioned as Worship Leaders in the Parish by Vicar David: Aaron Joseph, Corette Firth, Emma Durbin, Jono Firth, Polly Morgan, Nicholette Flatman, Shleah Joseph and Tanya White

Then on Sunday 16 July 2023 the following were commissioned as Pastoral Assistant in the Parish by Vicar David: Linda Bulmer, Susanna Jacks, Leonie Jones, Mary Murphy, Rosalind Seward, Sue Thompson and Kathy Treharne

Congratulations!

David



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Charlotte Hitchhings

During my life I've been blessed with loving friends and family, an enduring and happy marriage and material success. I've also experienced dark times and I believe these have shaped my life... I was very ill in my childhood. Aged 9 I suffered with a kidney disorder that at the time was invariably fatal. My parents believed I would die or be severely disabled, however by some miracle I survived.

When I was 24 my elder brother took his own life. He was a loving and gentle brother who gave me unconditional love which I returned. I took his death very hard. The next few years saw me struggle with my fertility and in my thirties I accepted that my husband and I would never have children. During these years I tried many remedies to tackle the effect of these events on me and eventually turned to prayer... I changed from a career in business to coaching, and by attending to the difficulties faced by others I understood more about myself and the profound importance of love, acceptance, connection and relationships. I also joined the Boards of NHS mental health trusts which brought me into contact with the deep injustices in our world – poverty, deprivation, abuse and trauma - which often lead to mental ill health.

I heard a sermon about Jesus healing those most outcast in society, which really spoke to me due to my work in the NHS. I also recognised I still had a need for healing myself and remembered the solace of prayer. I've always been attracted to the values of Christianity, particularly as I grew older. These past months I've loved learning more and found my faith developing, along the way experiencing moments of spiritual awakening. And something fundamental has happened to me these past couple of weeks as I approached my confirmation. I have realised I am experiencing joy! I feel enlivened, as if I am more truly alive than I have been before. I finally understand that being a Christian truly opens the door to life. That, I believe, has to be experienced to be known and I am profoundly thankful to have received this gift, the life of the spirit through Jesus Christ.



Life Groups

Parish Life Group meetings meeting most weeks

Please contact relevant people if you'd like to join in

- **Sunday** 7.30pm Life Group for Men! Online
- James Parsons - jamesdparsons727@gmail.com
- **Monday** 2-3.30pm Bible Study at Sedbury Space
- Nicki nicki1002@hotmail.co.uk
- **Tuesday** 1.00pm Life Group - Julia Parsons, venue varies - juliaparsons727@gmail.com
- **Wednesday** 10.15am Food for Thought Life Group @ Café on the Hill - Vicar David - dtrevd@aol.com
- **Wednesday** 7.30pm Life Group - Fiona and/or Wendy fiona.m.gardiner@btinternet.com
- **Wednesday** 7.30pm Life Group Emma emmad.cyfm@gmail.com
- **Thursday** 1.30pm Life Group - Tanya White at Rockymead tanya.rockymead@gmail.com
- Contact Emma Durbin for details of meetings for the young people. emmad.cyfm@gmail.com

Back in the days of the Anglo-Saxons September used to be called **Cerst Monath**, which translates into "barley month". It was given this name because it was the time of year that the barley crop was harvested, and it was a special time as they brewed a popular drink out of it.

Fact Gatherings... October is known as the best harvesting month for many crops including apples, carrots, corn, grapes, and pumpkins!

Intriguing November fact: it is the only month that Shakespeare never mentioned in all of his plays and sonnets.



Highlights from PCC meetings in May, June & July 2023



PCC members: -

- thanked Tidenham bell ringers who rang Tidenham church bells to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III on 6 May – see You Tube - [Coronation Bells - YouTube](#). Thanks too to Alex White for creating this 3-minute clip!
- approved the 2023 Summer schedule of events in Tidenham parish for local Children, Youth and Families
- listened to Emma Durbin’s review of her work over the last 6 months as the Parish Children, Youth and Families Missioner and approved the revised terms and conditions for her third year starting on 01 September
- agreed revised salaries for our three staff from 01 September
- approved the immediate creation of a small larder in Tutshill church porch, as a practical step to helping local people in need due to the cost-of-living crisis
- approved the proposal for a Wyedean student to undertake work experience in our parish in July
- reviewed and approved the Safeguarding Policies, and the church hire agreement for 2023
- welcomed the albeit slow progress on the proposed works to the tower at Tidenham Parish Church, which are designed to address issues raised in the Quinquennial report concerning dampness in the tower and the condition of the roof timbers and first floor timbers
- approved the work of the charity giving committee regarding our donations to charities this year
- noted that the Trustees’ Annual Return for 2022 was submitted to the Charity Commission on 21 June 2023 – i.e. well within the deadline of 31 October
- noted that Revd David Treharne has stood down as Foundation Governor of the Forest Edge Federation. Robin Riordan has completed his application to be Revd David’s substitute.
- welcomed the programme by SSE to install smart electricity meters in all our three churches by the end of September



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Mike Edwards



I have been in the wilderness for 75 years and despite challenges I was never allowed to leave the fold of the good Lord who has protected me and looked after me and despite all the moments when my life and that of my family were at risk, I and they were looked after.... I was in his keep net I just did not realise it and had the armour of God around me.

In India I developed Amoebic Hepatitis of the liver and without the intervention of the company doctor I would not be here....

I eventually got a job in Zambia at which point I got married ...We were then in Iran at the time of the 1978 Iranian revolution .. We spent nearly 10 years in Saudi Arabia but finally settled down to life in England.

