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Dear Friends,

On June 12th the church celebrates Trinity Sunday when it attempts the impossible by trying to comprehend the mystery of God.

As human beings we have a habit of wanting to find neat images or formulae to help us understand everything, but when we try to explain the Trinity in this way, we find that nothing really works.

The majesty of God is beyond our ability to describe, and yet as Christians we are called to share our experience of God with others. But how do we explain something which we struggle to understand ourselves?

In grappling with this difficult doctrine, we are in good company however, with the likes of St Patrick who suggested the image of the shamrock with its three shapes that make one leaf. Others have used the image of the sun. It shines brightly in the sky reminding us of the glory of God the Father, it gives light even on the dullest day reminding us of God the Son, Jesus the light of the world, and it provides warmth in which we grow and live which reminds us of God the Holy Spirit. Three qualities of glory, light and warmth bound together in one.

These images help us understand a little about the nature of God but none of them quite does it. They all fall short of the true reality.

However, I want to share with you one more of these imperfect images. One which I find particularly helpful. It is the image of a very famous icon of the Trinity painted by Andrei Rublev in about 1410.



All the figures in this icon wear a blue garment showing their unity, but each wears another garment which speaks of their own identity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The faces of the three figures look at each other in love; and this is the key to the Trinity.

It is all about the relationship they have to one another.

This relationship of love is the pattern of life to which we as Christians aspire. We aim to live in community with one another. Caring and supporting, seeing the best in those around us, nurturing and encouraging.

If you look closely at the icon, you might notice that there is an empty space at the table. Who is this space for? This space is for you. God calls both you and I to come and sit at his table. To enter into a relationship with him. This meaningful relationship cannot be fully explained by shamrock leaves or by thinking about the sun or even by looking at an icon, but it can be grasped by our hearts if only we let it.

Revd Alison

Good Friday Messy Church



It was lovely to be able to hold our Good Friday Messy Church in Watermoor Church Hall once again - the first one since 2019! (Cancelled due to Covid in 2020 and held in Watermoor Church in a Covid secure way in 2021).

We had 30 adults and children attend, some of whom were not church goers, which was wonderful! We were also blessed with 11 volunteers helping either with running a craft, providing refreshments of hot cross buns, or just welcoming and chatting to families. Rev Alison attended and helped with our short act of worship in which we used our parachute outside in the church grounds to re-enact the Easter story and to sing some worship songs! Rev Alison thanked Jesus for his love for us and blessed us all.

Our crafts this year included making individual Easter gardens, decorating Easter biscuits, making Easter baskets, Easter egg sewing cards, scratch art crosses, dotty art crosses, and making wooden crosses using a hammer and nails. The latter was very popular and Rev Alison's husband Peter nobly stepped in to run this activity after my husband Ray succumbed to Covid. I put him outside to do this because of the noise!

All in all it was a very joyful occasion and so lovely to be able to offer a morning of fellowship and fun whilst demonstrating the real message of Easter!

Fiona Hawes (*Parish Children's Worker*)

Compline



In all the many services on offer during Easter I found Compline the most rewarding. It is a late evening service and is used in monasteries as the final service in the monks' day.

When Penny was training we used to drive to Prinknash Abbey near Painswick and join the Monks for their service. It is short, simple and provides ample opportunity for contemplation and reflection which is a necessary and valuable part of Easter.

One of the services at the Parish Church was a sung Compline with Hugo and the choir excelling themselves. Look out for these services next Easter. I defy you not to be uplifted.

I am writing this early as Penny and I are heading for Parga for a three week holiday in Greece – rolled over from 2019. It was booked when we were younger and more active. Our delightful small hotel is in Parga. We can see the island of Corfu and we are close to Albania. The pace of life is very slow and that will not be a problem! More contemplation and reflection.

One matter that will be a subject for both is the parish deficit. Accounts show this is constant and disturbing. The attitude that we have plenty of cash in reserve is not one held by me. A spirited stewardship campaign may cause many of us to think and act. I hope so.

John Light

Parga, Greece



MOTHERS' UNION LETTER



Dear Members and Friends

This month we will be celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of our Patron Her Majesty the Queen and many of us will have memories of Coronation Day on June 2nd 1953.

