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The Vicarage 2023 Following the star!

Well, that was the year that was and it finished with such a fabulous celebration of Advent and Christmas across the Parish. Let me begin by paying tribute to the amazing colleagues that we have here in Cirencester. This year we saw attendance returning to something like it was pre-covid which is fantastic. Carol services, something for everyone and a Child Bishop who so impressed us. Beatrice was fabulous, and we thank her and her family for their support.



I am pleased to announce the Town Crier (Verger) has at last qualified for his equity card with his performance in the Parish Church on Christmas Eve.



It was all such a great atmosphere, thank you John.

Indeed we are blessed with such a cracking team of people who cater for our parish's worship, spiritual and social needs. Floral contributions, servers, choristers and bell ringers what a super time we have had as we have enjoyed the rich delights of being part of this parish family.

Looking forward we have much to prepare for if we are to maintain the momentum that we have experienced over Christmas. We need to be ambitious for the sake of the Gospel, literally taking to heart the Life vision as we examine and explore how we can do better in terms of Leadership, Imagination, Faith and Engagement. With Lent just around the corner 22nd February Ash Wednesday! What kind of things / events would you like to see taking place across the parish? Quiet evenings, study evenings etc. etc.. As we approach and journey through the season of Epiphany there will be the opportunity to review the Stewardship initiative that we began last autumn. There is so much to reflect upon as we seek to be God's eyes, hands, ears, and feet in his world.

As I write this today on the eve of the Epiphany I am reminded of those lovely words of Christina Rossetti... "What can I give Him?" Indeed God has given us everything in the gift in the manger, the Wisemen bring their gifts, but what about us? Are we so caught up in the twelfth night stuff that we have done Christmas!... A W H Auden suggests...

Well, so that is that. Now we must dismantle the tree,
Putting the decorations back into their cardboard boxes --
Some have got broken -- and carrying them up to the attic.
The holly and the mistletoe must be taken down and burnt,
And the children got ready for school. There are enough
Left-overs to do, warmed-up, for the rest of the week --
Not that we have much appetite, having drunk such a lot,
Stayed up so late, attempted -- quite unsuccessfully --
To love all of our relatives, and in general
Grossly overestimated our powers. Once again
As in previous years we have seen the actual Vision and failed
To do more than entertain it as an agreeable
Possibility, once again we have sent Him away,
Begging though to remain His disobedient servant,
The promising child who cannot keep His word for long.
The Christmas Feast is already a fading memory,
And already the mind begins to be vaguely aware
Of an unpleasant whiff of apprehension at the thought
Of Lent and Good Friday which cannot, after all, now
Be very far off.

A Christmas Oratorio W H Auden.

What opportunities do we have to keep this going, you know my feelings about keeping the crib up until Candlemas February 2nd, that's the last of the Marylogical feasts and if you like our last look back at Christmas. An extract from the Wiseman's journey...

And all this....
all this upset will be compounded
when it comes to journeying back
and we discover
we have to go home by another way.



That is the trouble with God.
He does not let you leave as you came.
He sends you back,
stripped of your presumptions,
making for home by another way. (*Wild Goose Publications*)

Journey's matter, especially our own journeys. I am always fascinated to learn how far people have travelled especially when it comes to matters of faith. If we are serious about our journey with God then those words "He sends you back, stripped of your presumptions, Making for home by another way" rings so true. Fascinating, as we work away at trying to understand what it is that God is calling us to be and to do.

Last autumn I read through Bishop Rachel's latest book, Encounters.. Abp Welby makes this summary...

"Bishop Rachel's book reminds us that the tangle and connectedness of human lives cannot be broken, and God's relationship with us knows no limits or barriers ... even in these toughest of times. It is through worship and connection that we can participate in God's mysterious but wonderful work here on earth."



This is about journey and the journey that we share together and the individual journeys that we each make. The inspiration that comes from the narrative in Matt 2.1-12 *'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?'*

This leads me to understand that part of the great joy and mystery is that we are all continually searching. Not perhaps to

be over religious, but to try and attempt to find some way of expressing our spirituality through love joy and hope.

The hope for me is that it may lead us to want to worship regularly, and in so doing enrich the life of our local gathered community. Following the star is about that and much more for me, it is about growing into that personal relationship with our Lord, and seeking ways to express it as His church here in this place.