Having moved into a brand-new house my wife decided to leave me, so I set up home with my son... I bumped into an old friend Sue, who advised me that she had left her husband so I said that I would cook her dinner sometime as she lived in close.... Many dinners later we got married and set about renovating our two respective homes and settled down to a degree of normality.

After about 15 years fate was to intervene as Sue was diagnosed with ovarian cancer and around the same time I was diagnosed with Non – Hodgkin’s Lymphoma so we were both receiving chemotherapy. After a brave fight Sue’s cancer got the better of her but we had the last two years together. Sue was adamant that I was to have a life after she had gone and believe me, the wrath of Sue would have descended upon me if I had not fulfilled her wish for me.

I am now with Jane my loving wife of 4 + years support as, at my last appointment with the consultant, he asked me if I realised just how ill I was when I first presented to which I replied pretty seriously ill with the immediate retort, no, no you were very, very, very seriously ill and there is no medical reason for you to be on this planet, we the medical profession did not think you would make it. I hope that you appreciate why I believe my life is a miracle and that I still have some purpose to fulfill for our Lord....



From the Registers

Funerals & Burials

William Albert MORGAN (87)

Monday, 15th May 2023

Service at St Mary's Chapstow & Burial in St Luke's, Tutshill

John Daniel WARNES (86)

Thursday, 1st June 2023

St Luke's Church, Tutshill & Langstone Crematorium

Elizabeth Joyce McDONALD (94)

Wednesday, 7th June 2023

Forest of Dean Crematorium

Gerald Charles NICHOLAS (89)

Thursday, 15th June 2023

Forest of Dean Crematorium

Rev David Francis JOHNSON (90)

Thursday, 29th June 2023

Ashes at St Michael & All Angels

Brian Arthur CHAPMAN (87)

Thursday, 13th July 2023

Forest of Dean Crematorium

Joyce BROWN (90)

Thursday, 21st July 2023

St Michael & All Angels

Jane Mary Humphreys LEWIS (63)

Wednesday, 2nd August 2023

Ashes at St Michael & All Angels

Brian James VICKERY (62)

Thursday, 4th August 2023

St Luke's Church, Tutshill

Langstone Crematorium



Events and training

Building

safe and caring communities

5 September, 10am to 4pm

St Mary de Crypt, Gloucester

This workshop explores the practical actions we can do to build safe, inclusive, and caring communities. The ethos of the workshop is about building on what a community has and is proud of.

gloucester.anglican.org/building-safe-and-caring-communities

Highlights from the Cathedral's

Medieval Library

8 September

Gloucester Cathedral, GL1 2LX

As part of Heritage Open Day, come along to the Chapter House to see a display of the original items chosen by volunteers from the Cathedral's historic Library and Archives.

heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/event/gloucester-cathedral-highlights-from-the-medieval-library

library

Safeguarding Basic Awareness and Foundation

27 September, 9.30am to 1pm

Online and at Laud Room, Church House, College Green

This course aims to provide learners with a basic awareness of safeguarding and enable them to integrate this into their Christian faith and the Church's ministry. It is open for anyone to complete, regardless of their role, including members of congregations.

gloucester.anglican.org/safeguarding-basic-awareness-and-foundation-sep23

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



From our Diocese: Workshop helps churches welcome adults with learning disabilities

St Barnabas Church, Cheltenham,

held a workshop run by the charity Count Everyone In, to discover ways to be more accessible to adults with learning disabilities.

Count Everyone In is a UK charity focusing on this specific area of Christian ministry. The founders, Pete and Christine Wimmill, felt strongly that it was unreasonable to expect adults with learning disabilities in churches to know who Jesus is unless someone helps them to understand, to trust Him and to grow in faith.

They developed Know & Grow workshops to equip churches to communicate the love of Jesus to people with learning disabilities, covering topics like ‘What does it mean to be human?’, ‘Learning disability and the Church’, and aspects of faith such as the Bible, music and worship, and signing and symbols.

The **Revd Janice Hamilton**, Pioneer Minister for West Cheltenham Parish, says, “Seventeen people booked onto our workshop in July including church leaders, ordinands and readers in training, mostly from Anglican churches in Cheltenham but also coming from as far afield as Berkeley, and members of Baptist and Congregational churches too. The group included those who work with adults with disabilities in their day job, those who have experience of caring for grown-up children with learning disabilities and many of us with no prior experience. The feedback was very positive and encouraging.”

One delegate, who has a son with learning disabilities, said, “I thought it was brilliant and very well run. Can’t wait for the second one.”

Find out more: gloucester.anglican.org/workshop-helps-churches-welcome-adults-with-learning-disabilities



From the Registers

Funerals & Burials



Drina Mary GRAY (92)
Thursday, 4th August 2023
Langstone Crematorium

Michael John RICHARDS (85)
Saturday, 5th August 2023

Ashes at St Michael & All Angels

Raymond HENDERSON (88)
Monday, 7th August 2023

St Luke’s church, Tutshill & Forest of Dean Crematorium

Ann Patricia SAINSBURY (90)
Thursday, 11th August 2023
Langstone Crematorium

Holy Baptism



William Ayello-Wright
Sunday, 17th June 2023
St Luke’s Church, Tutshill

Emrys Alexander White
Sunday, 2nd July 2023
St Luke’s Church, Tutshill

Jack Christopher Duthie
Sunday, 13th August 2023

St Mary & St Peter’s Church, Tidenham

Holy Matrimony

Kelly McDavid

&

Moses Thompson
Saturday, 29th July 2023

St Mary & St Peter’s, Tidenham

