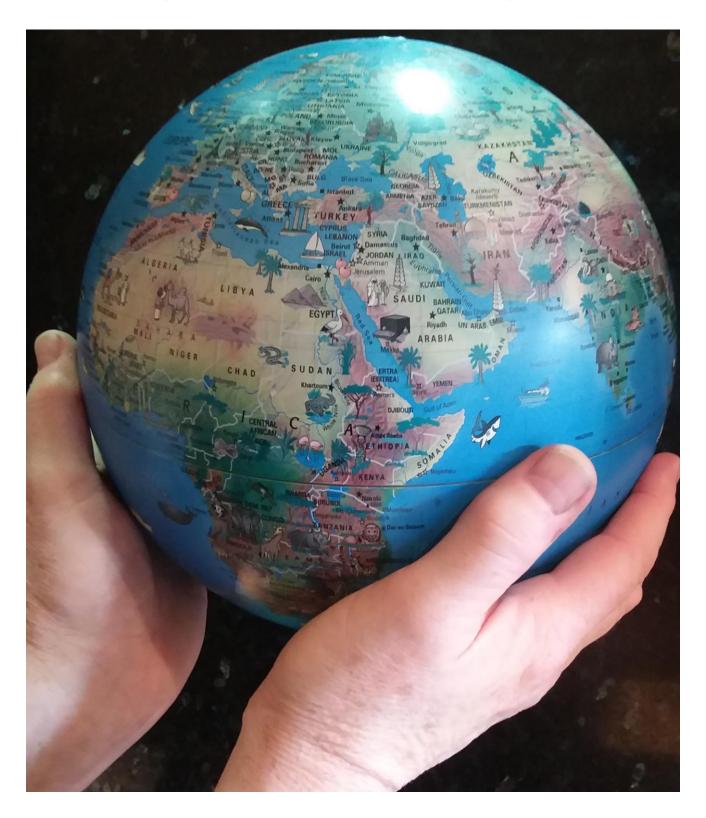
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DEAR READERS ...

Welcome to our first magazine of this New Year and new decade! We hope you enjoy reading it.

DEAR FRIENDS ...

You may notice there is quite an environmental theme running through some of this magazine. It has been a winter that has brought to a point of focus the state of the climate emergency facing the world. The bushfires in Australia, the storms and flooding across this country, the climate strikes and the leadership of many young people like Greta Thunberg, alongside the wisdom of David Attenborough, all mean that the climate has been more in the news and on people's hearts than perhaps ever before. There is a renewed sense, I feel, of our shared responsibility and the need for the action of all in response.

This all fits with my understanding of my relationship as a Christian with God's creation. I believe that we are made to be people who care for and take action to protect God's world — looking after the creatures and plants of the natural world and also fighting to protect the most vulnerable communities amongst us.

We are so fortunate to live, visit and work in this beautiful part of the world, and what a privilege it is too, to be a part of looking after it.

Look out through the magazine for more news of what our Churches are doing, and things you can join in with.

With love and prayers,

Katrina and Sue

DAVID QUIN

It has been a joy to welcome back Rev'd David Quin to ministry among us this new year, following his cancer treatment in 2019. It's great to have you back and looking so well David!

PRAYER LINES ...



We have set up a prayer network — a group of people who are willing to receive any requests for prayer and to pray for anyone in need. It is set up as a simple email group (co-ordinated by Jean Bird) and an email is sent to all the 'pray-ers' asking them to remember a particular person when there is a need. If you would like to be remembered in prayer, please contact Jean at jaybeepip@aol.com

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

BAPTISMS

"May God guide and protect them"

Benjamin LAWLESS at Naunton on 24 November 2019
Archie WILLIS at Lower Slaughter on 1 December 2019
Freddie POOLE at Lower Slaughter on 8 December 2019
Alfie POWER and Ryan EBDY at Guiting Power on 25 January 2020
India-Rose WEBB at Lower Slaughter on 16 February 2020

WEDDINGS

"May God bless them"

Benjamin COOMBS and Kayleigh ELSE at Lower Slaughter on 14 December 2019
James WILLIS and Hannah LANE at Lower Slaughter on 20 December 2019
Christopher DIXON and Sophie BUTLER at Lower Slaughter on 30 December 2019
Jamie ELSWORTH and Charlotte REDMAN at Lower Slaughter on 1 February 2020

WEDDING BLESSINGS

Vassco and Michelle NANOV at Lower Slaughter on 17 January 2020

FUNERALS

"May God grant them light and peace"