My greetings to you all

Canon Graham.

Nativity at Holy Trinity

The tradition at Holy Trinity is to perform a mini play of the Nativity and this year it was called 'This is the Star' and the play started and ended with the star that is followed by the wisemen and which comes to rest over the stable in Bethlehem.

Thank you so much to all the children, and grownups (!) who took part, and especially to the older children who hold the whole thing together.

We had some lovely moments - impromptu dancing by a little angel to 'O come all Ye Faithful' and one of the 'sheep' putting a large fluffy lamb in the manger before baby Jesus could be laid there.

A few photos of the Nativity can be seen below.

Fiona Hawes (Parish Children's Worker)



Restore @ 4

*A time of contemporary, refreshing worship, prayer,
bible study, a cup of tea and a chance to chat,
all relevant to today*

*St Lawrence Church Centre, Countess Lilias Road,
Chesterton*

A Hundred Years of Faith

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Holy Trinity Church
Watermoor

THE STORY OF

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Church of the Holy Trinity

WATERMOOR

CIRENCESTER

BY

PETER E. KEIGHTLEY

A CENTENARY HANDBOOK

MINIMUM PRICE - SIXPENCE



The Architect's first conception



Holy Trinity as seen in 1951

FOREWORD

by the Vicar of Cirencester with Watermoor, the
Venerable R. H. Sutch.

" Youth, what man's age is like to be doth show ;
We may our ends by our beginnings know."

JOHN DENHAM 1615-1669.

This is the short story of the beginnings of the Church at Watermoor and if the poet is right the future of our daughter church of the Holy Trinity will be bright indeed.

It began with the prayers, vision and untiring energy of one of Cirencester's greatest incumbents, Canon Powell. Whether or not he actually laid the foundation stone, he certainly well and truly laid the foundation of a church life which has gone from strength to strength. The story shows how the founder was ably assisted by generous benefactors, and although a hundred years is just too long to be spanned by human memory, a few will rejoice to have their memories of earlier times refreshed, and many more will be glad to read the story of steady progress here recorded.

Comparisons are odious, it is said, but nevertheless they are interesting and illuminating, and when we read that Watermoor Church was built at a less cost than the new church at Chesterton, some of us who have to wrestle with the big financial problems which face the Church in modern times are tempted to sigh for the good old days.

If Canon Powell could know (and perhaps he does) what has been built on his foundations I feel sure he would rejoice as his successors have done. No doubt some of the children of the Yellow and Blue Schools whom he made to walk over the newly laid foundation stone became the living stones of a lively church, and it is a matter for thankfulness that there has been no lack of enthusiastic successors to them. The work of the Church goes on and is needed as much as ever, and we hope and believe that there may never be wanting clergy and laity to carry on what has been so well begun and to uphold the cause of true religion in these most difficult days and in those which lie ahead. The coming Centenary celebrations will not only be a milestone in the history of the Church in Cirencester, they will also be a challenge to renewed consecration on the part of the church-people of this well-blessed town.

We are much indebted to the Rev. P. E. Keightley for his labour of love in giving us such an interesting and readable account of the Watermoor Story.

Ronald H. Sutch.

To be
continued.....

Christmas Family Craft Morning

With finances tight for everyone this year, we decided as a Parish to hold a festive FREE event for families from our community in our Parish hall at Watermoor.

With Jane Winstanley (who runs our popular Adult Handicraft sessions there) kindly supplying most of the craft materials, and the help of our wonderful Mother's Union (MU) members plus some of our loyal Messy Church team, the event was a great success with twenty one local families participating.

MU members served refreshments throughout the morning, and together with our Messy Church volunteers made the families feel welcome and helped them with the Christmas crafts.

The families enjoyed making Christmas wreaths, fir cone Santas and glittery fir cones to hang on their Christmas trees, Advent candles and Star Advent paper chains.

We also provided Nativity scenes to colour, Christmas themed word searches, Christmas jigsaw puzzles, playdough, and toys to play with including a knitted Nativity (made by our local MU) all in a lovely warm hall.

Each family was given a story book on the Nativity to take away. These were free from The Bible Society.

