

Parish Life Magazine

**Parish of Cirencester with
Watermoor and Chesterton**



Hello September!

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Letter for September

As the autumn season beckons, so I sit here writing this as Angela and I prepare for our summer break in Pembrokeshire. Let's hope the weather warms up and we see something of the glimpse of summer, one can hope!



The seasons come and go and the landscape changes, and to be honest these last few weeks late July early August they have had a real autumnal feel about them. Grey skies and lots of rainfall have not exactly given the holiday season the 'pick me up' boost that was required by so many of us.

Similarly in the transience of the life of the church, clergy come and go, but the laity remain for the most part steadfast in their service to the local church and community, and for that we are extremely thankful. Yet even finding lay people these days to take on the various responsibilities at the moment is a challenge.

I have been reminded about all of this recently in both my roles as Vicar and Co-Area Dean, the challenges we face as Parish and Deanery are considerable. Feeling rather weighed down by all of this; recently I arrived home late and reluctantly opening up the inbox of my emails was delighted to find nestled amongst all the emails one that reminded me of why I became a priest.

A tourist from New York passing through happened to be in church whilst I was presiding at the baptism of Conrad Bunker. The comment was along the lines of happiness and confidence viewed through their eyes seeing this young man (Conrad) so happy and fulfilled with all that was going on concerning his baptism. A friend of the family sang with such a beautiful tone filling the church, it was a special moment and a special occasion. Tears of joy flowed and laughter prevailed throughout. It was for these moments and many more that I accepted the invitation to become the Vicar of this beautiful town, and I thank you for that invitation sincerely.

Amidst all the transience and busy-ness of the world that we find ourselves passing through, the most memorable events are often caught up with people in the very extra-ordinariness of where they are. The privilege of being the priest at a baptism, a wedding, presiding at a funeral, these are the special moments that punctate the landscape, this is what makes it all worthwhile. The last days of schooling, then the holidays and having the grandsons to stay, making people smile whilst tickling the ivories in the market place, greeting the visitor into the Parish Church who marvel at its wondrous cathedral like proportions, it helps put everything back into perspective.

So for me it's all about people, and that's what makes it special. To be called, to be able to serve is almost timeless, and it is indeed beautiful. George Herbert reminds me.... "The Countrey Parson desires to be all to his Parish".

It is indeed, such a great privilege.

Priest, Pastor, Friend.

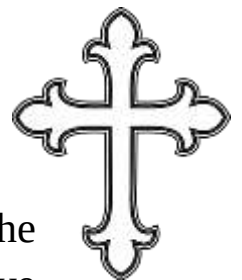
Yours

Graham



A Celebration of Christian Ministry

I want to thank all who helped in so many ways to make the service on July 1st, to mark my 60 years as a Priest, such a memorable occasion. I am very grateful to Canon Graham who was part of the planning and who, on the day, made it possible for me to take an active part in the Eucharistic service. A big thank you, too, to our vergers, John Lawrence; to the sacristy team who played such an important role and to family and friends who also took part. It was wonderful to see so many former parishioners amongst the congregation and those from this parish there to support me.



Three fellow priests share celebrating sixty years of Christian Ministry.

Canon Dennis Perry and Canon Tony Ross. We three were at University together. They were ordained at Llandaff Cathedral in the Church in Wales and Prebendary David Roberts and me were ordained in Gloucester Cathedral. Such anniversaries will become rarer as ordinands these days come to the vocation of Christian Ministry and Priesthood later in life. In my case it was National Service that delayed me by two years.

I am especially grateful to my wife Pat who has supported me throughout my forty years of active full-time active Parochial Ministry. She gave up her teaching career when we married and all our Vicarages were a home where all were welcome. Pat has always been passionate about the importance of the role of the laity, recognising that we need the ordained to lead, to inspire and encourage in matters of faith and ministry. Her involvement in Diocesan Boards and Councils, fifteen years on the General Synod and of course her sixty years of Mothers' Union leadership cumulated in her election as President of the Worldwide Mothers' Union. Ministry, ordained and lay, really was a partnership.

The late Bishop of Antsiranana, the Rt Revd Keith Benzies has throughout the years been an inspiration. Here was a Priest who really did live fully the Gospel blueprint. He gave up all worldly possessions to serve, in his case in Madagascar. We visited him in 2001 when he installed me in St Matthew's Cathedral as an honorary Canon of the Diocese of Antsiranana. Bishops House was extremely humble, very basic and shared with nine homeless young men. The parishioners in all the parishes where I served raised funds and gave generously to support Bishop Keith. Pat often spoke of Bishop Keith as her 21st century Saint. The offertory on July 1st was £400 and divided equally between St John Baptist, Cirencester and the Church in the Diocese of Antsiranana, Northern Madagascar.

