



The Parish of

Mitcheldean and Abenhall

Parish News

October 2016



HARVEST

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**

Tuesdays: 10.30 am Holy Communion (said)

9.00am Tuesday, Wednesday: 8.45am Friday **Morning prayer**

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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All Souls. Commemoration of the departed:

At The end of October we keep annual commemoration of the those who have died. This year there are two opportunities at 3.00pm in Mitcheldean Church on Saturday 29th October and at the 3.00pm service at Abenhall on Sunday 30th October. If you are planning to come to one of these services there will be a list in the church concerned for a couple of weeks before, for you to write the names of those you would like remembered. Those who have died in the last 12months will automatically be included in the list

Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme. GASDS

A number of years ago the inland revenue introduced the Gift Aid small donations scheme, the scheme allows gift aid to be claimed on individual donations collected within the charities building, at a gathering of 10 or more people, without the need for gift aid declarations from each of the donors. As a church this means that we can claim gift aid on all of the collection when it is taken at a service where 10 or more people are present, without you needing to put your collection in a gift aid envelope. This of course enables us to claim gift aid on donations from those who could not make gift aid declarations other wise, and it simplifies the claims process and record keeping requirements .

This means that if you usually use a blue gift aid envelop (at Mitcheldean) you don't actually need to you can just place your collection in the plate.

Having said that we would actually much rather you signed up to the parish giving scheme or even the weekly envelop scheme as these help you with your commitment to regular giving and us with our budgeting. The Parish Giving Scheme also means that we get gift aid back with in 10 days rather than waiting for a once or twice a year claim to the inland revenue.

Both churches already benefit from GASDS but not every one is aware of it.

At Abenhall there is still usually a need for people to use the yellow gift aid envelopes as there are not often more than 10 people present at worship.

Magazine: Don;t forget this news letter is available by email or on the church website. If you'd like it emailed please send an email to Fr David

Ride and Stride: Saturday 10th September, a wet and dismal day we cycled 30 miles. We have been sponsored for over £200 and would welcome any extra donations, half of which go to the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust and the other half to our church. Cheers Pam

Thank you to Sue and Anne-Marie for organizing a fantastic evening of Shakespeare and food at the beginning of September A great time was had by all. What's next you ask? Watch this space.

Food Bank: we continue to support the Lord's larder Food bank in Newent, packet and tinned foods and toiletries can be left in Mitcheldean church.

Daily Bible readings:

October.

1st Exodus 13.

2nd Luke 17. 5-10

3rd Exodus 14. 1-14

4th Exodus 14. 15-31

5th Exodus 15. 1-18

6th Exodus 15. 19- 27

7th Exodus 16. 1- 12

8th Exodus 16. 13-36

9th Luke 17. 11-19

10th Exodus 17.

11th Exodus 18. 1-12

12th Exodus 18. 13-27

13th Exodus 19. 1-15

14th Exodus 19. 16-25

15th Exodus 20. 1-21

16th Luke 18. 1-8

17th Exodus 20 22- 26

18th Luke 10. 1-9

19th Exodus 21. 1-27

20th Exodus 21. 28 -36

21st Exodus 22. 1-15

22nd Exodus 22. 16-31

23rd Luke 18. 9-14

24th Exodus 23 1-22

25th Exodus 23. 23-33

26th Exodus 24

27th Exodus 25

28th John 15. 17-end

29th Exodus 26 1-25

30th Luke 6. 20-31

31st Exodus 26. 26-37

Christian Aid Project. Over the past two years our deanery has been running a project to try and raise £5000 for Christian aid as part of an initiative where there was match funding from the EU. The Match funding actually committed to quadrupling money raised by communities. We were able to support the deanery project both through a donation from the PCC and fund raising. We are pleased to be able to say that the Deanery managed to raise a total of £5253 which has now been sent off to Christian aid.

Dates.

October 15th Magazine deadline

October 2nd Harvest Thanksgiving

8.30am Holy Communion

10.00am Family Service

12.00noon Lunch

3.00pm Holy Communion

October 5th 7.30pm PCC Meeting

October 29th 3.00pm All Souls service. Mitcheldean

October 30th 3.00pm All Souls service. Abenhall

.Items for the next News Letter to Fr David by 15th of this month please

The Diocesan Messenger, October 2016

Farewell message from the Revd Canon Robbin Clark, Dean of Women Clergy

As many of you may know, I will be retiring and moving back to California at the end of October. I want to take this opportunity to offer thanks to God for the blessings of these last five and a half years and express my gratitude to all the wonderful people who have made this time such a special one for me. I have had the privilege of working with an amazing staff team and an extraordinary 'flock' of women clergy. I couldn't have asked for better. For one in my post as Dean of Women Clergy, it has been a crucial period as well, with the long-awaited joyous celebrations, both local and national, of twenty years with women priests, followed closely by the historic decision to admit women to episcopal orders. How thrilling to have served with one of the most ardent advocates of this measure, Bishop Michael, and now with the first female diocesan, Bishop Rachel!

While I've long loved the UK and felt 'at home' here, this is not to deny that my time here has been a constant cross-cultural adventure. I've learned new language, been a source of comic relief with my 'Americanisms' and endured (I hope with grace) the various jibes and attempts at the accent. The natural beauty and rich history of Gloucestershire have become very dear to me. All in all, I wouldn't trade my time here for the world. As I've remarked more than once, "I feel like I've fallen into a vat of chocolate!" You are all most warmly invited to my farewell service at the cathedral on Saturday, October 22 at 4.30pm. And rest assured, even though I'll no longer be your resident "non-EU migrant worker", I hope to be a frequent visitor in the years ahead.

