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with Eyford and Naunton*

October-November 2023

Men's Cycle Tour of Britain in Guiting Power (thanks to Simon Wallis for photos)



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DEAR FRIENDS

We hope that you have all had a wonderful summer and are feeling ready for Autumn.

Autumn brings with it many things, among them our Harvest Thanksgiving services. You can find details of these in the service schedule later in the magazine - we look forward to welcoming you to our thanksgiving services, as well as any other service.

We will also be starting up our warm spaces, as we did last year, providing places for people to meet and keep warm. We hope to have a number of places where people can meet for warmth and company.

Recently a small group has been considering how we might support the Prison Ministry of Nick Scott, at HMP Long Lartin and Sue Pestell at HMP Leyhill.

If you would like to pray for ministry in prisons, we have put together a prayer list which you can obtain from Sue or Katrina. Also contact Sue or Katrina if you are interested in being a prison visitor, a pen pal or a Sunday Friend (coming along to the prison chapel for Sunday worship and supporting the Chaplaincy team). There is also an opportunity to resource projects at the prison, either financially or with gifts or goods.

We will be launching this ministry in Prisons Week, (8th -14 October) with a special service on Sunday 1st October at 6pm in Temple Guiting Church.

We hope you will enjoy the rest of the news in this magazine. There's a lot going on around the parishes.

With love and prayers

Katrina and Sue

Sue's working days in the Benefice are Wednesdays and Sundays.

Catherine is on maternity leave until Autumn 2023.

Morning Prayer in the Benefice - *If you'd like to join in that would be lovely.*

Mondays : 9.15am at Lower Slaughter

Tuesdays : 9.15am at Guiting Power

Wednesdays : 9.15am at Naunton

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

Fridays : 9.15am at Upper Slaughter.

NEWS FROM CATHERINE

Catherine will be returning from maternity leave on 1st November, and joining us again in the Benefice. One of the key things that Catherine still needs to do within her curacy is a placement in another context, and she is delighted to have the opportunity to have a placement in New Zealand, working with the team at the Cathedral in Auckland. She, and the family will be heading to NZ for this 5 week placement mid-November, and tagging some holiday on to the end of the trip too. Catherine will then be back in the Benefice from the end of January until at least next summer as she completes her curacy post with us.

We are delighted that on Catherine's first Sunday back with us in the Benefice, she will be baptizing Rosemary-Artemis in our Sunday service! All are welcome to join us for this celebration on 5th November at 11am in Upper Slaughter Church, with refreshments afterwards in the Village Hall.

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

Baptisms

"May God guide and protect them"

Theodore Jones at Lower Slaughter on 27th August 2023

Weddings

"May God bless them"

Charles Eden and Kimberley Brickell at Lower Slaughter on 11th August 2023

Rory Turnbull and Emma Hall at Lower Slaughter on 18th August 2023

Iona Anderson and Raj Borkhataria at Naunton on 26th August 2023

Funerals

"May God grant them light and peace"

Burial of Ashes for Julia Williamson at Temple Guiting on 24th August 2023

Burial of Ashes for Shirley Bird at Naunton on 16th September 2023

WIDER CHURCH NEWS

North Cotswold Foodbank - *Here for the people of the North Cotswolds*

Harvest is a very special season, as we mark in each of our churches the work of those around us, especially on the land, and celebrate God's faithfulness in creation. Each church celebrates Harvest with songs, readings and in gathering together. We also decorate the churches with signs of the Harvest from our fields and gardens, and pause to remember the great diversity of the natural world. As we give thanks, we will also pray for those in greater need, and as a part of this we will be inviting you to bring along donations for the North Cotswold Foodbank. If you would like to see a list of items that the foodbank is currently hoping for, then go to:

www.northcotswold.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food

If you or someone you know are concerned about putting food on the table, **please don't go hungry or worry in silence** - contact Katrina, Sue or the North Cotswold Foodbank directly - specialist advice is available for getting support and food parcels if needed. As well as food items, the foodbank also welcomes cash donations (for fresh meat and local produce) which can be made online using the donate button.

ZOOM ACTIVITIES AND LINK

We continue to offer worship and Bible Study on Zoom for all who would like to join us. The Sunday services are changing slightly this season, with a 9am Morning Prayer on the first Sunday of each month, and a 6pm service of Compline on the third Sunday. Check out the service schedule for all the details.

