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DEAR READERS ...

It has been a busy and fun autumn in the Benefice. We had an especially great weekend in early October, as Bishop Robert joined us for a series of events to celebrate Harvest. We enjoyed games, crafts and a pig roast on Guiting Manor Farm, had afternoon tea in the beautifully refurbished Naunton Village Hall, and a wonderful service with both the Benefice and the School Choirs.



Now we are heading into a new season. As our national Archbishops have recently said, “For many of us, Christmas brings up so many emotions, memories and expectations. We have one nativity story, but it can seem like we all have very different Christmases”. In response to this, the church has created a special resource for this Christmas period - # *Follow the star*. Have a look online at www.churchofengland.org/christmas and join in with reflections and stories helping us all to hear afresh the wonder of the Christmas story.

We have been pleased in our Churches in recent months to have Rev'd David Quin taking services and sharing in ministry, so we thought it would be great to ask him to share a bit about his story with us. The following is a brief biography – and do come along and meet him at one of our services.

With love and prayers, ***Katrina and our Ministerial Team***

Revd. David Quin

After a life time working in the agricultural Industry and serving as a Diocesan Reader based at St. Albans Cathedral, in 1997 David was recommended for ordination training on the St. Albans and Oxford Ministry Course. Ordained in 2000 he and wife Liz moved to a 'House for Duty' post in five North Bedfordshire parishes. David was also appointed Agricultural Chaplain for St. Albans Diocese. In 2006 following Liz's declining health they moved to Moreton-in-Marsh.

David was asked by the then Vicar of Blockley and Bourton-on-the-Hill to assist on an occasional basis. Shortly after Liz died in 2012, Archdeacon Robert (as he was then) invited David to become Interim Minister of the two parishes, pending the creation of the Vale and Cotswold Edge Team Ministry in 2014, and following Canon Dana Delap's appointment there as Team Vicar he continued to cover a vacancy and clergy shortfall in the VACE benefice.

Last year Bishop Robert asked David to move down to support the team in this benefice – the rest as they say is history! David comments 'It is both a joy and a privilege to be able to serve in this benefice and I am enormously grateful to you all for the welcome and support I have received.'

As part of our COMMUNITY MINISTRY we have shared in these special services ...

BAPTISMS

"May God guide and protect them"

Florence LEWIS at Lower Slaughter on 28 July 2018

Elliott FROST at Lower Slaughter on 28 July 2018

Harriet MURPHY at Lower Slaughter on 4 August 2018

Eloise and Henry BARING at Upper Slaughter on 15 September 2018

Samuel BEAGLEY at Naunton on 14 October 2018

Kit MANNERSON and Luella McDONALD at Temple Guiting on 28 October 2018

WEDDINGS

"May God bless them"

William GREEN and Laura SHORTLAND-MOORE at Upper Slaughter on 28 July 2018

Jamie GOWERS and Emily CHESTER at Temple Guiting on 1 August 2018

Terry QUINN and Sandra EDWARDS at Lower Slaughter on 4 August 2018

Richard EVANS and Jessica BATES at Lower Slaughter on 11 August 2018

Liam MURPHY and Katie CHENNELLS at Lower Slaughter on 18 August 2018

Tim WINNETT and Sarah CHAYTOR at Lower Slaughter on 1 September 2018

Patrick WINDLE and Rosie MORRISSEY at Guiting Power on 1 September 2018

Philip ASHLEY and Gemma COLEMAN at Lower Slaughter on 8 September 2018

Will TAYLOR and Stephanie MATUSZAK at Lower Slaughter on 13 September 2018

Connor HENLEY and Laura WEBB at Lower Slaughter on 15 September 2018

Luke BRIGHTON and Kelly HAILSTONE at Lower Slaughter on 28 September 2018

Darren LOCKLEY and Lauren SADLER at Lower Slaughter on 29 September 2018

Simon BEEVERS and Kerri REGAN at Upper Slaughter on 13 October 2018

Huw COX and Jennifer UNSWORTH at Lower Slaughter on 13 October 2018

MARRIAGE BLESSING

Michael FULLEN and Sarah HUGHES at Upper Slaughter on 18 October 2018

FUNERALS

"May God grant them light and peace"

Marion BARTLETT (Guiting Power), Cremation at Cheltenham on 31 July 2018

Priscilla TEMPLE, Funeral and Burial at Naunton on 2 August 2018

George WHITBY, Burial of Ashes at Lower Slaughter on 14 August 2018

Tony FROST, Cremation at Oakley Wood and Service of Thanksgiving at Lower Slaughter on 11 September 2018