With love and thanks, Robbin

Name the strong-room competition

Did you know that Gloucestershire Archives in Alvin Street, Gloucester, looks after parish registers and records from parishes across the Diocese? They include registers dating back to 1539, records relating to policing, road maintenance and looking after the poor (formerly a parish responsibility), as well as PCC minutes and parish magazines.

Three new specialist strong-rooms are being built to house the next generation of archives, and the Diocese is inviting parishes to name one. The winning parish will be offered a group tour 'behind the scenes' at Gloucestershire Archives to see the new strong-rooms and a display of archives relating to their area.

Please send your suggested name, together with your own name and parish to churchhouse@glosdioc.org.uk by 14 November 2016.

Life: vision and a celebration

Thank you to everyone who submitted their conversations to help form the new diocesan vision. You can find the draft of the new diocesan vision at www.vision2016.org.uk

Bishop Rachel invites you to a celebration of our new diocesan vision:

Saturday November 26th 4.00pm until 6.30pm.

Francis Close Hall. Swindon Road. Cheltenham. GL50 4AZ

A family friendly Party to celebrate our faith and to be inspired as we launch our new vision.

Events and training

Saturday 15 October, 12:30pm, Organ recital by Christopher Boodle

St Catharine's, London Road, Gloucester. Retiring collection in aid of St Catharine's. Refreshments provided.

Tuesday 18 to Sunday 23 October, Ecumenical individually guided retreat

The Monastery of Our Lady and St Bernard, Brownshill, near Stroud, GL6 8AL.
Cost: £ 315, enquires to the Revd Felicity Bayne, 01242 237074,
felicity.bayne@btinternet.com

Saturday 15 October 2016 from 1pm to 4.15pm

Diocesan Celebration of Healing and Wholeness, Tewkesbury Abbey.

The speaker will be Elaine Storkey. A range of quiet activities including prayer ministry, anointing, a labyrinth prayer walk, discussion groups, a quiet area and displays by organisations with a Eucharist.

Contact Sheila Appleton, 07772 759835 or sheila@graappl.plus.com

Monday 25 October to Saturday 29 October, 10.30am to 3.30pm

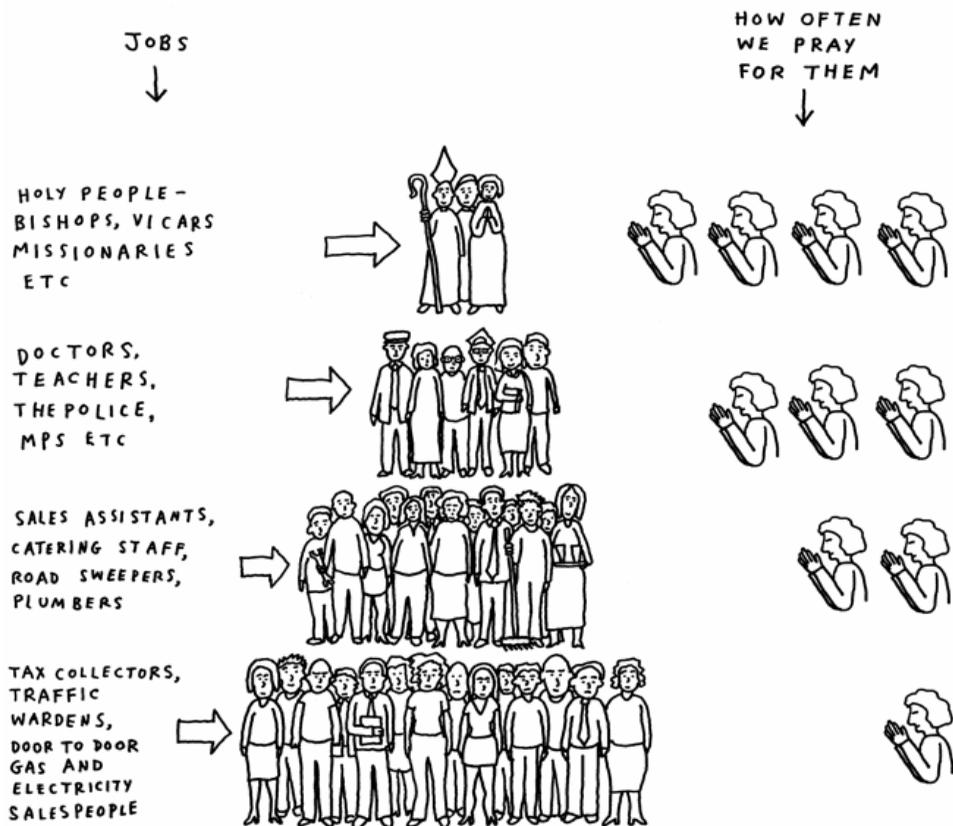
Coronation crafts, free half term family fun

Bring your camera and take a 'selfie' dressed up in regal robes and crown, sitting in a special throne

under the beautiful stained glass window of King Henry III. Get creative designing, making and wearing jewellery and crowns fit for a King or Queen.

Contact 01452 874965 laura.neale@gloucestercathedral.org.uk

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