We have had some lovely feedback from the families saying how much they enjoyed the event. Thankyou to everyone who helped make it so special!

Fiona Hawes (Parish Children's Worker)





**LOVE ONE ANOTHER
AS I HAVE LOVED YOU**

As far as I can see Lord,
Is that your love for me?
He said, “you must be joking,
It’s as far as *I* can see!”

As far as I can touch Lord,
Is that how you forgive?
He reached His arms around the world
And said, “this much do I give.”

The way I love and forgive others Lord,
How much do you require of me?
He said, “Oh; as far as I can touch,
And as far as I can see.”

J.R.M

Preliminary Notice

Third time lucky! We are off to London on Friday 16th June.

Eileen Chapman 07549 618 711



LOVE

Love is not:
A comfort zone
A soft brown teddy,
A deck chair in the sun,
A candy floss cloud of daydreams;
Although Love may be expressed through these.

Love is not:
A job well done,
A hearty slap on the back,
A word of affirmation
For achievement or success;
Although Love may use these as channels.

Love is a living thing and comes from a living being.
From a beating heart, that knows, and has known each beat of ours,
From eyes and mind that see and know, the depths of our despair,
disappointment, dreams and desires,
From strong arms that will not let us go.

Whether we experience the exhilaration of mountain peaks
Or travel the depths of life's valleys
God says, "I am there",
And Love is there,
For God is Love.

J.R.M

WHAT IS A WIDOWS MITE?

In our home we have a framed “Widow’s Mite”. It was a gift and we treasure it for its message of sacrifice. A “mite” was the smallest coin minted by the Roman Empire. The one we have is between 2,076 and 2,103 years old. These coins are readily available in the Holy Land. Our “mite” is most certainly the oldest thing in the house! Not our mite, but the widow’s mite is the most costly and generous gift that anyone of us can make. Jesus said that the woman who tossed her two tiny coins into the Treasury was given more than all the others because she was giving back to God all she had. How generous, what a wonderful sacrifice. But what does a “widow’s mite” mean to us today? For many of us it must mean a significant amount, an amount that we would miss by giving it. But that surely is what Christian giving is all about. Of course for others it will be a considerably smaller amount. We are not in the business of “tipping” God, or of giving Him our small change. One tenth of what we have was the Jewish standard which we find in the Bible. We all decide how generous we shall be individually. This of course is a private and personal matter. Whatever we give if we give it through Gift Aid then the church benefits greatly at no extra cost to the giver.



The need for an increase in giving is urgent. We are living through very difficult times with the increase in the cost of living. However let us give lovingly, willingly and with gratitude for all the goodness that God is continually pouring upon us. Our lot is cast in so goodly a heritage and we are so abundantly fortunate because God is so very good to us all.

The Revd Canon James Harris

PRESS RELEASE

6 January 2023

Longfield's Ale Amble returns – the perfect day out for beer and rugby fans!



Ben Hudson enjoying a pint of ale at Stroud Brewery.

Longfield Community Hospice is organising the perfect day out for beer and rugby fans, with its popular Ale Amble returning to Stroud Brewery on 11 March from 11 am-3 pm.

Starting and finishing at Stroud's iconic brewery, the Amble will follow a scenic four-mile circular walk, with pit stops for a tippie at two pubs along the way. The route takes in the majestic hills of the Heavens surrounding the parishes of Thrupp and Lypiatt. It's the perfect opportunity to enjoy some fresh air and exercise with family and friends.

Walkers will be welcomed back at the brewery with a free pint (or soft drink for under 18s) before catching up with a Six Nations rugby match on the big screen. Food will also be available on the premises.

Kirsty Murray, Community and Events Officer at Longfield is organising the event. She said:

“We’re delighted to bring back this popular event, which offers something for everyone. Please register and encourage family and friends to join in too! Your donations or sponsorship will really make a difference to the care we provide patients with life-limiting conditions and their families across Gloucestershire.”

Longfield is a Community Hospice based in Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire. As well as providing Hospice at Home care, Longfield also offers help and support to patients, families and carers through a range of Wellbeing services at the hospice.

To sign up for the event, visit www.longfield.org.uk/event/ale-amble

An early bird discount will apply to all registrations made before 30 January. Registration will be £15 for an adult or £10 for a child and you can choose to make a donation or raise sponsorship. You will also receive a Longfield t-shirt to wear proudly on the day!