Theresa and Bill SMITH, Burial of Ashes at Naunton on 25 November 2019 Elaine and Grace REASON, Funeral at St Peter's Church, Winchcombe on 10 December 2019 and Burial at Farmcote

Jackie ULLMER, Cremation at Evesham and Service of Thanksgiving at Lower Slaughter on 18 December 2019

Eileen STRANGE, Funeral and Burial at Temple Guiting on 21 January 2020
Philip BEAVER, Cremation at Evesham and Service of Thanksgiving at Temple
Guiting on 17 February 2020

Ken BARBER, Funeral at Lower Slaughter and Cremation at Cheltenham on 18 February 2020

Lillian GARDNER, Funeral and Burial at Temple Guiting on 19 February 2020

NEWS FROM THE WIDER CHURCH ...

I was delighted recently to be a part of a decision in the Diocese of Gloucester to assert the importance of our care of the environment. In a large gathering, we agreed a motion that:

- recognises we are facing a climate and ecological emergency which is a crisis for the whole of God's creation and;
- calls on all parts of the Diocese of Gloucester to work towards an 80 per cent reduction in emissions of CO2 and other greenhouse gases no later than 2030 based on 2006 data (replacing the current target of an 80% reduction by 2050), and to take other measures in order to be carbon neutral, also by 2030.

This commitment includes bringing forward previous goals of reducing emissions by 20 years!

These are not easy goals to achieve – especially when you consider that all of our buildings are very old and are listed buildings protected by quite strict planning conditions. But I do feel these are hugely important goals to be working towards. The Bible teaches us that it is a part of our Christian living to be stewards of God's creation, looking after it, and caring for the most vulnerable people within it.

Our Churchwarden team, here in this Benefice, have also echoed this commitment, by agreeing to having our own Environmental Policies which help us to ask the right questions and to make good decisions for God's creation. These will be discussed at each of our Annual Parochial Church Meetings. We want to live as individuals and church communities doing our best for our wider world.

LENT

This Lent, our focus in our Churches is going to be reflecting on what more we can each do to make a difference for the environment. We will be challenging one another to recycle more, to reduce our carbon usage, to limit our waste and to help those who are most vulnerable to climate change. Perhaps you might like to join us?

Lent Lunches

Through the period of Lent, we are hosting community lunches at Upper Slaughter Village Hall each Thursday at 12.30pm (starting on 27th February and running through 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th March and 2nd April). All are welcome for soup, bread and fruit.

No charge, but donations are welcome – any donations beyond costs will be donated to the North Cotswold Foodbank.

Lent Evenings

On Wednesdays 11th, 18th and 25th March, at 7pm, we will be holding Lent Talks at Naunton Village Hall. Each talk will be focussed around the Environment and how we interact with it. All welcome – to each week, or whichever you can make.

Recycling during Lent

As a part of our Lenten observance this year, we are joining with the Terracycle Scheme. This enables some of the plastics to be recycled that currently aren't collected from our homes. You can bring along to the Lent talks and Lent lunches any:

- crisp and snack packets, including Pringles tubes
- toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes and associated packaging

These will then be passed on to be recycled.

CONFIRMATIONS

Are you interested in finding out more about the Christian faith, in being part of a group discussing together what it is all about, and maybe in coming to be Confirmed?

We will be running groups for adults and younger people in the coming weeks and would love you to join us.

To find out more, contact Katrina.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS

Each year, each of our parish churches hosts its Annual Meeting, at which we review the past year and look forward together. It would be great if you wanted to join us. Come along to listen, ask questions and make suggestions for the future. The dates are:

Wednesday 22nd April at 7.30pm – Guiting Power with Farmcote at St. Michael and All Angel's Church

Thursday 23rd April at 7pm – Temple Guiting with Cutsdean at St. Mary's Church, with soup and refreshments

Sunday 26th April at 12.15 – Lower Slaughter, at St. Mary's Church following our 11am Family Worship

Monday 27th April at 6pm – Upper Slaughter, in the Village Hall

Tuesday 28th April at 7pm – Naunton, in St. Andrew's Church, with a glass of sherry.

Katrina Scott

WHAT'S ON IN THE BENEFICE ...

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FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ...

Open Gardens Sunday 21st June

in aid of St Peters Upper Slaughter

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Homemade Teas.