Not having a TV in those days our family went to a friend's house to watch the ceremony. It was so exciting! Even more exciting was a visit with my mother to see the Queen in Edinburgh on her Royal Progress around her capital cities. We waited with the crowd on Princes Street to see the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh pass by in an open carriage.

Later in the day we went to the Palace of Holyroodhouse near the time when the royal couple were due to leave. A few of us waited outside the gate and were rewarded by seeing the open-top car sweep slowly by - close enough to touch! A very exciting day.

Her Majesty has been a wonderful Patron, giving us her support and encouragement for the past 70 years - a strong and inspiring role model. Long may she reign!

Our MU theme this year is 'Transformation Now!' and we are trying to transform lives in countries around the world by combatting violence by peaceful means, dealing with hunger, stopping gender injustice.

'Calling for an end to violence and domestic abuse, uniting MU with 6000 organisations in over 175 countries, for we cannot do it alone - we are a voice to be heard.' (Sheran Harper, Worldwide President)

The events on the day of Pentecost transformed the lives of the disciples, and countless others, by the infilling of God's Holy Spirit. Let us pray for God to transform our lives by His Holy Spirit so that we can work to transform the world.

With love

Rosemary Roberts

DIARY DATES

June

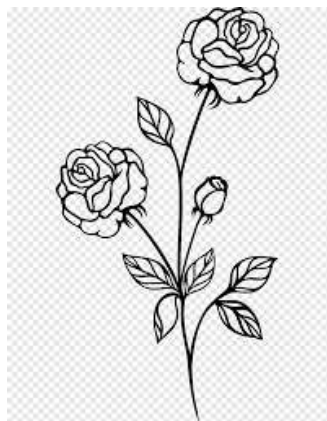
- Wednesday 1st 2.30pm in Parish Hall Watermoor
Speaker Rev Alston Love 'My journey to the Priesthood'.
Bring & Buy. There will also be a Bring & Share tea to
celebrate HM Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
Bring any Coronation memorabilia you may have!
- Thursday 2nd 10am - 12 noon Deanery Quiet Morning in
Holy Trinity Church
- Saturday 4th 10am - 12 noon in the Parish Hall Watermoor Jubilee Craft
Morning. Helpers welcome.
- Wednesday 22nd 10.30am in the Lady Chapel, Parish Church MU Corporate
Communion

July

- Wednesday 6th 2.30pm Holy Trinity Church, closing service led by
Rev Penny Light. Followed by a Bring and Share tea in the
hall.

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Floral arrangements at Holy Trinity Church Watermoor.



As we no longer have a group of flower arrangers at Holy Trinity, I am looking to form a new group. In the past we have had two arrangements in the church each week, one by the Altar and one by the lectern, with more arrangements on special occasions. If anyone is interested in joining me please contact me, Kathie Cottey, on 01285 654038 or [email:-pcottey@talktalk.net](mailto:pcottey@talktalk.net). We can then arrange a meeting to discuss the way forward.

CHURCH BELLS BEYOND THE STARS HEARD

John Betjeman once wrote a poem called “Christmas” which ends with the repeated question “And is it true? And is it true?” Is it true that the babe in the manger was indeed the Incarnate Mystery of God? We might want to ask the same question of the empty tomb on Easter morning: “Is it true?”



Like most of us Betjeman lived on the cliff-edge of faith-and-doubt. Lots of Christian people trust wholeheartedly in the Resurrection of Jesus, and welcome him as a close and loving friend. But there are many generous and intelligent people who acknowledge Jesus of Nazareth as one of the Wise Ones whose life and teaching has lit a beacon of truth and goodness and justice for all human kind for all time. But they live in a rationalist Enlightenment culture whose foundations are the sciences. Many people reasonably believe that when we die we are dissolved into the dust of the earth, without any residue. But all our lives are marinated in moments of transcendence, a profound conviction that there is a “beyond” which calls to us in music and painting and in our heart's loves. The popular TV programme *The Repair Shop* vividly illustrates the depth and intensity of ordinary people's emotional attachment to those they have loved and lost. Family heirlooms provide a slender thread through which our ancestors still call out to us by tugging on our hearts. How are we to reconcile these two world views? Is the world “beyond” a reality, or is it a dream which dissolves when we wake?