Find out more about your local hospice at www.longfield.org.uk.

Twitter: @longfieldcare

Facebook: @LongfieldHospice

Instagram: @longfield_care



CIRENCESTER PARISH HANDBELL RINGERS

Cirencester Parish Handbell Ringers has been operational for more than 30 years. A set of handbells was discovered in Cirencester Parish church about the time the tower bells were rehung in 1984/85. The late Barbara Holden was instrumental in getting them refurbished, and by 1990 in assembling a group of people to ring them. Founder members included the late Revd Paul Pridgeon, and Peter & Kathie Cottey. Peter was our leader until he and Kathie retired in 2012. Overall our numbers have fluctuated between 6 and 10 ringers.



In the beginning the team rang from music notation, but everything was transposed into the key of C, to make it easy. It was only after joining the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain (HRGB) and when attending a rally that they realised they had to ring the proper notes as written if they expected to ring together with other teams! So, no transposition now unless it is just for our own team. Over the years the set of bells has also been expanded to cover a full 3 octaves from the C below middle C upwards. Everyone plays at least 2 bells – one in each hand – and some of us have become proficient at playing two in each hand, at least with the smaller bells. The use of mallets for some pieces allows for an even greater number to be rung by each player but definitely needs more practice!

Weekly practices have enabled us to play a wide variety of music – classical, modern, pop, songs from musicals, ragtime etc etc together with pieces composed especially for handbell teams (or choirs as they are known in America – it is a worldwide organisation.) While we play largely for our own pleasure we have often been called upon to entertain other groups – mainly church groups and care homes – and have played at venues from Stow-in-the-wold in the north to Ashton Keynes in the south and Fairford in the east to Tetbury in the west. In addition the HRGB regularly holds rallies where, depending on the venue, a larger number of teams can meet to play music together and demonstrate some solo pieces as well. As part of the SW region we have ventured out into Wiltshire and down to Somerset and even across the Severn bridge into Wales. Cirencester has also played host to a regional rally and the national rally was held one year at the RAU.

Team members have come and gone over the years but, sadly, we have come to the point where numbers have fallen below six and it is doubtful whether we will be able to continue. Before taking that decision, if anyone would like to consider joining the team we would love to hear from you. The ability to read music is a definite advantage though not insurmountable if you can count to six and stay in time; and as we all play different bells there does need to be a commitment to regular practices otherwise there are gaps in the music, which does not sound good!

If you are interested, please get in touch with Rosemary Gray on 01285 654546 or at rf.gray@talktalk.net.

PRESS RELEASE

15 December 2022

Become a volunteer for Longfield Hospice!



Volunteers working in the hospice's beautiful gardens.

Longfield Community Hospice is calling for local people to join their team of loyal volunteers.

The Minchinhampton-based hospice is currently supported by 400 committed volunteers, working across every department. Last year, volunteers donated over 48,000 hours of their time across all areas of Longfield's work.

In addition to giving something back to the community, volunteering boosts a sense of purpose and personal accomplishment and can be a great way of forming strong friendships. Volunteers are usually aged 16 and above.

Ally Edwards, Longfield's Volunteer Services Advisor explained:

“We have a fantastic team of volunteers at Longfield, but we're always happy to welcome more. We have vacancies across the hospice, ranging from volunteer van drivers and assistants in our charity shops, to trustees and counsellors.

For most volunteering opportunities you do not require particular skills or qualifications as we will give support and training wherever necessary. An enthusiasm for hospice care and a willingness to try new things are often more important. People from all walks of life and all ages volunteer for us.”

Lucy began volunteering at Longfield earlier this year, helping initially in the Wellbeing Centre and more recently in the Marketing Department. When asked about her motivation for volunteering, she said:

“Longfield is right on the doorstep so it's lovely to be able to support the local community and the cause is very close to my heart. As soon as I walked through the door, I was really touched by the sense of tranquillity and lightness that radiates out. I knew immediately that this is where I wanted to offer my time and help.

Don't hesitate to volunteer, you will be welcomed with open arms at Longfield and every bit of help that you give will make a huge difference, rippling out into many people's lives.”