Louis RADBURN, Funeral and Burial at Lower Slaughter on 20 September 2018

Jean SHAW, Cremation and Service of Thanksgiving at Lower Slaughter on 24 September 2018 and Burial of Ashes at Lower Slaughter on 7 November 2018

John BENNETT, Anniversary Memorial Service at Naunton on 4 November 2018

Ursula STAIT, Burial of Ashes at Lower Slaughter on 12 November 2018

Sheena FROST, Cremation at Oakley Wood and Service of Thanksgiving at Lower Slaughter on 13 November 2018

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Weddings are a very special part of our Ministry in the community and here are some lovely photographs celebrating some of our local families this summer.



Above L to R: Mark and Daisy Evans, Cutsdean; Nicolai and Serena de Boinville, Upper Slaughter; Jamie and Emily Gowers, Temple Guiting.

MORNING PRAYER IN THE BENEFICE

Mondays : 9.15am at Lower Slaughter

Tuesdays : 9.15am at Guiting Power

Wednesdays : 9.15am at Naunton

Thursdays : 9.30am at Temple Guiting (following Open the Book in School)

Fridays : 9.15am at Upper Slaughter.

If you would like to join in that would be lovely.

NEWS FROM THE WIDER CHURCH ...

Temple Guiting visits Gloucester

I had the privilege recently of joining the children from Temple Guiting Church of England School on a day out to Gloucester. We visited together both a Mosque and the Cathedral. In each place we heard about the traditions and practices of faith group members and we looked around each place of worship. The children were amazing – interested, knowledgeable and very respectful.

In the Cathedral it was great to see how much our children know of the Bible – they could pick out Biblical characters in the stained glass and statues, and talked with the staff there about stories of Jesus. It was lovely to see them engage with the beauty and drama of the building – to see where Harry Potter was filmed, to find my ‘Canon’s’ stall, as well as to explore prayer and art.

New Archdeacon of Gloucester

Bishop Rachel has announced the appointment of a new Archdeacon of Gloucester and Residentiary Canon of Gloucester Cathedral.

The Revd Hilary Dawson will come to us from Devon, where she is currently a Rector of a Mission Community. She is married to Richard and they have two grown up children, Michael and Eleanor.

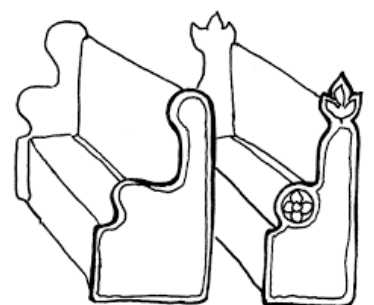
Hilary will start her role in January 2019 and is looking forward to getting started. She said, “I am delighted to be coming to the Diocese of Gloucester to be Archdeacon of Gloucester and Residentiary Canon of Gloucester Cathedral and getting to know all the people and places of the diocese. I am inspired by the *Life* vision and look forward to growing together in faith and hope, and sharing God’s love through prayer, worship, creativity, action and advocacy.”

Katrina Scott

NEWS FROM THE PEWS ...

Guiting Power

Mrs Dorothy Watson, after 30 years as 70x7 correspondent and distributor, has decided to call it a



day. Our dear friend and colleague Dorothy will be 99 years old in November. I am sure that we all send our thanks for the extraordinary service that she has offered over many years to St Michael's and the Christian Community in the North Cotswolds. And we all send her congratulations - the magic figure of 100 is on the horizon and I am sure that Her Majesty will be reaching for her pen! Dorothy is still running the Bakery Shop and would be pleased to see you, business as usual.

David Broad, Ann Marshall and myself are currently attending a "Leading Worship Course" at Northleach, being run by the Rector, Revd David Ford, and Officers from Diocesan Staff. The sessions have been most informative and a great help in planning and delivering "lay Leadership" at services in St Michael's.

St Michael's Church in partnership with the Upper Windrush Local History Society held a 2-day exhibition in the Village Hall to commemorate the centenary of the cessation of hostilities in WW1, with exhibits from families and events in Guiting Power and villages and hamlets across the Benefice. On the Saturday evening there was a commemorative concert, with contributions of songs, readings, poems etc from Temple Guiting School, Village Voices Choir, Macaroni Wood and Musicians, and local people from across the Benefice. On Sunday, following a Remembrance Service in Church, the Act of Remembrance took place at The War Memorial in The Square.