The arguments against the “beyond” have become much more persuasive in the last hundred years. We have only recently discovered just how vast the universe really is and just how multitudinous is the number of stars and galaxies out there, some of which may nurture conscious biological life. Only in my lifetime have archaeologists revealed to our astonished eyes the dozens of thriving cultures which have preceded our own on this precious blue planet of ours. It is only in the past three years that we have finally understood the questions which have haunted us about Stonehenge and the astronomical purposes of its builders 5000 years ago.

When we see films of the teeming populations of India and China swarming like human beehives or ants' nests we begin to wonder how our little religious dramas can really contain the key to mysteries of such a multitude and such a variety of human lives – and that is before we even begin to take into account the billions of possible human-like creatures out there in the Milky Way. What can one (allegedly) empty tomb in a garden in a long gone Empire say to people who lived in stars so distant that their light has taken hundreds of light years to reach us - maybe they no longer exist?

One thing we can say with some conviction about these unimaginably distant realms of outer space: the “Laws of Nature” are the same everywhere. The Periodic Table holds good in Alpha Centuri as it does in Cirencester. Gravity obeys Newton's equations in distant galaxies just as it did in Norfolk in the 17th Century and still does here today. But just so does the “Beyond”, the Realm of the Transcendent, holds good throughout the Universe. At all times and in all places the physical world underlies the “world invisible”, the realm where the primal Absolutes of Beauty, Truth, The Holy and Love are the Laws of Supernature, all underwritten by God the cosmic Creator.

What does all this mean when it comes to celebrating Easter in a village church in the Cotswolds in 2022? First, the Beyond is not a temporal or spacial extension of our Space-Time. It is not part of the future of this Cosmos but lies at right angles to it, a different dimension altogether. When we pray we are reaching out to respond to the tentacles of Love and Beauty from that realm which touches and stimulates our hearts to an echoing reply, rather as a wineglass on my table sings in response to a plane flying overhead. Jesus is the Love which resonates in our hearts. His death and resurrection has struck a bell which echoes and re-echoes in Time and in Eternity, like the cosmic microwave buzz which is the faint residue of the Big Bang. When we pray we sit in silence and quieten our restless hearts to hear the echoes of that bell and find that it is calling us by name and enfolding us in a personal love so that we too can live by love.

Jesus heard the bell pealing in his heart from the day he was born. It was a summons to live by unconditional love in a political system which was at heart greedy, corrupt, violent and pitiless. It called him in the name of God to confront the satanic regime even at the price of his own life. Satan thought that would

silence the bell. But you can't silence the bells of Heaven. That clamour rang out on Easter morning 2000 years ago and has gone on ringing the changes ever since. "Church bells beyond the stars heard." is a line from George Herbert's wonderful poem called "Prayer". When we pray we are listening for the reverberations of Easter. Those vibrations colour our daily life, so that as we go about our busy lives we pick the vibes up from the natural world and from other people, and quite unconsciously we transmit them to other people.

Yes. It is true!

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RESS RELEASE

14 April 2022

Run the Rainbow for Longfield Community Hospice!



Prepare for a colour explosion at Longfield's 'Run the Rainbow' event.

Longfield Community Hospice is organising the perfect messy day out for all the family, with its 'Run the Rainbow' event taking place at Cotswold Airport on 17 July.

Be prepared for powdered paint, foam, music and even inflatables, as you run, walk or skip through the Run the Rainbow challenge. One thing's for sure, it's going to be colourful!

Featuring a 5K route suitable for the whole family, it's the perfect summer day out and a great opportunity to raise money for Longfield.

On the day of the event, all participants registering between 10.40am - 11.40am

will receive a pair of sunglasses and a sachet of coloured paint. There will be a fun warm-up to music at 11.45am with everyone setting off on the course at midday.

This year Longfield aims to support more than 1200 patients with life-limiting illnesses, carers and family members, through both the Wellbeing Centre in Minchinhampton and through care in patients' homes.