I have received many cards and letters from those present saying how much they enjoyed the service, for which I am very grateful.

With every good wish and love

Jim Harris

Holy Trinity Damage.

As most of you will realise by now, we at Holy Trinity have had some unwelcome attention from a few bored individuals on two consecutive wet Saturdays.



On the first Saturday, 3 fire extinguishers were discharged around the body of the church, the communion rail was detached from the rail, the wardens wand [not the Harry Potter variety] was broken into 3 pieces, one of the Stations of the cross was ripped from the wall, the first aid kit was emptied and messed up and all the toys in the children's corner were scattered around, this was a tremendous shock to Jenny and Graham Baber who walked in to find all this when they arrived to do sacristans duty.

Letting off the extinguishers left great puddles of water across the church floor and some of the pews, it had splashed on to the lectern causing multiple staining on the brass due to an additive in the water, [which we are still trying to remove] members of the congregation were called for help to clean up and the police called and they attended quite quickly.

On the next Saturday we had another visit, this time pew leaflets were scattered around the church, flower displays knocked over and some smashed on the floor, the cross on the top of our reredos was broken off so that it fell behind the reredos into the bay of the window behind, some force was needed to achieve this as there is a metal rod going up the centre of the cross this was bent over with the force, by the grace of God further damage was averted by the timely arrival of Libby who had had a nudge from the Holy Spirit to attend at that time, she found 3 youths in the church, whom she spoke to [nicely] they left as soon as she went outside to phone the police who again attended this time with two officers. Again members of the congregation responded and we cleared up. As a woman on her own Libby was correct in everything she did and said and I am glad she was safe.

Outside in the Garden of Remembrance a wooden bench was kicked to destruction over two weeks, the family have since removed it completely.

This week [9th August] we have had 3 roof tiles broken above the vestry door leaving a hole right through to the lining.

Work is still ongoing in the church to clean the lectern and the church will remain locked when it is unattended; sorry.

Roger Hester, Church Warden , Holy Trinity Watermoor.



*Your foes roared in the place where you met with us...
They defiled the swelling place of your name. (Psalm 74)*



We were all shocked when, a few weeks ago, our church at Watermoor was vandalised, and one of the memorial benches in the Garden of Remembrance was damaged. What's more, it happened a second time – but this time the youngsters responsible were surprised – surprised by Libby, who was surprised by God who prompted her to go down and check all was well.

It seems Libby disturbed them before they caused more damage and I guess they were surprised by her telling them of Jesus' love for them.

We continue to pray for them and, as a follow up to this, Revd Alison led us in a prayer walk after the service on Sunday 20th August, round the grounds, covering Watermoor Road and Trinity Road, praying for the community and the church's witness to it.

I found it very moving, the presence of God was so evident and it was wonderful to pray together for what goes on around us, finishing with the prayer of blessing (originally from Ffald y Brenin in Wales) for all aspects of life in Cirencester.

A Psalm

*Why, O God, do these things happen?
Why so little respect, so little thought for others and for you?
Do they not know, have they not heard?
Lead us, O Lord, to bring the good tidings that the Lord is the everlasting
God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.
You are a shield around us, O Lord,
You bestow glory on us and lift up our heads,
From you our deliverance comes,
May your blessing be on your people.*

Jill Wilkinson



Mothers' Union Letter



Dear Members and Friends

Our Founder, Mary Sumner, was born Mary Elizabeth Heywood, on the 31st December 1828.

The Heywoods were an old and distinguished family from the Manchester area, and Mary went on to marry the Rev. George Sumner, son of the Bishop of Winchester, in the Church of St. James the Great in Colwall, Herefordshire, on the 6th July 1848

The young couple began their married life in, Crawley, near Winchester, where George was a curate, and later moved to Old Alresford Place, where they brought up their children. Mary Sumner said 'the years 1849 – 1870 were spent in the practical training of our children. During this time I had no leisure for work outside the parish'.

It was only in 1876, when their elder daughter, Margaret, became a mother that Mary Sumner conceived the idea of the Mothers' Union. She and her husband opened their home to a meeting of local mothers, rich and poor, with the aim of stressing to parents the importance of their responsibility for the religious education of their children. Cards were printed, and given to the mothers, with the words which the Sumners had always faithfully followed 'Remember that your children are given up, body and soul, to Jesus Christ, in Holy Baptism, and that your duty is to prepare them for His service.'



MARY SUMNER 1876

From this meeting the movement gradually spread within the British Isles, and then became the worldwide movement we know today, with over four million members, all dedicated to the support of marriage and family life. Mary Sumner was elected as its first Central (now Worldwide) President . She died on the 9th August 1921.

