

Community News

Church in Tuffley

The Tuffley Litter pick begins at Grange Baptist Church on Saturday 19th June at 1030

Calling all Men

On the 19th June, we are meeting for a Men's Breakfast at the Wildlife Trust Café on Robinswood Hill. Breakfast will be at 9.30 but if you are feeling adventurous we will be having a short walk on the Hill from 8.30 (nothing too strenuous). Come and enjoy Robinswood Hill, support the Wildlife trust and engage with each other. We need to advise numbers so if you are coming can you please let John White know on 01452 307551 or 07500 005585 or email wellhousejohn@gmail.com. You can also check out our Facebook group, type "St Barnabas Men" into the search bar.

Join the next online LIFE prayer gathering

On Tuesday 6 July 5.30pm, Jo Wetherall will lead us in praying for children and families as part of the big picture. Even if you've never prayed before with other people beyond an act of formal worship. All you need is 30 minutes and a desire to pray for tiny seeds to grow into large trees
Follow this link to join the Zoom meeting <https://zoom.us/j/91765392773?pwd=Ujc4aVVvVFprOE9GOFdlK3VudlU5UT09> or simply pray at home!

Summer Fayre

The Summer Fayre is in the Church and grounds on the **24th July**. We will be offering Cream Teas and hope to be selling similar homemade items to the Christmas fayre; jams, cakes, craft, jumpers & cardigans etc A Silent Auction would be nice as would a raffle. Please do let us know what you are able to offer - Many thanks, Elaine emarsh6@sky.com 07730 589608

Summer is coming.....advance date for your diaries

To cheer us up, Paula and Gerald Dee are going to open up their beautiful garden and at the same time raise some money for church funds. We are all invited—so please get the date in your diary!

OPEN GARDEN

at 13 Firwood Drive, Tuffley. Gloucester GL4 0AB
on Sunday 1st August
from 2.00pm - 5.00pm
£3.50 includes refreshment
Proceeds to St Barnabas Church funds



CHURCH MATTERS

St Barnabas Gloucester

Trinity 3 | St Barnabas
W/B 20th June 2021

08:00

Communion

*Quiet communion to start the day
Please let Katherine Kear know
you are coming to the building
(01452 528508)*

10:30

Together at home

*Digital Morning Worship at home on
Facebook Live and YouTube*

10:30

Traditional Communion

*Communion with hymns
Please let Myra Bowen Davies
know you are coming to the
building (01452 302508).*

1730:

Digital Evening Prayer

Thursday 24th June

10:00

Midweek Communion at St Katharine's. A traditional communion service as we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist. Let Sarah Todd know if you want to come.

Next Sunday 27th June

1030

Together at home

1030

Communion with music in the church



Bible readings

I Corinthians 2, 1-14

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,

nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him' - these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what

is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are discerned spiritually.

Luke 4, 14-22a

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

Message from Bishop Rachel

Last weekend I had the joy of being with the curates of this diocese as they gathered for a weekend of teaching, prayer and reflection; and next week I will be on retreat with those among them preparing for ordination as deacons and priests. This will be a significant landmark in their lives, but most importantly a significant landmark in the life of the Church, because ordination is primarily about the calling of the whole Body of Christ. When those to be ordained priest and deacon stand in the cathedral and publicly say 'yes' to God, it is rooted in the 'yes' of baptism. It is why the ordination service begins with the words: **The Church is the Body of Christ, the people of God and the dwelling-place of the Holy Spirit. In baptism the whole Church is summoned to witness to God's love and to work for the coming of his Kingdom'.**



I pray that we will all keep these words in mind as we emerge into the next season and experiment locally with new patterns of worship, so that all expressions of our gathered worship, not least across multi-parish benefices, send out the youngest to the oldest into daily life to witness to God's love and to work for the coming of God's Kingdom. If our local expressions of Church do not have this at the heart then we are in danger of doing Church but not being Church. As I listen to the stories of those coming to be ordained, and those once more coming to confirmation to confirm the promises that were made when they were baptised, often as tiny children, I am struck by the big 'yes' having often emerged from seemingly small words and encounters which have been fanned into flame by the work of the Holy Spirit.....

As the ordinands prepare to say 'yes' to serving Christ in their calling, may these coming weeks and months be a season for a fresh 'yes' to God from us all, from the youngest to the oldest. It is perhaps good to remember that this is not only the time of year for ordinations but it is also the time of year for our primary school leavers' services, taking place online at a school near you. It is a beautiful time of worship as the children look back with thanks and are sent out to the next chapter of their lives, amid so much that is uncertain and unknown. Yet children are often far better than adults at authentically living their faith in the small things of everyday life and being Church among the people and places of their week, including home and school. As we pray for our 15 new priests and six new deacons, and all those participating in a leavers' service in their school, let us continue to pray for one another that we would have the courage, from the tiniest to the tallest, to say 'yes' to God afresh in our commitment to follow Christ, and to be expectant about what can take root and grow in the stuff of our everyday lives as we seek to witness to God's love and to work for the coming of God's Kingdom.