For all Zoom events please follow link below:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7979867589?pwd=h6UaQN2Vhldx79AlafPNV50YxJVtZA>

Meeting ID: 797 986 7589

Password: 815669

To join by telephone please call 0203 481 5237 and enter Meeting ID and password.

BIBLE STUDY

Our Zoom Bible Study evenings will take place on:

Wednesday 4th October at 7pm

Wednesday 8th October at 7pm

Wednesday 6th December at 7pm

SERVICES IN OCTOBER

Sunday 1st October

- 9.00am Zoom
- 10.00am Holy Communion at Guiting Power
- 11.00am Harvest Festival at Upper Slaughter
- 6.00pm Evening Service at Temple Guiting marking Prisons Week

Saturday 7th October

- 6.00pm Harvest Festival at Temple Guiting

Sunday 8th October

- 9.30am Harvest Festival at Farmcote
- 11.00am Holy Communion at Lower Slaughter
- 11.00am Harvest Festival at Naunton

Sunday 15th October

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Cutsdean
- 11.00am Holy Communion at Upper Slaughter
- 3.30pm Wild Worship at Temple Guiting Village Field
- 6pm Zoom Compline

Sunday 22nd October

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Naunton
- 10.00am Family Holy Communion at Temple Guiting
- 11.00am Harvest Festival at Lower Slaughter
- 6.00pm Evening Service at Guiting Power

Sunday 29th October

- 10.00am Holy Communion and Baptism at Temple Guiting
- 4.00pm Service Remembering Loves Ones at Upper Slaughter

**** Our apologies if services have to be cancelled or altered at short notice. ****

SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

Sunday 5th November

9.00am Zoom Morning Prayer

11.00am Benefice Celebration at Upper Slaughter for Rosemary-Artemis Cowie's Baptism

Saturday 11th November

10.50am Act of Remembrance at Guiting Power War Memorial

Sunday 12th November – Remembrance Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion at Farmcote

10.45am Remembrance Service at Upper Slaughter

10.45am Remembrance Service at Naunton

10.45am Remembrance Service at Temple Guiting

Sunday 19th November

9.30am Holy Communion at Cutsdean

11.00am Holy Communion at Upper Slaughter

3.30pm Wild Worship at Temple Guiting Village Field

6pm Zoom Compline

Sunday 26th November

9.30am Holy Communion at Naunton

10.00am Family Holy Communion at Temple Guiting

11.00am Morning Praise at Lower Slaughter

6.00pm Evening Service at Guiting Power

Tuesday 28th November

4.30pm Calm, Candles and Contemplation at Temple Guiting



Calm, Candles and Contemplation returns this winter!

Refresh yourself in the darkness of winter with a time of stillness.

For anyone, from any faith tradition or none.

*As we get closer to the winter period,
we thought you might like to get some of our special services
into your diaries, so here is advance notice of some of our:*

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN DECEMBER

Sunday 3rd December – Advent Sunday

6.00pm Evening Service at Temple Guiting – Advent Carol Service

Saturday 16th December

4.00pm Carols at Cutsdean

6.00pm Carols at Upper Slaughter

Sunday 17th December

6.00pm Carols at Naunton

Tuesday 19th December

6.00pm Carols at Temple Guiting

Wednesday 20th December

6.00pm Carols at Lower Slaughter

Friday 22nd December

3.00pm Crib Service at Naunton

6.00pm Carols at Guiting Power

Sunday 24th December

7.00pm Farmcote Carols

11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion at Naunton

Monday 25th December

9.30am Holy Communion at Upper Slaughter

10.00am Family Holy Communion at Temple Guiting

11.00am Family Service at Guiting Power

AROUND THE BENEFICE

Do you enjoy singing?

'Village Voices' is a very informal group of singers from local villages who meet on alternate Mondays, mainly in St Mary's, Temple Guiting. So if you enjoy singing and would be interested in coming along, please do ring me - Ali Clifton Barnard 07583 415065.

Forbidden Music Night at Temple Guiting

On Friday 13th October at 7pm, there will be a staged reading of a play exploring the story of a young man searching for a body of music forbidden by the Nazis. This will be followed by a Q and A session with Michael Haas (author of the book the play is based on). Tickets are £10, to include a glass of wine, and available from Ali on 07583 415065.