Last week we celebrated Mary Sumner Day in the diocese, with members (90) from other branches, meeting for a picnic in the Parish Hall and grounds of Holy Trinity Church. We were blessed with a warm, sunny afternoon, and were able to meet friends from around the diocese. Pat Harris (a former Central President) made a delicious cake with the Mothers' Union logo displayed, which we enjoyed with tea and coffee after the picnic. The afternoon ended with an Act of Worship led by Canon Graham who also accompanied our hymns.

Altogether a wonderful day, for which we praise the Lord!

With love

Rosemary Roberts

DIARY DATES

September

Sunday 3rd Wave of Prayer

Wednesday 6th 2.30pm Parish Hall, Watermoor. Speaker: Michael Gibbons: 'GARAS- Gloucestershire Actions for Refugees and Asylum Seekers' Bring and Buy

Wednesday 13th Members' Day 1pm at Ss Philip & James Church, Hucclecote (bring lunch)

Friday 22nd Mothers' Union Annual Service & Gathering in York

Thursday 28th Mothers' Union Corporate Communion, Lady Chapel, Parish Church

Friday 29th 12 noon Cathedral Prayers, Cirencester with Fairford Deanery

October

Wednesday 4th 2.30pm Parish Hall Watermoor.
Speaker: Kara Frampton on 'Hope for Tomorrow'



Cricket, Football and Lake Garda

"You two have been elusive recently," stated a friendly neighbour. On the contrary, we were to be found in the committee tent at the Cheltenham Cricket Festival which is very much part of our lives. Lasting from 20th July to 4th August we had plenty of opportunity to watch some poor cricket and even worse weather, although in



the One Day Cup Gloucestershire secured the first two victories of the season.

Lack of mobility meant I could not move around the ground as I wished but when I could many well-wishers remembered when I wrote on both cricket and soccer for local newspapers or the contribution Penny and I have made to the festival itself. The Exiles lunch is now a bubbling Exiles Day and Penny led a memorable service in the College chapel.

Having been both Chairman and President I realised I have a new role, that of benign elder statesman. ‘I hope you are not being benign about the catering,’ utters Penny, reminding me of the early morning visits to Waitrose to buy our picnic lunches. Indeed not! There were many other matters the club was not getting right, especially publicity and the selling of space in the tents. No wonder our financial position is dire. Nevertheless, I loved it. You cannot beat the companionship of cricket.

There was a splendid service, the hymns being played by a lively pianist, followed by a wonderful bring-and-share lunch. Holy Trinity was represented by a substantial bunch but the Parish Church party, although distinguished, was minimal. You should get out more folks.

Also, at St Lawrence has been the fine ‘Hope Cirencester Playgroup’. What a fine group they are! Bernie leads the group in a marvellous example of mission.

The football season has started, far too soon of course and I leave you with a football question. A few years ago, a former England manager, now managing in the Premier League, visited the Parish Church and wrote a favourable comment in the visitors’ book. Who was it? I expect Mr ‘Liverpool’ to guess the answer in ninety seconds. Who else will?

There will be no article next month. We will be in Malcesine, Lake Garda, Italy as I need some new shorts and shoes. The lakeside markets are wonderful.

John Light

Mary Sumner Day Celebrations at Watermoor, Cirencester.

9th August, 2023



On one of the few warm, sunny days this summer, Cirencester Branch played host to approximately 90 MU members from across the Diocese to celebrate and give thanks for the life and witness of Mary Sumner. We were able to spread ourselves both inside the hall in the shade and outside to enjoy the sunshine.

With picnics to enjoy and friends old and new to catch up with, Members also took advantage of Ruth's MUE stall full of beautiful cards and gifts stocking up for future birthdays – there are always those times when a lovely card just hits the spot. It was also the occasion when the annual Diocesan MU Raffle was drawn with prizes making their way to happy recipients across the county.

Cirencester Branch's smaller Raffle also produced an excellent return which will support MU projects locally and further afield. Thanks also to John Lawrence and Peter Cottey who did sterling work in the kitchen providing a constant flow of tea and coffee and special thanks to young Christopher Cottey who ably demonstrated his prowess with the tea-towel drying up all those cups and saucers! And who can forget the delicious MU celebration cake made and beautifully decorated by Pat Harris. Thanks Pat.

Special thanks to Branch contact, Kathie Cottey, the Committee and others for their hard work which helped make the afternoon such a success.

To bring the celebrations to a close, Canon Graham, an MU member and an enthusiastic advocate of all things MU led a closing service which was declared by one member to be 'the best closing service they'd ever had!' Praise indeed.

Pauline Farman

Mary Sumner Picnic

Holy Trinity, Watermoor
Wednesday 9th August 2023



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HOME START

Cotswolds

Home-Start Cotswolds run FREE postnatal 'Baby and Me' groups, for parents with babies aged 0-6 months. We cover topics such as Feeding, Baby Massage, Play & Communication, Home Safety and First Aid. The venues are:

Christ Church, Tetbury - Starts Thursday 28th September and runs for 8 weeks (10.30am – 12.00 noon)

Community Centre, Fairford - Starts Tuesday 17th October and runs for 8 weeks (11.00am – 12.30pm)

Please call 01285 885391 or email groups@home-start-cotswolds.org.uk to reserve your place.