Thanks to all who supported the very successful Ogmere Valley Male Voice Choir Concert at the Village Hall in October. The Choir were on top form, and we raised £740.34 towards Church Funds. Special thanks to the Choir for travelling up from Bridgend and supporting St Michael's - they did not charge us anything and we are so grateful to them.

The week before Christmas we have two lovely Carol Services at St Michael's. On Thursday 20th December Temple Guiting School Carol Service is at 6pm, and on Friday 21st we have the Guiting Power Village Carol Service at 6.30pm. Then on Christmas Day we have our traditional Family Service at 11am. Looking forward to meeting you all at these Festive Services.

Mike Edwards

Farmcote

Farmcote weather provides constant challenge for our farmers. The March easterly gales with snow storms caused total disruption; this was followed by

heavy rainfall at the wrong time for most crops. Then a long dry hot Spring dried out the hay, silage crops and grain (no expensive drying after harvest needed) which balanced up farming economics. Some vegetable crops on the other hand cannot grow without water so suffered severe loss. Gardens were blooming even without water but the recent brief heavy gales badly affected some major trees; several of our finest can only be saved by future pollarding to 20' from the ground.

We held Harvest Festival on a fine morning which coincided with our Patronal Festival for St Faith from Conques (France) who suffered torture for her refusal to acknowledge Roman gods ca. 300. She is the patron saint of prisoners, soldiers and pilgrims and was first shown in this country on wall paintings in a priory dedicated to her in Horsham Norfolk built in 1105 and uncovered in the 1960s.

Peter Loveday

Lower Slaughter

As I write to you all winter is with us and we have experienced the first “cold snap” of the season. As I look back, what a lovely autumn we have enjoyed with the wonderful colours of the trees and bushes as they moved from summer to autumn. We have been lucky to enjoy a good harvest from our gardens and allotments and on Sunday 21 October we celebrated our harvest festival. Our church was packed, we sang glorious harvest hymns and then enjoyed a lovely village lunch. At the service we collected donations for our local Food Bank – 79kg in total – to help local people in time of need.

Now we are approaching the season of Advent, a time of quiet preparation for the birth of our Lord on Christmas Day. This year our Carol Service will be held on Tuesday 18 December at 6.30pm and, if the weather permits, we will begin outside with a Carol sung around the Christmas tree. Please do join us as this is always a very joyous service for young and old alike.

As I look back at this year, St Mary's has experienced joy with all the weddings and baptisms. But we have also experienced great sadness with the death of two of our parish stalwarts – Tony and Sheena Frost. We give thanks to the Lord for them and all they have done for our village.

On behalf of St Mary's PCC, we wish you all a blessed and peaceful Christmas and may 2019 bring all you wish for.

Marion Marshall



Benefice Services – DECEMBER 2018



Time	Village	Service
First Sunday	2 December 2018	Advent Sunday
9.30am	Upper Slaughter	Benefice HC BCP
6.00pm	Naunton	Benefice Advent Service
Second Sunday	9 December 2018	2nd Sunday of Advent
8.30am	Naunton	HC BCP (Said)
9.30am	Lower Slaughter	HC
9.30am	Farmcote with Cutsdean	HC (Said)
11.00am	Temple Guiting	Eleven4All
11.00am	Upper Slaughter	Matins BCP
6.00pm	Guiting Power	Benefice Evensong

Temple Guiting CofE School's

Christmas Fair

Festive Children's Craft Stalls

Cakes & Mulled wine

A Selection of Local Handicraft Stalls

Bash the Christmas Pudding

Carols at 4.45pm around the Christmas Tree

Children's Secret Santa Room

Our Christmas Fair will be held in the Temple Guiting Village Hall on

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Third Sunday 16 December 2018 3rd Sunday of Advent		
8.30am	Upper Slaughter	HC BCP (Said)
9.30am	Cutsdean with Temple Guiting	HC (Said)
11.00am	Lower Slaughter	HC
4.00pm	Temple Guiting	Carol Service
6.00pm	Naunton	Carol Service
Tuesday 18 December 2018		
6.30pm	Lower Slaughter	Carol Service
Thursday 20 December 2018		
6.00pm	Guiting Power	Temple Guiting School Carol Service
Friday 21 December 2018		
3.30pm	Naunton	Benefice Crib Service
6.30pm	Guiting Power	Carol Service
Saturday 22 December 2018		
4.00pm	Cutsdean	Carol Service
6.00pm	Upper Slaughter	Carol Service
Fourth Sunday 23 December 2018 4th Sunday of Advent		
10.00am	Temple Guiting	Benefice Choral HC
Monday 24 December 2018 Christmas Eve		
7.00pm	Farmcote	Carol Service
11.30pm	Lower Slaughter	Midnight HC
11.30pm	Naunton	Midnight HC BCP
Tuesday 25 December 2018 Christmas Day		
9.00am	Cutsdean	HC
9.30am	Upper Slaughter	HC BCP
10.15am	Temple Guiting	Family HC
11.00am	Guiting Power	Family Service
Fifth Sunday 30 December 2018 1st Sunday of Christmas		
9.30am	Guiting Power	Benefice HC