To find out more about the hospice and the volunteer opportunities currently available, visit www.longfield.org.uk or telephone 01453 886868 and ask to speak to Ally Edwards.

Find out more about your local hospice and how we help at
www.longfield.org.uk.

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How to boost your State Pension and access the Household Support Fund in the Cotswolds



Do you know someone on a state pension who struggles to make ends meet? Or perhaps a couple? What if they could get a boost to their income? Too good to be true? A lot of other state pensioners certainly think so: a third of those who are eligible miss out. That's a million older people scrimping and saving and going cold when they don't need to.

This pension boost is called 'Pension Credit'. It not only provides extra pension income: **it can also cover or reduce a host of other costs – rent, mortgage payments, council tax, energy and utilities, TV licence, dentists and opticians and more.** Overall, the effects really can be transformative to pensioners who are struggling.

How to qualify? State pensioner households may be eligible if income is less than £182.60 per week for single people and £278.80 for couples. Pensioner households with higher income may be eligible in some circumstances – for instance if there is a carer in the household or a disability.

So, have a think: do you know someone who may qualify? If in doubt, search for Pension Credit online, ring the Pension Helpline - **0800 99 1234** (8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday), or get in touch with us at Citizens Advice Stroud and Cotswolds, **0808 800 0510** (10-4 Monday to Friday, 10-1 Friday) where we can check you are claiming all the benefits you are entitled to. Don't hesitate – Pension Credit can make a big difference.

Pension Credit may also help you to access the **Household Support Fund** for help with food, energy costs and wider essentials such as warm clothes, bedding, boiler repairs and the purchase of white goods. Citizens Advice Stroud and Cotswold Districts currently have funding from Cotswold District Council to help pensioners on Pension Credit or who are on a low income and struggling to make ends meet. Please do contact us if you are interested in accessing the fund.

Elizabeth Hall
Chief Executive Officer
Citizens Advice Stroud & Cotswold Districts Ltd
email: elizabeth.hall@ca-scd.org.uk
tel 01285 425876
(Monday to Friday)

Mothers' Union



Cirencester **MU** kneads **U**. Yes, I know 'needs' is spelt incorrectly, but as with

leaven working within flour to produce bread, Mothers' Union works within the local community to express the love of Christ to families. MU continues to pray for families here and overseas, remembering those for whom just being a Christian is fraught with danger. We pray for those caught up in conflicts – particularly the on-going war in Ukraine as well as Refugees fleeing danger and all suffering the effects of natural and manmade catastrophic weather events.

Last month we were privileged to welcome four new members who, through prayer and practical Christianity, will help continue and boost the MU presence in the Cirencester area. At our **January 4th** meeting, Anton Wynn, Cirencester Food Bank, gave an inspiring, illustrated talk about their work supporting thousands of Clients experiencing food poverty and financial difficulties in the South Cotswolds area. It was a real learning experience. Thank you, Anton.

Why don't you consider becoming a member of this international Christian movement of four million members (men and women), with prayer at its heart, supporting families across 85 countries? For further details, please speak with Canon Graham, Revd. Alison, Pat Harris or any MU member. You are guaranteed a very warm welcome.

Our February meeting on **Wednesday, 1st February at 2:30pm** Parish Hall, Watermoor Road is the AGM – an essential – but come along and discover what we have been up to in 2022. Also a Bring and Buy, all funds going to MU projects. Always tea/coffee and biscuits and a warm welcome.

Wednesday, 8th February 12 noon – 1:15pm is our famous **Soup Lunch**. Parish Hall, Watermoor Road. Four different home-made soups – one is bound to be your favourite – as well as bread, cheese, fruit, tea/coffee. There will also be a Raffle and all for just £4.50. In addition there will be a stall of MU products – Greetings cards, pens, gifts, etc. All monies raised go to MU projects. Everyone welcome – bring a friend(s).

Wednesday, 22nd February – ASH WEDNESDAY.

MU Corporate Communion – Thursday, 23rd February 10:30am Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor.

A quiet 30 minutes of spiritual refreshment in a busy week. Followed by tea/coffee also in the Church.

Pauline Farman

Yes, we have moved!

It should have happened on December 2nd but it didn't happen until January 9th. There were many hold-ups on the way and a frightening one on January 6th.