Leap for Longfield!



Jump right out of your comfort zone this month and parachute two miles through the air at 120 miles an hour. If you can raise £450 for Longfield and get to Salisbury on 16th September you're in! For more information, go to

longfield.org.uk/event/skydive-for-longfield-saturday/

Come with us on a magnificent adventure next year



Hike miles across snow-covered Icelandic landscapes and mountain passes. Chase the elusive Aurora Borealis. Indulge in traditional Nordic cuisine. Relax in a gently bubbling geothermal pool. This is a truly unmissable charity challenge.

You'll be staying in a local hotel, and your accommodation, flights and meals are included in the £350 registration fee. We ask you to fundraise at least £3,600 for Longfield, but self-funded and flexi-options are available.

The trek is graded moderate to challenging and you'll be accompanied by local guides with expert knowledge of hiking and the culture of the region. Temperatures in November are likely to be between 0° and 5°C.

For more information, contact Kirsty Murray on 01453 886868 or events@longfield.org.uk

Coming Up....

9th -17th September, Gloucester Cathedral – Summer Meadow floral display

1st December, Minchinhampton – Charity Ice Walk

10th December, Minchinhampton – Light Up A Life memorial celebration

January 2024 – Christmas tree collections

Longfield Teams up with Local Solicitors



(Write a will for peace of mind)

What happens to your home, possessions and savings if you die without making a will? Many people assume that their spouse or partner will automatically inherit everything, but that's not necessarily the case. The laws of intestacy (where there is no legal will) will take over, and this may cause your loved ones severe financial and emotional distress.

It's not easy to talk about what happens when we die, but making a will can ease the burden on your family and friends when the time comes.

Longfield Community Hospice has teamed up with three local solicitors to offer a will-writing service during September. Rather than pay legal fees, for a donation of £90 for a single basic will, or £160 for a pair of basic 'mirror' wills, you can get expert advice and support to make a legal will. 100% of your donation will go to Longfield.

"We'd like to say a huge thank you to the solicitors for giving their time and expertise for free," said Louise Cook, Head of Fundraising and Marketing. "This generous gift will make a big impact; allowing us to care for more terminally ill people and their families when they need it the most."

"You don't have to leave a gift in your will to Longfield, but we'd be very grateful if you do. Legacies help to fund our Hospice at Home service, enabling people to die with dignity in the comfort of their own homes."

All appointments are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Book your appointment for September and make your donation now as places are limited.

To find out more about the Write a Will scheme, visit www.longfield.org.uk/write-a-will or call the team on 01453 886868.

Musings from Mark



Mark 1:29-31 *As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. [30] Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. [31] So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.*

It is thought by many commentators that Jesus stayed in Peter's house in Capernaum when he was in the area, and that this was his 'home' at those times. We are reminded that Peter was married, although we hear nothing of his wife and/or children, although Paul mentions her briefly in one of his letters.

Jesus goes back for the sabbath meal and is told of the situation, probably with apologies that things might not be as normal, or perhaps there was an expectation that Jesus would bring healing to Peter's mother in law. The text suggests that the fever was quite serious, and yet was quite common for the area to the extent that the Jewish rules had 'remedies' to heal it, which involved iron, braids of hair, a thorn bush and various incantations over the days leaving lots of time for the fever to burn itself out!

Jesus ignores all these superstitious remedies. Matthew and Mark both record that healing came just through his touch, taking her hand and helping her up. Luke, the doctor, records Jesus rebuking the fever using the same word that he had used for the demon in v 35.

But a few things we can pick up from this story; firstly the disciples took Jesus home with them for the Sabbath meal, perhaps a bit like our Sunday lunch. Bearing in mind that the church building is not where Jesus lives, but one of the places we meet with him corporately to worship him, so it is a good thing for us to ensure we too bring Jesus home with us into our weekly activities. Secondly, the disciples told Jesus about the situation and he was able to deal with it, a theme that's picked up in the popular hymn "What a friend we have in Jesus" which encourages us to *Take it to the Lord in prayer*. And finally to be aware that nothing is too hard for Jesus to deal with, even in our home situation. Keep him involved. We probably won't have thousands of the sick and suffering gathered around our doors in the evening, but we will be certain of the Friend we have in Jesus.

Rev Paul

All Shall be Well?