Refreshments and Sale in Lower Slaughter

Come along to Lower Slaughter Village Hall on Saturday 21st October from 10.30am-2.30pm, for a table top sale and some lovely refreshments.

Temple Guiting Quiz Night

This annual quiz is taking place on 11th November this year. More details to follow.

Talk at Temple Guiting Church

On Wednesday 29th November, we welcome Ian Cave to speak with us, at 7.15pm. Ian is a nurse who has recently spent time as a human rights monitor in the West Bank. Read some of his story at:

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2023/14-july/features/interviews/interview-ian-cave-nurse>

Come along on the 29th November to find out more!

NEWS FROM THE PEWS AND VILLAGE EVENTS

TEMPLE GUITING

As I sit here with my windows wide enjoying the Indian Summer, I can hear our church clock striking every hour. The date on the clock is 1870 but it keeps perfect time – indeed it coincides with the “pips” on the radio. This doesn’t happen by chance; Andrew Jones has looked after the clock since 2005 and took on the task from the late Geof Wyatt and he from the late Bill Jones (Andrew’s Grandfather). The few times it has needed repair, Andrew has seen to it. Every time the clocks go forward or back, Andrew is on to it before we wake up. Thank you Andrew!

We had a wonderful evening for our annual Safari Supper. After a wet afternoon, it turned into a very pleasant evening, and we travelled from the Rectory to Temple Guiting House and onto Wells Head where we finished with a marvellous selection of desserts. Many thanks to our hosts for the evening and to the team of helpers who provided the food. We are grateful for the effort that others put in on our behalf which keeps the village community alive.

The next event which we look forward to is the staged reading of the play “Forbidden Music” in St Mary’s on Friday 13th October at 7.00pm. The play, by Lou Beckett (Kineton) is based on the book by Michael Haas (Temple Guiting) and centres around a young man who wanted to find and restore the music forbidden by the Nazis. Tickets £10 to include a glass of wine. Contact Ali on 07583 415065.

Val Littlewood

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NAUNTON

As the season moves from Summer towards Autumn, Naunton continues to entrance residents and visitors alike. The recent and brief return of the warm sunshine has lifted spirits and re-energised us all. Gardens are still glorious, transitioning towards the later bloomers; surely a reminder that the cycle of life will continue.

In our Church life, we have enjoyed regular worship in its various forms. One remarkable service was the outdoor one in August, held in St Andrews’ Churchyard. Led by Rev’d Sue Pestell, this celebrated the various relationships within our families and communities, including those with our animal friends. Attendance was good,

which added to the 'buzz' of the morning and included several multigenerational families, many dogs and a pony. (Trooper the sheep who had been such a star at the recent Coronation celebrations was however conspicuous by his absence!). We sang heartily, took part in activities and strengthened friendships as we worshipped together.

Regular weekly and monthly activities continued over the Summer and we are thankful for those who run them.



And who doesn't love a village wedding? We had one of those too, on August 26th, when this writer's daughter Iona and Raj Borkhataria were joined in Holy Matrimony. It turns out there's a lot of truth in the phrase 'it takes a Village...': So many folks helped to prepare and decorate St Andrews Church with locally foraged foliage and flowers, weeded and strimmed the Churchyard, so that on the Big Day everything was looking its glorious best. The St Andrews Cross was hoisted on the flagpole to represent the bride's Scottish heritage, and the Groom's family and supporters were resplendent in the brightly coloured garments of their Indian heritage. The Church bells rang out through the village in joyful celebration. We are thankful to live in such a vibrant and supportive community!

School is back in session, and it's a joy to watch the growing youngsters in our midst as they journey to school each day, and journey through life. We are indeed blessed with excellent schools and dedicated teachers. At Temple Guiting School, where many of our younger villagers are educated, there will be a special event in October, wherein an external provider will run a series of sessions to teach the young people some modern song and dance routines with Christian themes. All are invited to the culmination of this in St Mary's Church on Thursday 26th October at either 2pm or

6pm (two 'concerts'). It promises to be a fun and exciting week for our Church School community!

As we move towards the next festival in our Church calendar, I am reminded of the promise of God's faithfulness to us, articulated in a popular hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness";

"Summer and Winter, and Springtime and Harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above.
Join with all nature in manifold witness,
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love."

