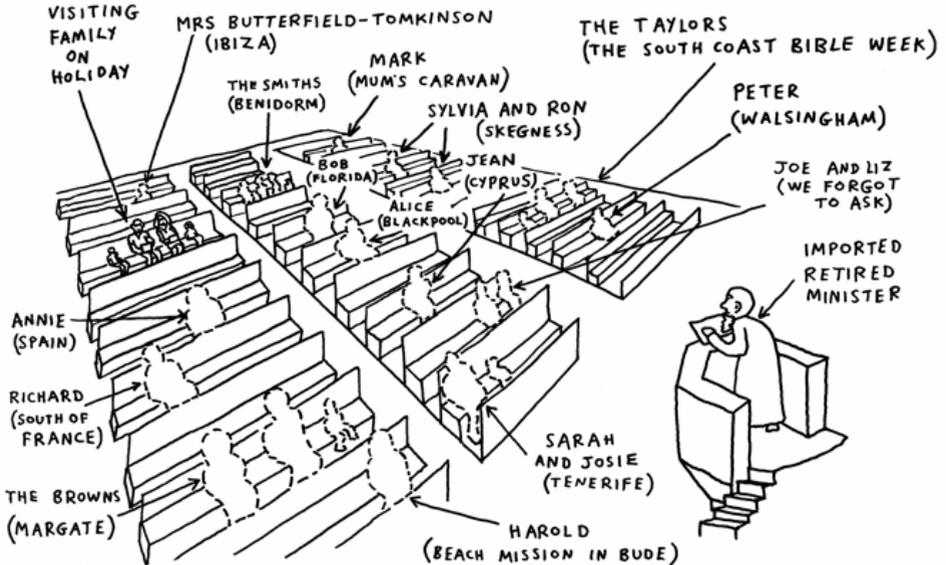


July and August 2016

Around *the* Spire

THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

THE FAITHFUL REMNANT REMEMBER THE DEARLY DEPARTED



Worship with us

St Michael and All Angels', Mitcheldean

1st Sunday of each month: 8.30am **Said Holy Communion** followed by

10.00 am **Family Service** (inc. Holy Communion)

Remaining Sundays: 10.00 am **Sung Eucharist**

Morning prayer 9.00am Tuesday, Wednesday

and Friday in Mitcheldean Church

Tuesdays: 10.30 am Holy Communion (said)

Fridays: 12noon Midday Prayer

St Michael's, Abenhall

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month: 3.00 pm Holy Communion

2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month: 3.00 pm Evensong

For Saints Days and other Holy Day services, please see the porch noticeboards or view the website: www.stmichaelmitcheldean.co.uk

(Children and families are very welcome at all of our services)

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Placement.

About this time last year we welcomed Jan and Alec Keene to Mitcheldean and to our church family. They had moved from Oxford Diocese where Jan was near to the end of her training as a Lay Reader. Over the last 12 months Jan has been working to complete her course, and as part of that she has to do a placement in a parish. Her course tutors have agreed that as she has relatively recently moved here, she can use us as her placement. We have agreed that this placement will be for the month of July. During that time Jan will preach at both churches, as well as leading and helping to lead worship.

At the moment we don't have a date when Jan will be licensed as a reader, as it requires some conversation between two diocese, but we hope it will be soon.

Open The Book

Members of our churches along with some from Forest gate church go into our school once a fortnight to lead worship using the Open The Book scheme. Open the book uses the Lion Story teller bible to tell bible stories using drama, in which the children can be involved. There is a short reflection and a prayer. The team has been running for three years now with great success. Over that time they have lost one or two along the way and could do with some more helpers. If you might be interested then please speak to Pam Martin.

Because of our commitment to safeguarding, volunteers are subject to our safer recruiting process.

8.30am Holy Communion

The next 8.30am Sunday Morning said communion will be on July 30th Not August 7th. Reverting to 1st Sundays after that.

Tower

We are hoping that over the summer work will take place on the tower, Spire and roof of Mitcheldean church to try and keep the rain out. As well as repairing the damage already caused by water in the top of the tower.

Daily Bible Readings

July:

1st 2 Samuel 17
2nd 2 Samuel 18 1-23
3rd John 23. 24-29
4th 2 Samuel 18. 24-end
5th 2 Samuel 19. 1-30
6th 2 Samuel 19. 31-end
7th 2 Samuel 20
8th 2 Samuel 21
9th 2 Samuel 22. 1-31
10th Luke 10. 25-37
11th 2 Samuel 22. 32-end
12th 2 Samuel 23
13th 2 Samuel 24
14th Mark 1. 1-28
15th Mark 1. 29-end
16th Mark 2. 1-12
17th Luke 10. 38-end
18th Mark 2. 13-end
19th Mark 3. 1-19
20th Mark 3. 20-end
21st Mark 4. 1-9
22nd **John 20. 1-2, 11-18**
23rd Mark 4. 10-20
24th Luke 11. 1-13
25th Mark 4. 21-34
26th Mark 4. 35-end
27th Mark 5. 1-20
28th Mark 5. 21-end
29th Mark 6. 1-13
30th Mark 6. 14-29
31st Luke 12. 13-21

August:

1st Mark 6 30-44
2nd Mark 6. 45-end
3rd Mark 7. 1-23
4th 7. 24-end
5th Mark 8. 1-10
6th Luke 9. 28-36
7th Luke 12. 32-40
8th Mark 8. -21
9th Mark 8. 22-end
10th Mark 9. 1-13
11th Mark 9. 14-29
12th Mark 9. 30-end
13th Mark 10. 1-16
14th Luke 12. 49-56
15th Luke 46-55
16th Mark 10. 17-34
17th Mark 10. 35-45
18th Mark 10. 46-end
19th Mark 11. 1-19
20th Mark 11. 20-end
21st Luke 13. 1-17
22nd 12. 1-12
23rd 12. 13-34
24th Luke 22. 24-30
25th Mark 12. 35-44
26th Mark 13. 1-23
27th Mark 13. 24-end
28th Luke 14. 1, 7-14
29th Mark 14. 1-16
30th Mark 14. 17-31
31st Mark 14. 32-43



ST. MICHAEL'S, ABENHALL

Last Night of the Proms

Saturday 6th August

In Mitcheldean Church

Coleford Community Choir will be entertaining us, with lots of opportunities to sing along and wave your Union Jacks!