I have been reading the magnificently illustrated book published by the British Museum during the eye opening Exhibition of the Assyrian Empires during the 2000 years before the birth of Jesus. There are thousands of huge carved gypsum panels illustrating the dramatic wars of great Emperors like Ashurnipal, in which hundred of thousands of warriors, women and men perished horribly. These beautifully carved panels are like giant strip cartoons in which every detail of the weapons, and the wounds they inflicted on the corpses of the dead is meticulously recorded, as are the terrified columns of fleeing women and children, and the jumbled ruins of captured and looted cities. And large rivers blocked by dead bodies. The fact that so little is widely known about these civilisations compared to all the publicity given to ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome, is partly due to the fact that they were not excavated until about 1850, and the huge treasures of thousands of cuneiform inscriptions not deciphered until then or later.

For all its beauties it reminds us remorselessly about the endless warfares, miseries and obscenities of our human story. “Homo homini vulpus”. Humankind devours its kin.

If that is the appalling truth about us, how can all ever be well? The only light in this darkness is given to me by Julian of Norwich who suffered horribly during the horrors of the Black Death. And then there is light through her given by her absolute trust in Jesus, that Jesus who himself trusted in the Absolute Love of the Father even when he was enduring the physical agony and spiritual desolation and death in the pit of Hell. Julian had experienced in both her body and her soul a love and beauty and a Life that were Absolute BEYOND time and space where death pain and evil are endemic. Jesus also knew that absolute love which lives beyond the pit of Hell, which burns in time and space and where death is endemic. So whatever happens to our lovely blue green planet in time and space there is a Realm BEYOND. “ There is a Yonder at the heart of things”

So we can trust and have a realistic hope. So I believe.

H.G.D



God's Wonderful Works (Psalm 145)

Glorious splendour (5)

Abundant in goodness (7)

Compassionate nature (8)

Rich in your love (8)

Fathomless greatness (3)

Faithful in promises (13b)

Forever I'll praise you (1)

You are my God (1)



J.R.M.



Ride + Stride to Save Our Historic Buildings

Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust (GHCT) is delighted to announce that the highly anticipated annual fundraising event, Ride + Stride, will be held on September 9th, 2023.



This remarkable initiative invites participants to explore the stunning churches of Gloucestershire and North Bristol, while raising funds for the preservation of these cherished historic buildings.

Ride + Stride encourages individuals to fundraise by embarking on a journey to visit churches in the area on the day of the event. Some challenge themselves to visit as many as possible while others take their time exploring a select few. Participants in previous years have used various modes of transportation, including walking, cycling, public transportation, and even horse riding, as they travel between churches. On the day of the event, many churches will open their doors, providing participants with the opportunity to immerse themselves in the beauty of these magnificent buildings and enjoy refreshments along the way.

Funds raised through Ride + Stride are divided between the participant's nominated church and GHCT. The trust then uses the contributions allocated to GHCT to provide grants to churches and historic buildings throughout Gloucestershire and North Bristol. These grants play a pivotal role in ensuring the longevity of these architectural treasures, allowing them to serve as vibrant community spaces and be enjoyed by future generations. Previous grants have been utilised for roof repairs, enhancing accessibility, and improving facilities, among other vital projects.

Building upon the success of previous years, GHCT aims to surpass previous fundraising milestones and make 2023 another exceptional year. A representative from the Trust expressed their enthusiasm, stating,

"We are thrilled to organise Ride + Stride once again, and hope to see another

great turnout with people of all ages coming together to enjoy these beautiful buildings. Together, we can make a significant impact in preserving our historic buildings and nurturing our cultural heritage."

The event welcomes everyone, whether they are members of local churches or simply admirers of the area's historic buildings. To stay updated and learn more about how to participate, please visit our website at <https://ghct.org.uk/ride-and-stride> or follow us on social media:

Facebook -

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

Twitter - @ GlosHCT



Canon Graham and Bishop Robert outside St John Baptist at the Patronal Festival



Jubilate
CHAMBER CHOIR
presents

Wolcum Autumn!

A recital of choral music and readings by
the Jubilate Chamber Choir of Cheltenham
at the Parish Church of St. John Baptist,
5 Market Place, Cirencester, GL7 2NX

SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2023

1pm - 2pm

Conductor: Ian Higginson

Including music by Barber, Bernstein, Higginson, Howells,
Rutter, Vaughan Williams and songs from the musicals.
Admission free : retiring collection

 Twitter: @JubilateChelt
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website: www.jubilatechamberchoir.com



THE WINSTONE TALK



JULIAN RICHARDS

The Secrets of Stonehenge: The Stones Through the Centuries

Saturday 21 October 6.30 - 7.30pm
Cirencester Parish Church £10

Join Julian Richards, one of Britain's leading archaeologists and broadcasters, star of BBC2's Meet the Ancestors and world expert on Stonehenge, to unlock the secrets of the Stones.