Vicki Hayward, Community and Events Manager urges locals to sign up:

“We can only offer the free care we do thanks to the support of the local community. Please do sign up, come along and bring some friends too. Why not get a group together and raise sponsorship? You'll be making memories with lots of photo opportunities, and helping a good cause at the same time.”

To sign up for the event, visit longfield.org.uk/event/run-the-rainbow
Use early bird promo code NEWS20 for a 20% saving.

Registration is £20 for an adult (16 and over) or £15 for a child or sign up to raise sponsorship. The registration fee entitles you to participate in the fun 5K race, sunglasses, a pouch of powdered paint and a medal on finishing.

This event is kindly sponsored by Taylor Wimpey.

Jo Fairburn



PENTECOST CELEBRATION

WITH ALL CIRENCESTER CHURCHES TOGETHER

Sunday 5th June
10:00

St John Baptist Church
Market Place, Cirencester

Visiting Preacher Rev Les Isaac
Ascension Trust & Street Pastors

Is our church's future rosy or bleak?

As one of the volunteer vergers for funerals at Holy Trinity it frequently saddens me to watch those assembled take such little part in the service. Apart from the tributes paid by family members or close friends, there is often scant participation in hymns and an almost inaudible mumble when it comes to



joining in the Lord's Prayer, even though it is usually printed in the order of service. The more elderly amongst those gathered will have a go but the younger generation are silent. Church seems to have no relevance to them.

I hope that the uplifting words from the minister leading the service will find a spot in some hearts of those listening and that they come to an understanding that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life and that no one comes to God except by belief in Him.

Not so very long ago our Electoral roll stood at over 600. Now it is just 241 and 6 of those are couples who wanted to be married in our parish and who may not attend church but now live away.

At our APCM we heard that our parish is financially rich in monetary reserves but people poor. The Electoral roll would stand testament to that. So how do we attract people to Christ in a society that doesn't 'do church'?

We have three lovely churches and out there is a broad base of Anglicanism. Here there is an opportunity to explore many different styles of worship and not to sit glumly in our favourite pew when the service is not exactly to our taste. Recently there was a splendid all-age service at Holy Trinity that involved a variety of people and made us think about our worship in maybe a different way.

Christ must be the centre of all our worship. No one comes to God except through Him. Exploring ways of worship that enhance and encourage us to explore how He can make a difference to our lives now and offer a certainty for eternal life later is something that no one should miss! Let's not become stuck in an ecclesiastical rut but look for excitement in finding Jesus through many forms of worship. It may be fun and those who do not 'do church' might find that they want to after all!

Howard Gray

Date Announced for Annual Fundraiser for Gloucestershire's and North Bristol's Historic Buildings

Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust has announced that the next annual Ride + Stride event will be held on the 10th of September 2022.



Ride+Stride is a nationwide event supported by the National Churches Trust and organised locally by the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust (GHCT). The event sees cyclists, walkers and horse riders raising money through being sponsored to visit churches and chapels throughout the day. The money raised by Ride+Stride is then shared between (GHCT) and local churches of all Christian denominations in Gloucestershire and North Bristol.

The Trust hopes that the event will be even more successful than last year when it raised £45,052. Of this total, £17000 was returned to participating churches and chapels. The remainder will contribute towards grants to local churches, chapels and meeting houses requiring urgent repairs, maintenance and improvements.

Since the Trust began in 1981, it has given out more than two million pounds in grants that have helped to keep our local, historic buildings alive for current and future generations to enjoy.

Ray Singleton, Ride+Stride Co-ordinator for the Trust, said,

“We are so grateful to everyone who took part last year and it was great to have raised even more than we did in 2020. We hope to welcome more participants this September with the aim of raising another record breaking total so that we can help even more historic buildings”.

The event is not just open to church members in the area but anyone who wishes to get out and enjoy the historic buildings Gloucestershire, South Gloucestershire and North Bristol have to offer. You can take part as an individual, a family, or a team to raise money to help the cause. For more information on Ride + Stride, head to our website or follow us on social media for regular updates.