Late in the afternoon (a Friday) news came through that one of the three trustees we were buying from had died. This meant we couldn't complete! A death certificate was needed.

Fortunately we have been able to move under licence. At 12 o'clock on Monday 9th it was all systems go, and they are still going.



We made a big mistake in not decluttering before the move. Box after box came with us and are still here.

We had been splendidly packed by our movers, ready for 2nd December. 'Can I have a bottle of beer, Penny?' I asked. 'No,' said Penny, 'the opener has been packed.'

Penny needed a lectionary to check on Christmas and Epiphany readings. No chance.

Splendid things happened in our churches at Christmas, people pouring through church doors, especially on Christmas Eve. We wish we were in a better position to enjoy them. I hope you did.

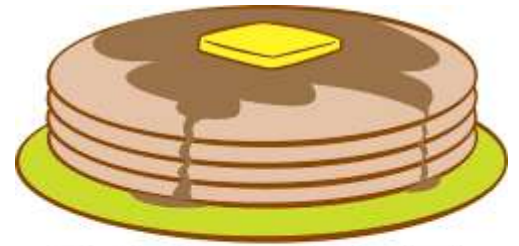
Minerva Court is marvellous. We have wonderful neighbours, as of course we did at nearby Bingham Close. Visits from Canon Graham at his ebullient best did wonders for our morale.

Our New Year's resolution will never, ever be broken. It is never to move again, so many lessons have been learned!

John Light

Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday (this year on February 21st) is the day before Ash Wednesday (the first day of Lent), observed in many Christian countries through participating in confession and absolution, the ritual burning of the previous year's Holy Week palms, finalizing one's Lenten sacrifice, as well as eating pancakes and other sweets.



SHROVE TUESDAY

Shrove Tuesday is observed by many Christians, including Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists and Roman Catholics, who "make a special point of self-examination, of considering what wrongs they need to repent, and what amendments of life or areas of spiritual growth they especially need to ask God's help in dealing with." This moveable feast is determined by Easter. The expression "Shrove Tuesday" comes from the word *shrive*, meaning "absolve".

As this is the last day of the Christian liturgical season historically known as Shrovetide, before the penitential season of Lent, related popular practices, such as indulging in food that one might give up as their Lenten sacrifice for the upcoming forty days, are associated with Shrove Tuesday celebrations. The term *Mardi Gras* is French for "Fat Tuesday", referring to the practice of the last night of eating richer, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season, which begins on Ash Wednesday. Many Christian congregations thus observe the day through eating pancakes or, more specifically, the holding of pancake breakfasts, as well as the ringing of church bells to remind people to repent of their sins before the start of Lent. On Shrove Tuesday, churches also burn the palms distributed during the previous year's Palm Sunday liturgies to make the ashes used during the services held on the very next day, Ash Wednesday.

In some Christian countries, especially those where the day is called *Mardi Gras* or a translation thereof, it is a carnival day, the last day of "fat eating" or "gorging" before the fasting period of Lent.

(Wikipedia)



The People's Health Alliance

for The People, by The People

Gloucestershire

WHAT IS A HEALTHY DIET?

A talk by Caroline Peyton, experienced nutritionist, naturopath and gut health expert

Saturday 11th February

2pm to 4pm

Watermoor Church Hall, Trinity Road, Cirencester GL7 1NE

There is much confusion about what this means. In reality there is no "one size fits all" but there are some fundamental principles everyone should embrace.

CAROLINE'S TALK WILL INCLUDE:

- **Which foods we should limit and why**
- **Which foods we should consume in abundance and why**
- **The importance of balancing blood sugar and how to achieve this**



Caroline has over twelve years of clinical experience. She provides personalised programmes for adults who (in the main) suffer with unresolved digestive gut symptoms (from IBS to SIBO to IBD) to get relief, regain vitality and live life to the full. She also provides workshops to employers to help fuel a high performance culture. She is passionate about sharing her knowledge and has her own You Tube Channel with over 100 videos 'Peyton Principles Natural Health'.

Suggested donation £5 to include afternoon refreshments

phaglos1@gmail.com

Just for fun....

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and enquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said he would make a deal with his son. 'You bring your grades up from a C to a B, study the Bible a little and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car.'