Book tickets visit: gloucesterhistoryfestival.co.uk Phone: Tel 01285 655611
In person: at Cirencester Visitor Information Centre

The Winstone Talk is supported by The K D Winstone Charitable Trust

Are you struggling with damp and mould in your home?

At Citizens Advice Stroud and Cotswold Districts we saw a very significant rise in the number of people struggling with damp and mould during the winter. Our Research and Campaigns team have been gathering evidence about the problem and the number of clients with the problem has remained high - the number of people with a damp and mould problem was four times higher in April to June this year than the same period last year.

What can you do about damp and mould?

Unfortunately, there are many causes of damp that properties can get and it isn't always easy to work out the cause. The most common types are rising, penetrating, construction and condensation damp. On our website (citizensadvice.org.uk) there is information that may help you work out what type of damp you have, who is responsible and what you can do.

It is important to keep homes well-heated and well-ventilated to prevent damp and mould. You may be eligible for help to insulate and heat your home and should visit our website to find out more. If you are on a low income you may be able to get help with heating and wider essentials from the Household Support Fund.

Drying wet clothes on radiators and blocking air vents may make condensation damp worse. It's best to dry clothes outside if you can or in the bathroom with the door closed and the window open or fan on.

What should your landlord do if you are a tenant?

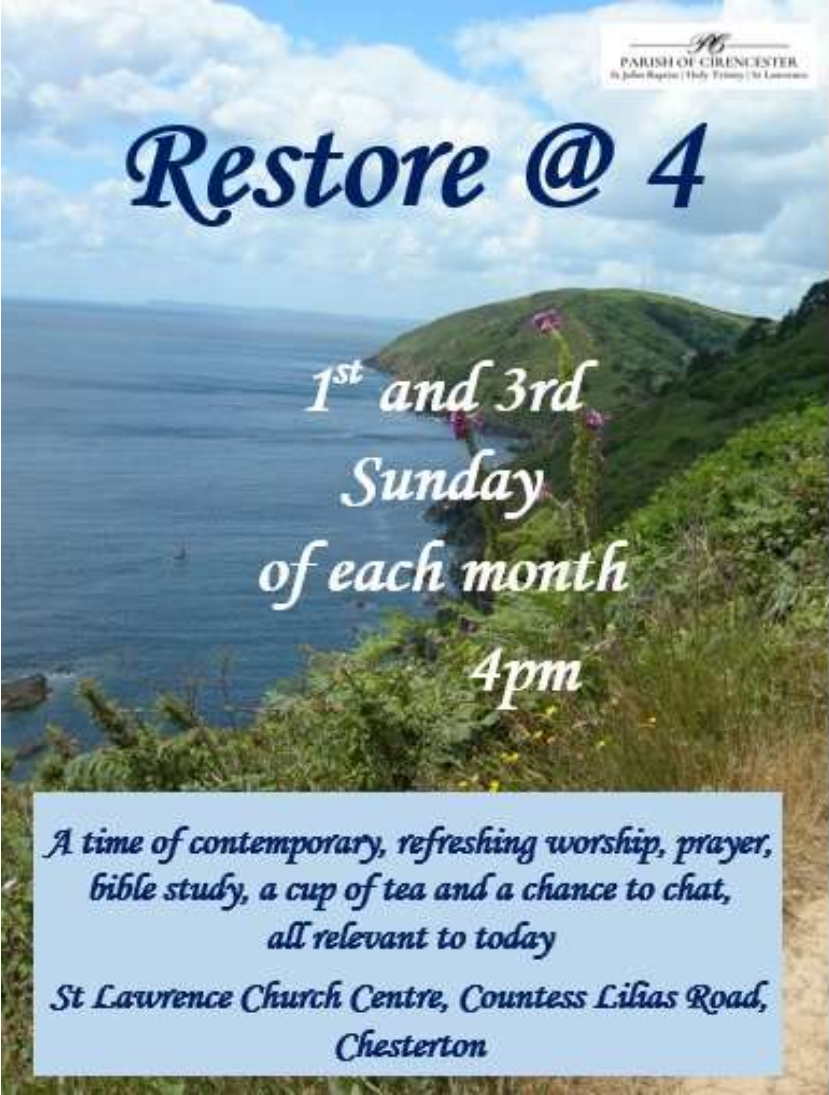
It can be difficult to work out if your landlord is responsible - check your tenancy agreement for mentions of repairs and damp. One of the most common causes of damp is condensation. Our website has advice on things that can make the problem worse that may also impact the landlord taking responsibility for repairs.

A landlord will have to act in relation to damp if it makes the property unsafe for someone to live in. This could be for example, if it is making the tenant or a member of their family ill. The landlord will also be responsible if the damp is related to repairs they should have carried out, like if heaters are broken. If

the damp has damaged items that the landlord is responsible for, such as carpets and window frames, they'll likely have to cover the cost of repairs.