Website: <https://ghct.org.uk/ride-and-stride>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GloucestershireHistoricChurchesTrust/>

Twitter: @GlosHCT

Instagram: @gloucestershirechurchestrust

Peter Vujakovic

Friends of St John Baptist Churchyard

To be or not to be bee friendly!

You may have noticed that some areas of the normally manicured grass at our churches have been left unmown. This is a deliberate initiative to develop patches of wildflower meadow and support local wildlife, especially bees and other native pollinators.



In 2021 the Friends of St John Baptist Churchyard first joined the legions of gardeners who were saying “no!” to the mower in May to encourage wildflowers. ‘No Mow May’ is a National initiative of Plantlife, a British conservation charity working to save threatened wildflowers (Patron HRH The Prince of Wales). The photos accompanying this article were taken last year when the churchyard was in full bloom; at the time of writing the meadow areas were just starting to flourish – so now in June you should be able to visit and see the difference ‘no mow’ makes!

<https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/no-mow-may>



This year all our churches are taking part. We have carefully selected the areas to be managed for wildlife and will maintain the neat and tidy appearance of other areas for the enjoyment of all. Last year there was some concern that St John Baptist had been left in a ‘scruffy’ state, so we have designed signage to reassure visitors of the purpose of ‘no mow’. And remember, in the past churchyards often provided the vicar with income from grazing sheep or from a hay crop – so the current fashion for ‘neat and tidy’ is actually a modern folly.

We are following advice on management from the national charity Caring for God’s Acre and the ‘no mow’ plots will be cut, and the ‘hay’ removed in late-June or August depending on the specific area and the conservation regime. As noted by the charity:

“Old burial grounds often have fantastic, flowery grassland as they have been so little disturbed over the centuries. A first step to having a wildflower meadow is to mark out the boundary of your planned wildflower patch and leave it to grow long over the spring and early summer. See what comes up naturally and then have a go at surveying it.”

Caring for God’s Acre (CfGA) “Creating a Wildflower Meadow and Helping Wildlife” <https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/about-us/>

There is clear evidence at St John Baptist of the wildlife value of the site, with a large yellow meadow ant nest banked up against one of the chest tombs; this species is indicative of old meadows! Last year we saw some exciting evidence of the plants that can appear if mowing is suspended, with wonderful swathes of ox-eye daisies, mouse-ear, forget-me-not and speedwell to name a few.

This year we are working with ecologist Dr Kelly Hemmings and her students from The Royal Agricultural University (RAU) to monitor the wildflower species that flower in our meadow areas.

Please follow our conservation work at the Friends of St John Baptist facebook site.



St Cyr's Day, June 16th

My predecessor produced a little card for St Cyr, he headed "I am a Christian too p", comprising an act of faith, the prayer of St Richard and a rule of life. The story of St Cyr is a short one. The three-year-old Cyr with his mother Julitta were arrested for being Christians and brought before Alexander, the Roman governor of Saleucia, in the South East corner of modern Turkey, Asia Minor, part of the Roman Empire, the governor of Alexander picked up the three-year-old, cuddled him and blasphemed the name of Jesus Christ. Cyr slapped his face and declared "I am a Christian too". He was thrown down some steps, stabbed to death, and Julitta, his mother was led away to be crucified rejoicing that her three-year old son had died a Christian.

What an example of total sacrifice and total self-giving to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is a wonderful example of true martyrdom. None of us seek or would seek to be a martyr but we must hope and pray that we would, if necessary, be prepared to sacrifice our lives for our faith and love in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, if we were required to do so to remain true to our Christian love and calling. A Christian is someone, who in extremity is prepared to die for their faith but never to kill for it.

I had a churchwarden whose name was Stephen, and on the occasion, I said to him "your name is Stephen. Stephen was the first Christian martyr who died, as his Lord has died, praying Lord lay not this sin to their charge as he was being stoned to death. My name is James and James was the first of the twelve apostles to suffer martyrdom, being killed by the sword at the hands of king Herod. I pray that you Stephen and I, would be prepared in extremity, to lay down our lives if we are challenged in our Christian faith, love and calling. And now for the rule of life on my St Cyr's card, concluding with the prayer of St Richard.