The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he's settle for the offer and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said: 'Son, you have brought your grades up and I see you have been studying your Bible but I am disappointed that you haven't had your hair cut.'

'The boy said, 'You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair and there's strong evidence that Jesus, himself, had long hair.'

(You're going to love Dad's reply.) He said, 'And did your notice, son, that they all walked everywhere they went?'



Dates for February



Daily

9 – 9:30am	Morning Prayer	St John Baptist
12 – 1pm	Eucharist - Catherine Chapel	St John Baptist
5 – 6pm	Evening Prayer	St John Baptist

Weekdays

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

7 – 8pm	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
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5 Feb, Sun

8 – 9am	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
8 – 9am	Holy Communion BCP - Lady Chapel	St John Baptist
10 – 11:30am	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
10 – 11:30am	Eucharist	St John Baptist
10:30 – 11:30am	Eucharist	St Lawrence
4 – 5pm	Choral Evensong	St John Baptist
4 – 5pm	Restore@4	St Lawrence
5 – 7pm	Junior Youth Group - 1st and 3rd Sundays	Parish Forum

6 Feb, Mon

9:30 – 11am	Little Angels	St John Baptist
5:30 – 6:30pm	Vicars Open Office	Parish Forum

7 Feb, Tue

6:30 – 9pm	Bell Ringing	St John Baptist
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8 Feb, Wed

12 – 1pm	Mothers' Union Soup Lunch	Parish Hall, Watermoor
7 – 8pm	Eucharist	Holy Trinity

9 Feb, Thu

9:15 – 10:45am	Seedlings	St Lawrence
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11 Feb, Sat**12 Feb, Sun**

8 – 9am	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
8 – 9am	Holy Communion BCP - Lady Chapel	St John Baptist
10 – 11:30am	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
10 – 11:30am	Eucharist	St John Baptist
10:30 – 11:30am	Eucharist	St Lawrence
4 – 5pm	Evening Prayer	St John Baptist

13 Feb, Mon

9:30 – 11am	Little Angels	St John Baptist
5:30 – 6:30pm	Vicars Open Office	Parish Forum
7:30 – 9pm	Quarter Peal	St John Baptist

14 Feb, Tue

6:30 – 9pm	Bell Ringing	Holy Trinity
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15 Feb, Wed

7 – 8pm	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
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19 Feb, Sun

8 – 9am	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
8 – 9am	Holy Communion BCP - Lady Chapel	St John Baptist
10 – 11:30am	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
10 – 11:30am	Eucharist	St John Baptist
10:30 – 11:30am	Eucharist	St Lawrence
4 – 5pm	Choral Evensong	St John Baptist
4 – 5pm	Restore @4	St Lawrence
5 – 7pm	Junior Youth Group - 1st & 3rd Sundays	Parish Forum

20 Feb, Mon

9:30 – 11am	Little Angels	St John Baptist
5:30 – 6:30pm	Vicars Open Office	Parish Forum
6:30 – 9:30pm	The Croome Annual Lecture	St John Baptist

21 Feb, Tue

6:30 – 9pm	Bell Ringing	Holy Trinity
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22 Feb, Wed

7 – 8pm	Ash Wednesday Service	St John Baptist
7 – 8pm	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
7:30 – 9:30pm	Full PCC	St Lawrence

23 Feb, Thu

9:15 – 10:45am	Seedlings	St Lawrence
10 – 11:15am	Mothers' Union Corporate Communion	Holy Trinity

26 Feb, Sun

8 – 9am	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
8 – 9am	Holy Communion BCP - Lady Chapel	St John Baptist
10 – 11:30am	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
10 – 11:30am	Eucharist	St John Baptist
10:30 – 11:30am	Eucharist	St Lawrence
4 – 5pm	ATIC Service	St John Baptist

27 Feb, Mon

9:30 – 11am	Little Angels	St John Baptist
5:30 – 6:30pm	Vicars Open Office	Parish Forum

28 Feb, Tue

6:30 – 9pm	Bell Ringing	Holy Trinity
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Seedlings



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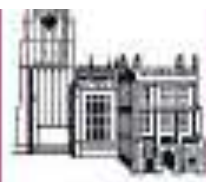
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