With my thanks and prayers as ever, **+Rachel**

Full letter can be found at: www.gloucester.anglican.org/2021/message-from-bishop-rachel-9/

Gloucester Diocese Ember Card 2021
Please pray for all those who are to be ordained

To be ordained deacon

Rachel Beere

Charlton Kings, Holy Apostles

Miriam Davis

Hucclecote

Luke Falvey

Gloucester, St Catharine

Coral Francis

Minchinhampton with Box and Amberley

Gareth Griffith

South Cotswold Team Ministry

Helen McGeoch

Gloucester, Saint James and All Saints and Christ Church

To be ordained priest

Nicki Bullivant

The Parish of Tidenham, and the United Benefice of St Briavels with Hewelsfield and Brockweir

Eddie Carmichael

Cheltenham, Christ Church

Catherine Cowie

The Guitings, Cutsdean, Farmcote, Upper Slaughter and Lower Slaughter with Eyford and Naunton

Bea Erskine

Coleford, Staunton, Newland, Redbrook and Clearwell

Sarah Haslam

Rodborough, Woodchester and Brimscombe

Jacqueline Henson

South Cheltenham Churches

Helen Hill

The Stroud Team Ministry

Duncan Hutchison

Hucclecote

Jane Jones-Williams

The Sodbury Vale Benefice

Joseph Mottram

Cirencester with Watermoor

Jay Niblett

Vale and Cotswold Edge

Jade Scholes

St John the Evangelist, Churchdown and Innsworth

Pauline Setterfield

Tetbury with Beverston, Long Newton and Shipton Moyne

Rebecca Spear

Badgeworth, Shurdington and Witcombe with Bentham

because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?'

Reflection

The Holy Spirit is sometimes described as "interpreter", a means by which we can understand what God is saying to us, and a help for us to share what God is saying with others. I find it fascinating that Paul, the skilled writer whose letter to the church in Corinth we are reading today, didn't seem to rate himself as a good speaker. He writes in this passage "my speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power". In other

letters he writes of his lacks of speaking skills: "I may be untrained in speech, but not in knowledge; certainly in every way and in all things we have made this evident to you. 2 Corinthians 11:6

Paul writes in other places that people said his letters were great, but he didn't look that attractive and speaking was just average. Ouch - people can be harsh sometimes! However Paul's faith, Paul's humbleness and Paul's love for Jesus meant that despite this, he kept speaking and sharing the good news. He relied on the Holy Spirit to interpret the message God had placed on his heart and also help those who listened to him. He knew that the Holy Spirit would enable them to hear what God wanted them to hear through the words he spoke. In his weakness, the Spirit worked and God was glorified.

So let's take courage in that! Let's invite the Holy Spirit to help us understand what God is saying to us through scripture and in prayer. And, like Paul, let us trust the Holy Spirit will give us the right words, when we have the opportunity to share the good news of Jesus with those we meet this week.

Rev Sarah

Prayer requests

*Pray in the Spirit on all occasions
with all kinds of prayers and requests
Ephesians 6:18*

- **For our Church family and the wider Church:**
 - * Please pray for Elaine and the Fun-Raising team as they organise the summer fete.
 - * Pray for Helen McGeoch as she finishes her role as Tuffley Pioneer Minister this week to prepare for her ordination. Our five overseas partner Dioceses especially the Diocese of Dornakal.
- **For our community and the world:**
 - * Pray for The Willow Primary Academy, its children, staff and parents.
 - * Pray for the Venture, White City and for Dawn and Caroline who lead.
 - * Pray for our NHS as they continue to care for us during this difficult time.
- **For the Covid-19 pandemic**
 - * Pray for us all as lockdown is extended due to rising infection rates.
 - * Pray for those who have had to cancel celebrations or holidays.
 - * Give thanks for scientists who are continuing to study the virus as it mutates.
- **For the sick and the bereaved**

The sick: Janet, Joan, Noel, Julia, Kay, Mary, Terry, Kate, Clodagh, William, Alex, Michael, Sharon, Tina, Lionel, Malcolm, Sandra, Mary, Lily
Those who mourn especially the families of; Stephen Gwilliam, Lilian Rogers, Keith Halford

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**Thinking of
Baptism,
Confirmation
or renewing
your
baptismal
vows?**

If you are interested in exploring the possibility of making a faith commitment, please contact the Rev Sarah. No matter how old or young you are, there are opportunities to explore



Sun hats and wellie boots is a wonderful website for families with younger children.. Packed full of craft and other activity ideas, it is a great place to go when the children or the grandchildren are getting bored.

Visit
www.sunhatsandwellieboots.com/

Fancy a cuppa?

Have you visited the new café space at Robinswood Hill? They do a great cuppa, lovely cakes and are investing so much in our local community. The café team are great and would love to see you

Gloucestershire Tales

**Some can use the fork and rake, and some can drive the plough,
And some can sing like nightingales while milking of the cow,
Some can dance the hornpipe when they do go to the fair,
What sweet and lovely creatures are the girls of Gloucestershire.**

I love folk songs and when I have time, I love to listen to old recordings from early 20th century of local people singing local songs that have been passed down from parent to child. There are thousands of songs from all over the country that can give us an insight into the stories and the people that have lived where we live, many years ago.

Being a Gloucestershire girl, I thought I would share a snippet of the folk song “The Girls from Gloucestershire” Interestingly it is a Wiltshire folk song collected by Alfred Williams a Wiltshire poet who lived at the end of the 19th century. Whilst many folk songs speak of young love and the beauty of the longed for young lady, it seems the girls of Gloucestershire are more than just a pretty face!

Rev Sarah