1. To make my communion each Sunday
2. To pray daily
3. To read my bible daily
4. To give towards the work of local church and the church worldwide
5. To assess my Christian life
6. To witness to Christian standards in my work and home

Prayer of St Richard. Thanks be to you my Lord Jesus Christ for all the benefits which you have given me, for all the pains you have borne me, O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day.

May God bless us in our work, our worship, and our witness now and forever. Amen.

Canon Jim Harris



PENTECOST

Mr and Mrs Wintersham-Brown
Bought a large rambling house
At the far end of town.
It was close to the shops
And not far from the sea,
But one thing it lacked: electricity.

But electricians were coming,
Of that they were sure,
For a note from the Board
Had come through the door.
It said, “we’re not sure of the day
Or precisely what hour,
But quite soon your house
Will have electric power.”

The Wintersham-Browns in anticipation
Set about making grand preparations.
They scanned Yellow Pages
An electrician was hired,
And within a few days
Their house was re-wired.
Then off to the shops
Went this resolute pair
To see what appliances
They had in there,

They came back with a cooker,
An electric fire,
A washing machine
And a smart tumble drier.
A kettle, a ‘fridge
A food mixer too,
Electric tooth brushes,
One pink and one blue.

They fitted some light bulbs,
And having read all the labels,
They connected the plugs
To the electric cables,
And they patiently waited
For that momentous hour
When their house would receive
Electric power.

A man from the Board in smart uniform
Came by the next day, duty to perform.
With a courteous bow and a flick of his wrist
He swiftly pulled down on the mains master switch.
In an instant that house burst into life,
To the utter delight of husband and wife.

In celebration of the advent power
Mr W.B. had an electric shower,
The toaster popped up with two pieces of toast,
And the cooker warmed up to receive its first roast.
Every room in the house was ablaze with light,
And Rover the dog took off in fright!
That house by the sea was never the same
Since that glorious day electricity came.

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A long time ago in Jerusalem
Jesus spoke to a group of His men.
He said, “do not leave the city
‘Till the Spirit arrives
He will fill you with power
And transform your lives.”
Then Jesus was taken up into Heaven,
Hid by a cloud from the watching eleven.



Those apostles and believers met together and prayed
Awaiting fulfilment of the promise Christ made.
Then one day as they all gathered there.
A sound like a mighty wind filled the air,

Then tongues like as fire settled down on each one.
And in the power of the Spirit each spoke a strange tongue.

Pious Jews in the city, on hearing the sound
Made for the place and gathered around,
“What’s going on, how can this be?
These men are but folk from Galilee,
Yet although we come from different lands,
As they speak each one of us understands.
What can this mean, what do you think?”
Then some of them said, “what! they’ve had too much to drink!”
Then Peter stood up, “we’re not drunk with new wine,
Why it’s morning and only just nine,
But this is the gift prophet Joel foretold,
The Spirit poured out by our Father God.”

Then in the power of the Spirit
The Good News was preached
People were healed
Lost souls were reached.
Those believers once weak, alone and afraid
were transformed by the Spirit on that Pentecost day.

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The Wintersham-Browns have since moved away,
And other folk now have come into stay,
But happy to say the power was not gone,
They just moved in and simply switched on.

The Spirit of Pentecost is not dead,
“He will be with you forever,” is what Jesus said.
But what of us, do we feel weak and dejected.
Then could it be, we need to be reconnected?

J.R.M

June Events – highlighted

(See further on for full list of calendar dates)

- Wed, 1st June: 10.30a.m. Eucharist – St Lawrence.
- 2nd / 5th June: Flower Festival – St John Baptist
- 12th June (Holy Trinity Patronal Festival): 6p.m. Songs of Praise followed by wine and cheese/nibbles. Please let Rev'd Alison know your favourite hymns for this special occasion. Slips are at the back of Holy Trinity Church to fill in
- 19th June: St John Baptist Annual meeting of the Friends with solemn evensong and the Bishop of Dover + Rose Hudson-Wilkin as our preacher 6p.m.
- 24th June (Birth of John Baptist): Midday Eucharist & 8.30p.m. Compline – St John Baptist



Platinum Jubilee Events

June 2nd: Civic Service for Jubilee in St John Baptist at 8.30p.m. followed by the lighting of the Beacon in the Market Place.