Benefice Services – JANUARY 2019

Time	Village	Service
First Sunday	6 January 2019	Epiphany
9.30am	Temple Guiting	HC
9.30am	Naunton	HC BCP
11.00am	Guiting Power	Family Service
11.00am	Upper Slaughter with Lower Slaughter	HC BCP
Second Sunday	13 January 2019	Plough Sunday
8.30am	Naunton	HC BCP (Said)
9.30am	Lower Slaughter	HC
9.30am	Farmcote with Cutsdean	HC (Said)
11.00am	Temple Guiting	Eleven4All
11.00am	Upper Slaughter	Matins BCP
6.00pm	Guiting Power	Benefice Evensong
Third Sunday	20 January 2019	3rd Sunday of Epiphany
8.30am	Upper Slaughter	HC BCP (Said)
9.30am	Cutsdean with Temple Guiting	HC (Said)
11.00am	Lower Slaughter	HC
11.00am	Naunton	Matins BCP
6.00pm	Guiting Power	Taize Service
Fourth Sunday	27 January 2019	4th Sunday of Epiphany
8.30am	Guiting Power	HC (Said)
9.30am	Cutsdean with Farmcote	HC (Said)
11.00am	Lower Slaughter	Family Worship
11.00am	Temple Guiting	Choral HC

Please note occasionally it is necessary to alter services at short notice and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Benefice Services – FEBRUARY 2019

Time	Village	Service
First Sunday	3 February 2019	Candlemas
9.30am	Temple Guiting	HC
9.30am	Naunton	HC BCP
11.00am	Guiting Power	Family Service
6.00pm	Upper Slaughter	Benefice Candlemas Choral Evensong
Second Sunday	10 February 2019	4th Sunday before Lent
8.30am	Naunton	HC BCP (Said)
9.30am	Lower Slaughter	HC
9.30am	Farmcote with Cutsdean	HC (Said)
11.00am	Temple Guiting	Eleven4All
11.00am	Upper Slaughter	Matins BCP
6.00pm	Guiting Power	Benefice Evensong
Third Sunday	17 February 2019	3rd Sunday before Lent
8.30am	Upper Slaughter	HC BCP (Said)
9.30am	Cutsdean with Temple Guiting	HC (Said)
11.00am	Lower Slaughter	HC
11.00am	Naunton	Matins BCP
6.00pm	Guiting Power	Songs of Praise
Fourth Sunday	24 February 2019	2nd Sunday before Lent
8.30am	Guiting Power	HC (Said)
9.30am	Cutsdean with Farmcote	HC (Said)
11.00am	Lower Slaughter	Family Worship
11.00am	Temple Guiting	Choral HC

* * * *A date for your diary!* * * *

Saturday 27th April 2019

***BARN DANCE** with Hetty Pegler's Tump at Naunton Village Hall.*

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Temple Guiting

After the wonderful summer we have had we now seem to be having a very beautiful autumn - the trees and hedgerows are just magnificent. We had a lovely Harvest Festival service with the Church looking delightful thanks to Avril and Sue's efforts and the gifts the children had brought and this was followed by a delicious Harvest Supper thanks to Kate and her team. A contribution was made to the charity "There but Not There". Both occasions were very well attended and enjoyable.

Our annual Village Quiz as usual was a very great success and made a very useful contribution to Church funds. It was great fun for everyone so "thank you" to Avril, Robert, Peter, Rob and all the other people who put in so much work.

Now it's all downhill to Christmas! Our lovely Candlelit Carol Service is on the 16th December and, although it seems a bit early, happy Christmas everyone!

Audrey Mather

Naunton

By the time you will be reading this Naunton will have experienced its usual Bonfire celebration, there will have been the Remembrance Sunday service and placing of wreaths on the village war memorials (made special this year because of the recognition of the end of The Great War 100 years ago), Dr Paul Roberts will have given another of his wonderful talks about Pompeii and there will also have been a Christmas Market. I should also like to give a mention to the annual charity coffee morning which was hosted by St Andrew's in the Village Hall and which raised a splendid £626 for Kate's Home Nursing and Macmillan Cancer Support.