And with that spinning around in your head, I shall sign off!

Maira Anderson

Check out Naunton Village Hall's updated website:

www.nauntonvillagehall.co.uk

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GUITING POWER

Summer (such as it was!) went out on a high and has now turned to Autumn, which but for the thought of Winter to follow, is one of my favourite times of year. How beautiful our countryside can look on a bright sunny day with so many glorious colours to enjoy in the trees and hedgerows.

Anne Miles has asked me to extend her thanks and appreciation for the many good wishes which she received for her 90th Birthday in August, and for the kind donations for the church in lieu of presents. I would like to return the thanks to Anne and her family for the splendid new sound system that we now have for playing hymns at our services, really the next best thing to hearing the organ itself! It is much appreciated, Thank You.

During the heatwave of September we enjoyed the spectacle of the Men's Cycle Tour of Britain pass through the village as it travelled from Tewkesbury to Gloucester on its penultimate stage. There was a large crowd of spectators in The Square and a great atmosphere to greet the riders.

The same weekend we enjoyed the History Society Exhibition in the Village Hall, and many thanks are due to Peter Weale and team for organising such an excellent and interesting display.

Autumn brings with it Remembrance-tide, and our usual Ceremony of Remembrance will be held at the War Memorial on the green in The Square on Saturday 11th November, beginning at 10.50am. Do please join us if you are able.

Simon Wallis

LOWER SLAUGHTER

Autumn is one of my favourite seasons with all its splendid colours on the trees and in the hedgerows. A chill is now in the air and the nights are drawing in – a time to re-engage with our indoor hobbies and enjoy some relaxing “me” time. Our farmers have been working round the clock to ensure all crops are safely gathered in and a new academic year has begun.

Here in Lower Slaughter our Bank Holiday Village Fete was a wonderful success and our church gratefully benefitted from it. Our thanks to all those who organised the day and to all those who came along.

Our Harvest weekend is on 21-22 October. On the 21st we will be holding a Coffee Morning with items for sale in the Village Hall from 10.30am to approx. 2.30pm. Do pop in if you are able and enjoy some lovely refreshments and grab a bargain or two! Our church will be decorated in readiness for our Harvest service at 11.00am on Sunday 22 and once again we will collect non-perishable items for our local Foodbank which, due to the economic climate, is seeing a huge increase in demand. Afterwards at 12.30pm, there will be a Bring and Share lunch in the Village Hall (please bring your own drinks). Everyone most welcome.

Then the season of remembrance will be upon us in November, a time to remember loved ones we have lost and those who have fought in conflicts past and present.

Looking forward to catching up with you all very soon.

Marion Marshall

TEMPLE GUITING CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

We have had the most exciting start to the new school year – our new building is now open! We had the most amazing team of contractors from Nesbitt Restoration who worked tirelessly through the summer holidays to make sure we were in for the start of term. We got the keys on the Friday afternoon, we moved 2 classrooms out of the village hall on the Saturday morning. We prepared classrooms on the Monday and children started on the Tuesday morning. We are so glad to be in our amazing building earlier than expected and just under budget – it is an absolute miracle!



We are so grateful to all of the wonderful, generous people who have contributed to our project and made this miracle possible. You will be a blessing to many generations of children to come – thank you.

Chickens at TG School Earlier in the summer term we hatched eggs and we were so excited to have so many lovely chicks in our classroom. They have now grown a great deal, the cockerels have been donated to other homes but we still have 3 hens. They have a lovely smart new enclosure and provide us with fresh eggs daily. Some of our older pupils are helping to take care of them by feeding, checking water levels, clearing the enclosure and collecting eggs. We believe this is an important lesson in taking care of animals and keeping them healthy.

New pupils We now have 92 pupils at our school. We are very happy to welcome 15 new Reception pupils and a few new children have joined our lovely school. We are already filling our new spaces in our building.

Open mornings for prospective pupils These will take place on Monday 23rd October 9.30–11.00am and Thursday 9th November 9.30-11.00am. If you know anyone with a little one who starts school in September 2024 please do encourage them to give us a call or pop in on those dates. Tel 01451 850304 or admin@templeguitingschool.gloucs.sch.uk

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