June 4th FREE Jubilee Family Craft Morning Watermoor Church Hall: 10a.m. - Noon.

June 4th Jubilee “Sing a-long” at 4p.m. in St John Baptist with the Town Crier and Vicar – please come and join them.





ELKSTONE VILLAGE GARDENS OPEN DAY

**Sunday 19th June 2022
2.00pm – 6.00pm**

Many Interesting Open Gardens to View
A wonderful Norman Church to see,
Refreshments including teas and ice creams
Plant stall.

**Adults: £5 Children: FREE
FREE CAR PARKING**

Elkstone lies midway between Cheltenham and
Cirencester just off the A435 or A417

All proceeds in aid of the Church and Village Hall

No dogs please

www.elkstonevillage.com

River of Song

10th Anniversary Concert

CORINIUM & PAINSWICK COMMUNITY CHOIRS

led by Sophie Sterckx

Saturday 9th July

7.30pm (doors 7.15pm)

The Parish Church

Cirencester GL7 2NX

Choir leader Sophie Sterckx brings the voices of both choirs together in harmony for their 10th anniversary.

We sing to help protect the Earth's water for all life on Earth.

All proceeds from this event will go to **The Rivers Trust** and **WaterAid**, raising much needed funds to help protect the UK's rivers and river wildlife and to help provide safe access to clean drinking water for all people.

Tickets:

Advance £8.00 / £6.00 conc.

On door £10.00 / £8.00 conc.

Children under 12 free

BOOKINGS: via Cirencester Visitor Information Centre: **01285 654180**

Or book online via

TICKETLIGHT:



More Info:

www.sophiesterckx.co.uk



Dates for June (from the Parish Calendar)

Daily

9 – 9:30am	Morning Prayer	Parish Church
12 – 1pm	Eucharist - Catherine Chapel	Parish Church
5 – 6pm	Evening Prayer	Parish Church

Weekdays

10am – 12pm	The Parish Forum Open (except Wednesday)
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1 Jun, Wed

1:10 – 1:50pm	Organ Recital	Parish Church
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	Parish Church
7 – 8pm	Eucharist	Holy Trinity Church

2 Jun, Thu

All day	Flower Festival (Day 1/3)	Parish Church
10:45 – 11:45am	Guided Tour	Parish Church

3 Jun, Fri

All day	Flower Festival (Day 2/3)	Parish Church
10:45 – 11:45am	Guided Tour	Parish Church

4 Jun, Sat

All day	Flower Festival (Day 3/3)	Parish Church
10:45 – 11:45am	Guided Tour	Parish Church

5 Jun, Sun

8 – 9am	Eucharist	Holy Trinity Church
8 – 9am	Holy Communion BCP - Lady Chapel	Parish Church
10 – 11:30am	Eucharist. Coronation Sunday. Pentecost	Parish Church
11:30am – 6pm	Parish Church Shut	

6 Jun, Mon

9:30 – 11am	Little Angels	Parish Church
5:30 – 6:30pm	Vicars Open Office	The Parish Forum

7 Jun, Tue

10:45 – 11:45am	Guided Tour	Parish Church
4 – 5pm	Spend time with Benedict	Parish Church
6:30 – 9pm	Bell Ringing	Parish Church

8 Jun, Wed

10:45 – 11:45am	Guided Tour	Parish Church
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	Parish Church
7 – 8pm	Eucharist	Holy Trinity Church

9 Jun, Thu

9:15 – 10:45am Seedlings

St Lawrence Church

2:30 – 3:30pm Guided Tour

Parish Church

10 Jun, Fri

10:45 – 11:45am Guided Tour

Parish Church

1 Jun, Sat

10:45 – 11:45am Guided Tour

Parish Church

1 – 2pm Wedding

Parish Church

12 Jun, Sun

8 – 9am Holy Communion BCP - Lady Chapel Parish Church

8 – 9am Eucharist Holy Trinity Church

10 – 11:30am Eucharist Parish Church

10 – 11:30am Eucharist Holy Trinity Church

10:30 – 11:30am Eucharist St Lawrence Church

4 – 5pm Evening Prayer Parish Church

6 – 7pm Patronal Festival Songs of Praise followed by cheese and wine Holy Trinity Church