7 June - Guiting Power Open Gardens

14 June - Spirit of Naunton, 11am

20 June - Guiting Power Fete, 12-4pm

27 June - Temple Guiting Fete

27&28 June – Ordinations, Gloucester Cathedral

4 July - Upper Slaughter Fete

31 August - Lower Slaughter Fete



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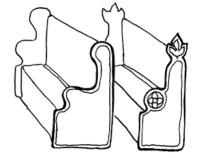
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NEWS FROM THE PEWS ...

Lower Slaughter

As you read this Spring will be in the air with our gardens and verges coming back to life with Spring flowers and new-born lambs skipping in the fields - the marvel of



Mother Nature. The clocks go forward with longer and hopefully warmer days.

Since our last magazine we have celebrated our most important Christian festival – Christmas. Our Carol Services and Christmas Day Communion were all well attended by villagers and visitors. We enjoyed singing the carols and hearing the wonderful Christmas story "The birth of Jesus".

Now we have moved on to the season of Lent, a time for exploring and strengthening our faith in the lead up to Easter. We enjoy meeting up with our Church Benefice family to explore and hear the Lent talks and joining together for the Lent Lunches.

With the onset of Spring and Summer the wedding season begins and we remember in our prayers our wedding couples as they prepare for their new chapter of life.

All at St Mary's wish everyone a very peaceful and joyous Easter – hope you all enjoy your Easter Eggs!

Marion Marshall

Temple Guiting

How good to see the snowdrops and aconites in bloom and know that Spring won't be too long coming.

Christmas was lovely with good numbers at all the services, especially the Candlelit Carol Service.

The renovations to the West End of the Church are now complete and were celebrated with a cheese and wine evening on 6th December. There will be various events in future where the area will be useful. Don't forget coffee mornings on the second and fourth Saturday in each month.

We can now look forward to Easter and the services are in the schedule.

Audrey Mather

St Michael and All Angels, Guiting Power

The Benefice "Lay Team" have continued to lead services in the Benefice. David, Ann and myself have now been joined by Ken Pascoe from Upper Slaughter.

There will be a "Lay" training course in the Deanery this year. Please step forward if you feel that you can contribute. I can assure you that it is not as daunting as it sounds, and very spiritually rewarding.

Work will commence in late March on the long awaited toilet and storage facility in the Churchyard. St Michael's has waited almost 800 years for a toilet with facilities. This facility will be open to walkers on the "Wardens Way" a footpath that passes the Church, to families using the playground facilities and visitors to the village, and especially to our Congregation.

We look forward to another spiritually lifting Easter Day "Daybreak Service" in The Churchyard at Guiting Power. We meet at 6am, just as the sun breaks the outline of Grange Hill, followed by Holy Communion. The service always attracts about 40 people from across the Benefice. We look forward to you joining us on Sunday 12th April for worship and breakfast afterwards.

We look forward to Jean, our Reader, returning to her home at Latimer Court in the near future. We miss her greatly. A big thank you to Ann for looking after "Barney" Jean's beloved Yorkshire Terrier.

I will be collecting "bric-a-brac" to sell on behalf of St Michaels. Last year we raised approx. £700 to aid our ailing finances. So please donate your unwanted goods and think of St Michael's when you declutter this Spring. E-mail mde.glos@gmail.com or call me on 07786 483114 and I will collect.

Mike Edwards, Churchwarden

Cutsdean

The activities at St. James centred around the Christmas services. Our Carol Service was on the last Saturday before Christmas and the beautifully decorated Church was host to a congregation of over 60, all in fine voice to accompany Peter's masterful playing. The bible readings were provided by three pairs of siblings from the Clarke, Langsbury and Puddy families, a poem, BC:AD, by U.A. Fanthorpe, read by Lottie with eighth reading from St. John's Gospel taken by Katrina, who led the service with Sue. Thank you to all who helped to make this a most enjoyable occasion and to Jeanette and Ted who kindly provided us with seasonal refreshments at their home after the service.

On Christmas Day some 33 souls gathered for an early morning service of Holy Communion led by Pauline Godfrey, who provided some computer wizardry to go with the Carols, and Sue.

We now look forward to a warm dry spring...please!