7.00pm, with The Coleford Community Choir.

Ticket to include refreshments.....£5.00 each. On door£6.00 each.



Sue and Anne Marie

SHAKESPEAREAN EVENING

Five Course Elizabethan Banquet

Saturday 3rd September 2016

6.30pm

In Mitcheldean Church

Music, Dance and Elizabethan
entertainment

Period dress encouraged but not compulsory

Tickets £10.00

Available from Fr David Gill
or Sue Lewis

Because of catering we will need numbers well in advance.

Dates;

July 1st. School Summer fayre. From 3.30pm

July 2nd 6.00pm Songs of Praise. Mitcheldean Church

August 6th 7.00pm. Last Night of the proms. Mitcheldean Church

August 15th Magazine Deadline

September 3rd Elizabethan Evening. Mitcheldean

Could you be a hospital Chaplaincy Volunteer?

Training course for new Volunteers. Autumn 2016

Every Wednesday 9.00am -12.30pm

21st September- 30th November

At Gloucester Royal Hospital

For the teams at Gloucester and Cheltenham

Details and booking phone: 0300 422 6200

spiritualcare@glos.nhs.uk

The Diocesan Messenger, July 2016

Go further together, by the Revd Chris Maclay, Forest Area Dean and Vicar of Bream

“There are a lot of conversations going on around the Diocese, and I, for one am excited by that process. A long time ago I studied a course in Community Development. The purpose was to then go and work in African villages, but the principles have remained with me wherever God has taken me.

“What becomes rapidly obvious when you move to a new place with a desire to make a difference, is that it would be quicker to do it yourself and avoid forming committees and groups! But that implies that the end goal is more important than the process. That can be really helpful if you want to build some new building, but if you want to build community the **process** is really the goal! An African proverb I keep bumping into says, ‘If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.’

“So, the process of building community, empowering people and raising aspirations requires many (unhurried) conversations. So often, for the sake of expediency we do things ‘to’ our communities, but in reality that is often disempowering and ends up causing damage rather than development.

“So, I am excited by the conversations going on for two reasons: firstly because there will be some real insights that I am trusting God will give us as we listen to Him and one another; secondly because the very process of listening to one another is a major step in seeing us engage with our communities (and many of our communities are not used to being listened to). For me, the process is probably more important than a list of answers.”

Journeying Together: Respond

Before 20 July, churches and communities across the Diocese are being invited to respond with the outcomes of conversations about their hopes for the future of our communities and how the Church can be a part of this.

We have been holding conversations with civic leaders, with people in schools, in young peoples' groups, with the police, councils, NHS Trusts and disadvantaged communities and now is the time to respond.

Who have you spoken to as part of the conversation process? How outward-looking is your church community and do your neighbours see you as being relevant? The results of this conversation will help us launch a new vision of God's plan in this Diocese.

Feed back : www.vision2016.org.uk @GlosDioc #JTV2016

vision@glosdioc.org.uk, What's App 07592 626870.

Faith in the world

Could you coach a pioneer? by the Revd Cate Williams, Mission and Evangelism Officer for the Diocese of Gloucester

Pioneer ministers are people who are building church communities outside traditional church settings. We have a number of these ministers in our Diocese who are doing something new and exciting within their ministry. Everyday kindness and neighbourliness is increasingly being recognised as an important part of the church's mission: the ability to both give and receive with grace as we come alongside the people we share our neighbourhood with. It is practical, about real lives and real people, but at the same time rooted in Christian spirituality and in Jesus' example, as he expressed similar qualities in his ministry.

As a Diocese we are exploring coaching as a means to support those in pioneer ministry. We are looking for people with coaching skills used in the workplace, or people with good listening skills willing to undertake some training in coaching. Expertise in pioneer ministry is not necessary though an openness to this way of working is needed.

If you feel able to offer your support, please contact cwilliams@glosdioc.org.uk or telephone her on 01452 835543 for an informal chat.

Events and training

Arts behind bars: unlocking creativity

Saturday 2 July, 11.30am to 2.30pm

Prema, Bethesda Chapel, South Street, Uley

An artist, musicians and a potter share their experiences of the transformative power of arts in prisons. Please bring food to share for lunch. www.pjglos.org.uk

Jewels in July Flower Festival

Friday 15 and Saturday 16 July, 10.30am to 5pm

Sunday 17 July, 12 to 4.30pm

St Lawrence Church, Barnwood, GL4 3JB

Tea room and photographic exhibits. Funds raised towards St Lawrence Church and 'Maggies', Cheltenham.

A place at the table

Saturday 16 July, 1.30pm to 4.30pm

National Star College, Ullenwood Manor, Ullenwood GL53 9QU

Half day inclusive church event exploring what it means to be inclusive with Bob Callaghan, National Coordinator of Inclusive Church. To book revdjenny@me.com

800th anniversary events for the Coronation of Henry III

Henry III was the only English monarch since 1066 crowned outside Westminster Abbey - and it took place in Gloucester Cathedral 800 years ago. A variety of events have been planned in the Cathedral for September and October this year, in and around the cathedral, and you can now book for these. Ring 08456 521823 www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/henry-iii-events