If your landlord is responsible for the damp in your property but doesn't act, there are steps you can take, such as reporting them to the local authority. If you're in social housing you might also be able to use the landlord's formal complaints procedure. If you are thinking of leaving a fixed term tenancy agreement early, do speak to us first, as there might be better ways to approach the issue.

If you cannot access the website or need further help after reading the information on it, you can contact Citizens Advice Stroud and Cotswold Districts on 0808 800 0510 or email using the form on our website (www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk).



PARISH OF CIRENCESTER
St John Baptist / Holy Trinity / St Lawrence

Restore @ 4

*1st and 3rd
Sunday
of each month
4pm*

*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 Lillas Road,
Chesterton*

Seedlings @ St Lawrence

**Space to play
Time to chat**



**Everyone
Welcome!**

St Lawrence church
Countess Lilius Rd
Chesterton

**2nd & 4th Thursdays
Term time**

9.15 - 10.45am

All sessions FREE

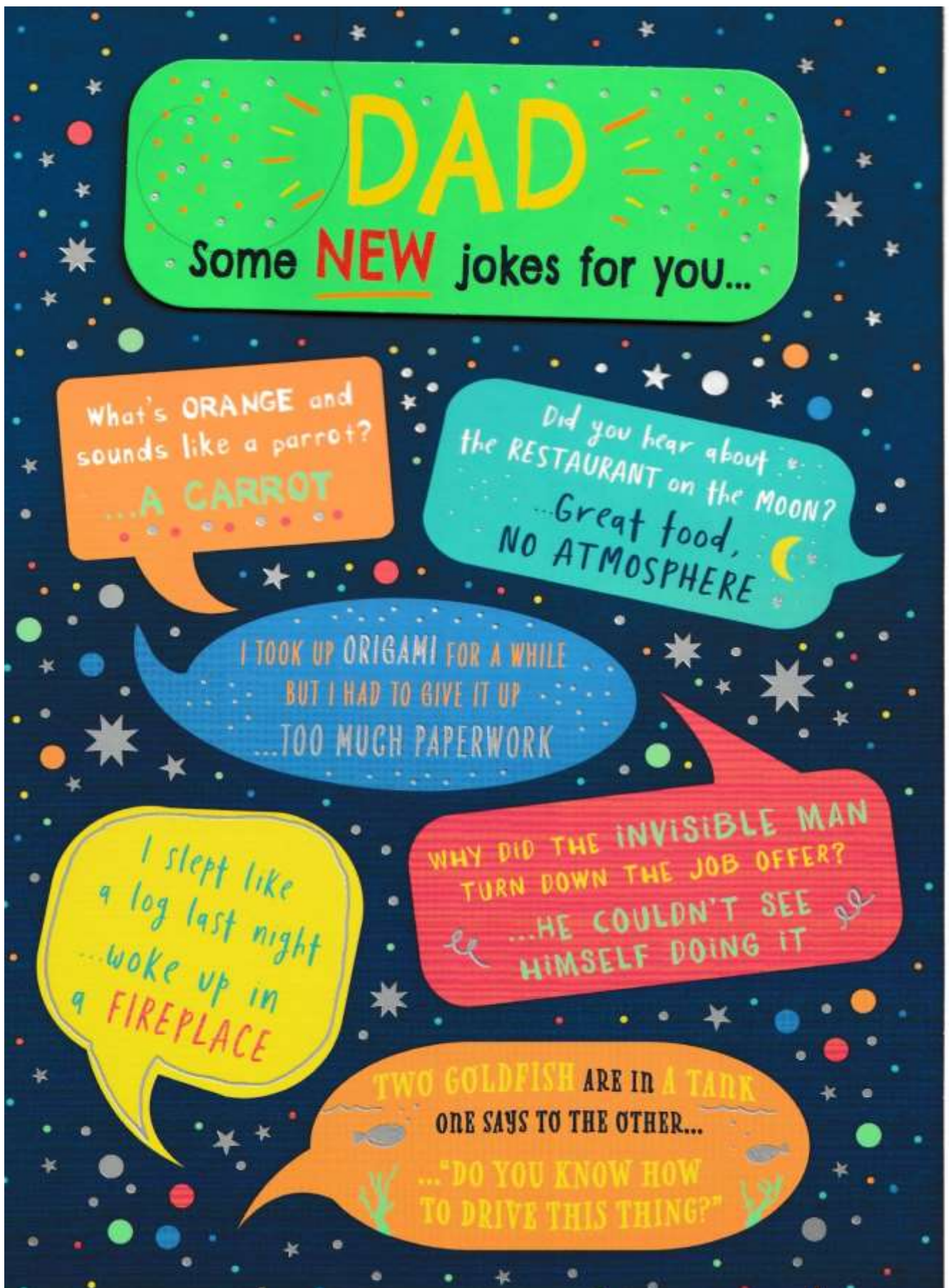
lots of great
toys, stories,
craft, activities and fun!