Mark Evans





Benefice Services – MARCH 2020

Time	Village	Service
First Sunday	1 March 2020	1st Sunday of Lent
9.30am	Temple Guiting	НС
9.30am	Naunton	HC BCP
11.00am	Guiting Power	Family Service
11.00am	Upper Slaughter with Lower Slaughter	НС ВСР
Second Sunday	8 March 2020	2 nd Sunday of Lent
8.30am	Naunton	HC BCP (Said)
9.30am	Lower Slaughter	НС
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	15 March 2020	3 rd Sunday of Lent
8.30am	Upper Slaughter	HC BCP (Said)
9.30am	Cutsdean with	HC (Said)
9.30am	Temple Guiting	Tie (Said)
11.00am	Lower Slaughter	HC and Wedding Planning Day
11.00am	Naunton	Matins BCP
6.00pm	Guiting Power	Songs of Praise
Fourth Sunday	22 March 2020	Mothering Sunday
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
Fifth Sunday	29 March 2020	Passion Sunday
11.00am	Lower Slaughter	Benefice HC

Occasionally it is necessary to alter services at very short notice.

Please accept our most sincere apologies for any inconvenience should this occur.

Benefice Services – APRIL 2020

Time	Village	Service	
First Sunday	5 April 2020	Palm Sunday	
9.30am	Naunton	Benefice HC BCP	
11.00am	Upper Slaughter	Benefice Palm Service	
Week commencing	Monday 6 April 2020	HOLY WEEK	
Monday 6	9.15am Morning Prayer at Lowe r	r Slaughter	
Tuesday 7	0.15am Morning Prayer at Farm	cote	
Wednesday 8	9.15am Morning Prayer at Cutsd	ean	
Maundy Thursday 9	5.30pm Passover Supper and V	igil at Temple Guiting	
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	2.00-3.00pm Meditative Service at the Foot of the Cross at Guiting Power		
	7.00pm Evening Service for Go	od Friday at Upper Slaughter	
Second Sunday	12 April 2020	Easter Sunday	
6.00am	Guiting Power	Sunrise HC	
9.30am	Naunton	НС ВСР	
10.00am	Temple Guiting with Farmcote and Cutsdean	Family HC	
11.00am	Lower Slaughter with Upper Slaughter	нс	
Third Sunday	19 April 2020	2 nd Sunday of Easter	
8.30am	Upper Slaughter	HC BCP (Said)	
9.30am	Cutsdean with Temple Guiting	HC (Said)	
11.00am	Lower Slaughter	НС	
11.00am	Naunton	Matins BCP	
6.00pm	Guiting Power	Songs of Praise	
Fourth Sunday	26 April 2020	3 rd Sunday of Easter	
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	

Benefice Services – MAY 2020

Time	Village	Service
First Sunday	3 May 2020	4 th Sunday of Easter
9.30am	Temple Guiting	НС
9.30am	Naunton	HC BCP
11.00am	Guiting Power	Family Service
11.00am	Upper Slaughter with	НС ВСР
11.00a111	Lower Slaughter	пс вст
Second Sunday	10 May 2020	5 th Sunday of Easter / VE Day 75 th Anniversary
8.30am	Naunton	HC BCP (Said)
9.30am	Lower Slaughter	НС
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 May 2020	6 th Sunday of Easter / Rogation
9.30am	Naunton	Benefice HC BCP (Said)
1.30pm	Lower Slaughter	Prayers before Walk
1.30pm	Farmcote	Prayers before Walk
6.00pm	Guiting Power	Barn Service
Fourth Sunday	24 May 2020	7 th Sunday of Easter
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
Fifth Sunday	31 May 2020	Pentecost
9.30am	Guiting Power	Benefice HC
Afternoon	Temple Guiting	Family Celebration

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St Andrew's, Naunton

We had a wonderful Christmas carol service kindly organized by Barbara Steiner. We have also marked Epiphany, with Zosha Anderson reading *The Journey of the Magi* by T.S. Eliot on the Second Sunday after the Epiphany.

You may, like me, have enjoyed hearing the bells anew before a Sunday service, after a long silence. The bell-ringers at St Andrew's have recently received a new lease of life, with four new members joining the team last year and ringing for the first time at the carol service. New members are always welcome and training will be given to anyone who would like to have a go. Practices take place on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7 p.m., and the bells are now ringing out again before the service on the first Sunday of each month as well as at major festivals and weddings. Richard Tilbrook, the Tower Captain, would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to learn (tel 07717 720589).

On Good Friday, we will have a children's crafts session with hot-cross buns and coffee at 11 a.m., followed by a short service. And on Easter Day, we have a Communion service at 9.30 a.m., in the words of the hymn, "Our triumphant holy day". I hope you will come and sing it with us.