While the rural cinema, Mustard Seeds and the weekly coffee mornings are continuing as normal, St Andrew's is now preparing for Christmas with the annual Carol Service on the evening of Sunday, 16th December, a Benefice Crib and Christingle service at 3.30pm on Friday, 21st December, and Midnight Communion late on Christmas Eve.

With very best wishes for the festive season and for 2019.

Diana Woolley

Upper Slaughter

At this very special time of year, as Advent then Christmas approaches, we wish everyone a very happy Christmas. After our Carol Service please do stay and enjoy a glass of mulled wine and mince pies. And as we all look forward to a healthy and happy New Year, remember - Today is someone's memory for tomorrow. Make it a good one.

Liz Gibson

Cutsdean

We start this bulletin from St. James' with the utmost gratitude to Janet Wright for her very kind and thoughtful donation of a vacuum cleaner – a much needed replacement for the one that Sally gave us many years ago. It was received with great joy by the flower and cleaning team, and also the warden who had been promising to do something about it for a couple of years. Thank you Janet!

During August and September we had some of our stained glass repaired following the recent Quinquennial Review. Thankfully the experienced restorers were a bit more realistic than the Diocesan architect, and it was only the central panel of the east window, and two smaller plain windows that needed attention. The cost was almost one third of that which the review predicted.

Our Harvest Festival a week later than normal was enjoyed by all those who were able to come, and the Church looked its usual best with plenty of floral and edible produce on display. Many thanks to Ros, Christine and Daisy for making it look so good.

By the time you read this, Christmas will be looming large on the horizon, and we look forward to our Carol Service on Saturday 22nd at 4.00pm, and our Christmas Day Holy Communion at 9.00am.

So from all of us in Cutsdean, may we wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful 2019.

Mark Evans

Temple Guiting Church of England School



We are thrilled with our ***new playground equipment*** that was installed in September for our youngest children. It has been fully funded by our PTA and the children have really enjoyed using it already.

One of our teaching staff spent 5 days training to lead ***Forest School*** lessons during the Spring Term, she was very enthusiastic on her return and introduced Forest School into our Key Stage 1 classes. It was so successful that we have rolled Forest School out to all our classes and this has involved weekly sessions for the whole school. Forest School involves learning through experience in the outdoors. We go on to our Forest School area in all weathers and we have a large supply of wellington boots ready for muddy and wet days. So far the children have learned whittling, den building, map making and leaf printing to name but a few skills. This is an exciting addition to our school curriculum which will develop over the coming months.

As a school, we felt ***World War 1 Commemoration*** was such an important topic that we have all been learning about the Great War. We were privileged to host the two “There but Not There” statues in our school for a week along with the four Perspex statues that we placed around the school. Our older pupils participated in the commemoration evening at Guiting Power by performing a short play set in World War 1. All of the pupils have been learning about different aspects of the war and the debt we owe to the soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.



Ann Barry, Headteacher

Community News ...

E-Prayers

We are setting up a confidential email system amongst those willing to pray for people in need in our Community. If you would like prayer for yourself or anyone else email Jean Bird (jaybeepip@aol.com) with a brief indication of who or what you would like to be prayed for. Feedback about any outcomes would be much welcomed. There are also prayer request books/boards in each of our churches. If you would like to be one of those who pray, please email Jean (address above).

Remembrance 2018

Congratulations and “thank you” to all who contributed to making this weekend in November such a poignant and moving occasion. Our churches were beautifully decorated and were full on Remembrance Sunday as we gathered to remember, give thanks and pray for our world.

Well done to the Upper Windrush Local History Society for a wonderful exhibition and Tribute Evening, both events were very well supported.

CHURCH – SCHOOL – COMMUNITY

Transforming the West End of St Mary's UPDATE!

We're planning to reconfigure the West End of our Church building to make it suitable for wider use by our local community and school. Creating a more flexible space will allow us to expand beyond our current regular coffee mornings, to offer an area for a wider range of social events, local meetings, concerts, displays, exhibitions and community lunches.

Importantly, it will allow even greater use to be made of the church building by TG School as an extra teaching and activities space. It was a great treat to see the exhibition of artwork from the school on display in St Mary's in May and the newly re-ordered space would be a real asset in enabling similar events.

Over the last few months we have been successful in applying for a number of grants and we now have £20,200. As the total cost of the works is in the region of £40,000 we are halfway towards our goal which is a great effort.

If you would like more information or to talk about these plans, have ideas to share or want to offer support then please contact Rev. Katrina Scott

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