13 Jun, Mon

9:30 – 11am Little Angels Parish Church

2:30 – 3:30pm Guided Tour Parish Church

5:30 – 6:30pm Vicars Open Office The Parish Forum

14 Jun, Tue

10:45 – 11:45am Guided Tour Parish Church

2:30 – 3:30pm Guided Tour Parish Church

6:30 – 9pm Bell Ringing Holy Trinity Church

15 Jun, Wed

10:45 – 11:45am Guided Tour Parish Church

2:30 – 3:30pm Guided Tour Parish Church

7 – 8pm Eucharist Holy Trinity Church

16 Jun, Thu

10:45 – 11:45am Guided Tour Parish Church

18 Jun, Sat

1:30 – 2:30pm Wedding Parish Church

19 Jun, Sun

8 – 9am Holy Communion BCP - Lady Chapel Parish Church

8 – 9am Eucharist Holy Trinity Church

10 – 11:30am	Eucharist St John Baptist	Parish Church
10 – 11:30am	Eucharist	Holy Trinity Church
10:30 – 11:30am	Eucharist	St Lawrence Church
4 – 5pm	Restore @4	St Lawrence Church
6 – 7pm	Patronal Festival Choral Evensong	Parish Church

20 Jun, Mon

9:30 – 11am	Little Angels	Parish Church
5:30 – 6:30pm	Vicars Open Office	The Parish Forum

21 Jun, Tue

10:45 – 11:45am	Guided Tour	Parish Church
6:30 – 9pm	Bell Ringing	Holy Trinity Church
7:30 – 9:30pm	Standing Committee	The Parish Forum

22 Jun, Wed

10:30 – 11:15am	Mothers Union Corporate Communion	Parish Church
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	Parish Church
7 – 8pm	Eucharist	Holy Trinity Church

23 Jun, Thu

9:15 – 10:45am	Seedlings	St Lawrence Church
10:45 – 11:45am	Guided Tour	Parish Church

24 Jun, Fri

10:45 – 11:45am	Guided Tour	Parish Church
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	Parish Church

25 Jun, Sat

10:45 – 11:45am	Guided Tour	Parish Church
1 – 2pm	Wedding	Parish Church

26 Jun, Sun

8 – 9am	Holy Communion BCP - Lady Chapel	Parish Church
8 – 9am	Eucharist	Holy Trinity Church
10 – 11:30am	Eucharist	Parish Church
10 – 11:30am	Eucharist	Holy Trinity Church
10:30 – 11:30am	Eucharist	St Lawrence Church
12:30 – 1:30pm	Baptism	Parish Church
2 – 3pm	Baptism	Holy Trinity Church
2 – 3pm	Baptism	Parish Church
4 – 5pm	Evening Service	Parish Church

27 Jun, Mon

9:30 – 11am	Little Angels	Parish Church
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	Parish Church

5:30 – 6:30pm Vicars Open Office
7:30 – 9pm Quarter Peal

The Parish Forum
Parish Church

28 Jun, Tue

2:30 – 3:30pm Guided Tour
6:30 – 9pm Bell Ringing

Parish Church
Holy Trinity Church

29 Jun, Wed

10:45 – 11:45am Guided Tour
7 – 8pm Eucharist

Parish Church
Holy Trinity Church

30 Jun, Thu

10:45 – 11:45am Guided Tour
2:30 – 3:30pm Guided Tour

Parish Church
Parish Church



A place for parents and young children
to socialise in Chesterton

Seedlings



@ St. Lawrence

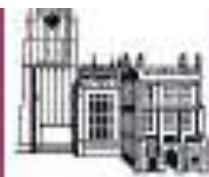
Space to Play, Time for Chat

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2nd & 4th Thursdays of the Month



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