For more info call

Karen on
01285 650293

A recent 'Daughter to Dad' birthday card.



Dates for September



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 Sept, Fri

All day	Art Society Exhibition	St John Baptist
4 – 6pm	Cirencester Food Pantry	Parish Hall, Watermoor

2 Sept, Sat

All day	Art Society Exhibition	St John Baptist
10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
4 – 5pm	Wedding	St John Baptist

3 Sept, Sun

All day	Art Society Exhibition	St John Baptist
8 – 9am	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
8 – 9am	Holy Communion BCP - Lady Chapel	St John Baptist
10 – 11:30am	All Age Eucharist	St John Baptist
10 – 11:30am	Family Service	Holy Trinity
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

4 Sept, Mon

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

5 Sept, Tue

10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
6:30 – 9pm	Bell Ringing	St John Baptist

6 Sept, Wed

2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
7 – 8pm	Eucharist	Holy Trinity

7 Sept, Thu

10:30 – 11:30am Guided Tour

St John Baptist

8 Sept, Fri

10:30 – 11:30am Guided Tour

St John Baptist

2:30 – 3:30pm Guided Tour

St John Baptist

4 – 6pm Cirencester Food Pantry

Parish Hall, Watermoor

9 Sept, Sat

10am – 4pm Tower Open

St John Baptist

10:30 – 11:30am Guided Tour

St John Baptist

2:30 – 3:30pm Guided Tour

St John Baptist

10 Sept, 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

2 – 4pm Tower Open (FOC) for Heritage Open Day

St John Baptist

4 – 5pm Evening Prayer

St John Baptist

11 Sept, Mon

9:30 – 11am Little Angels

St John Baptist

12 Sept, Tue

10:30 – 11:30am Guided Tour

St John Baptist

6:30 – 9pm Bell Ringing

Holy Trinity

13 Sept, Wed

10:30 – 11:30am Guided Tour

St John Baptist

2 – 3pm Memorial Service (Gillian Nuttal)

St John Baptist

7 – 8pm Eucharist

Holy Trinity

14 Sept, Thu

9:15 – 10:45am Seedlings

St Lawrence

10:30 – 11:30am Guided Tour

St John Baptist

2:30 – 3:30pm Guided Tour

St John Baptist

15 Sept, Fri

10:30 – 11:30am Guided Tour

St John Baptist

4 – 6pm Cirencester Food Pantry

Parish Hall, Watermoor

17 Sept, 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

18 Sept, Mon

9:30 – 11am	Little Angels	St John Baptist
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
7:30 – 9pm	Quarter Peal	St John Baptist

19 Sept, Tue

10 – 11am	Funeral - Jeffrey Hester	Holy Trinity
10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
2 – 3pm	Baptism	St John Baptist
6:30 – 9pm	Bell Ringing	Holy Trinity

20 Sept, Wed

2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
7 – 8pm	Eucharist	Holy Trinity
7:30 – 9:30pm	Standing Committee	St Lawrence

21 Sept, Thu

10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
2:30 – 3:30pm	Guided Tour	St John Baptist

22 Sept, Fri

4 – 6pm	Cirencester Food Pantry	Parish Hall, Watermoor
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23 Sept, Sat

10:30 – 11:30am	Guided Tour	St John Baptist
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24 Sept, 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	Iona/Taize Service	St John Baptist

25 Sept, Mon

9:30 – 11am Little Angels
2:30 – 3:30pm Guided Tour
5:30 – 6:30pm Vicars Open Office

St John Baptist
St John Baptist
The Parish Forum

26 Sept, Tue

10:30 – 11:30am Guided Tour
6:30 – 9pm Bell Ringing
6:30 – 9pm Bell Ringing

St John Baptist
Holy Trinity
Holy Trinity

27 Sept, Wed

2 – 4:30pm Coffee, Cake and Chat
2:30 – 3:30pm Guided Tour
7 – 8pm Eucharist

Parish Hall, Watermoor
St John Baptist
Holy Trinity

28 Sept, Thu

9:15 – 10:45am Seedlings
10:30 – 11:30am Mothers' Union Corporate Communion
2:30 – 3:30pm Guided Tour

St Lawrence
St John Baptist
St John Baptist

29 Sept, Fri

10:30 – 11:30am Guided Tour
2 – 3pm Wedding
4 – 6pm Cirencester Food Pantry

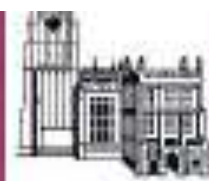
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30 Sept, Sat

1:30 – 2:30pm Wedding
6:30 – 9:30pm Parish Harvest Supper

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