David Renney, Churchwarden

Upper Slaughter

As we are now into Lent do join us at Upper Slaughter village hall for soup lunch and a chat - it is every Thursday starting at 12.30pm. We would love to see you.

If you enjoy a good walk look out for the Rogation walk on Sunday 17th May. On Thursday 21st May we will celebrate Ascension with Praise Puddings and Prosecco at Upper Slaughter ... Just a few things you might like to do.

Liz Gibson

Farmcote

We were all deeply shocked when Elaine Reason and daughter Grace were tragically killed in their car on Stanway Hill by a falling tree. Grace and brother Philip had shared a reading for some years at our Christmas Eve Carol Service. Our thoughts and prayers have been with Tim and Philip ever since the appalling accident.

The Carol Service was attended by some 75 people who enjoyed Christmas refreshments afterwards at the Manor.

Peter Loveday

Temple Guiting School

Babushka

Just before Christmas our youngest pupils took part in a production of Babushka. It was both heart-warming and funny. The children really enjoyed their time on the stage, even after all the rehearsals. It was a wonderful start to the Christmas season.





Forest School

As part of Forest School in Key stage 2 we have been doing the "Great Forest School Bake off". We have been learning outdoor cooking skills, food hygiene and safety skills, knife and preparation skills alongside a foraging lesson. So far we have made loaded nachos and our own version of Smores. Food always tastes better outside especially when you have cooked it yourself and we have even managed to persuade some pupils that soured cream is a good thing to eat!!

Spiritual Garden

We have a small but brilliant site and we are about to develop one of our neglected areas. It has been our Science/Wild area but has recently needed an upgrade following the development of our trim trail area. We have decided to split the site into a Science area with our pond, wild flower and bug hotel. Next to that we will develop our Spiritual garden that will be a space we can use for more reflective times, awe and wonder times and outdoor quieter play. We will start work soon and hope to finish it in time for use in the Summer term.

Team kit

Our sports kit had seen better days after many years of use and so we tasked our School Council with sourcing us a new team kit. They wrote to some local firms to enquire about sponsorship for our new kit. We were amazed at the kind response. We now have a very smart winter and summer kit along with lovely new leotards and shorts. We look very smart at competitions now.







COMMUNITY NEWS ...

As some will already know, St. Andrew's, Naunton has organised a monthly cinema since October 2012, built on the CDC's 'Rural Cinema' scheme. The nearest commercial cinema is Cheltenham, a 1-hour round trip, so our village cinema provides a wonderful opportunity for villagers to see films that many of them simply wouldn't otherwise see, in practice. We always have an interval and we also run a licensed bar (and sell ice-creams!),



so it is a very good social occasion as well. From around 200 residents, and with loyal support from some cinema-goers from surrounding villages, we have an average audience of around 40. As you can see from the photo, this sometimes includes a (very quiet) dog! The biggest audience to date (that was for 'The Lady in the Van'!) has been 97! The films have ranged from the rather serious such as '12 years a slave' and 'I, Daniel Blake' to the frothy such as 'Crazy Rich Asians' and 'Paddington', with an eclectic mix between.

The cinema is held inside the church itself. As far as we know, that's unique in the area - most rural cinemas are held in village halls. This provides the bonus of using the wonderful mediaeval building for an additional social activity - some of our audience have crossed the church threshold for the first time. It also raises some money for the church; being part of the CDC's scheme avoids our having to pay for equipment and also reduces the film royalty costs, as both of these are shared with other villages around Gloucestershire. The amount raised is modest, because the idea is fun in the church, rather than fund-raising, but every little helps.

Bob Steiner

Breakfast at Naunton Village Hall

Each month (every third Saturday) in Naunton there is an opportunity to enjoy a good breakfast with others.

Come and enjoy a good choice of breakfasts, meet others, read the newspapers, play board games and/or table tennis, or just snooze in the corner if that's your thing.

Care for Wildlife this Spring

Spring is a busy time for our wild birds and animals as they raise their young so they appreciate any food and clean water we provide. But can we all do a bit more and, as the RSPB says, "Give Nature a Home" this Spring? Maybe there's somewhere in our gardens to put up nest boxes, plant a native tree, shrub or flowers, or even a corner which could be left to grow wild? Maybe we choose **not** to use harmful weedkillers or slug pellets? Whatever we can do to provide safe and vital habitat and food for all wildlife visiting our gardens will surely be appreciated.

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.

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Hospitals

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Cirencester	01285 884584
Winchcombe	01242 602341
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Cotswold District	101
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Gas Emergency

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