

SEVENTY TIMES SEVEN

*The Benefice of the Guitings, Cutsdean, Farmcote, Upper and Lower Slaughter
with Eyford and Naunton*

January 2023

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!



Thanks to Katrina for the festive cover photos.

DEAR FRIENDS

As we prepare this January edition of our Benefice magazine, we are looking forward to celebrating the joys of Jesus born at Christmas time, and also further forward into the fast-approaching 2023. The Christmas joy is one of light and love – Jesus came to show to the world God’s love for us and to highlight God’s ever-present light. This is so special to hold on to, not just in December, but always, and especially as we anticipate a new year.

This year, New Year’s Day falls on a Sunday, and we will be holding a Benefice Service to mark the start of the new year, at 11am at Upper Slaughter. In that service, we will use this prayer, offering all that lies ahead into God’s hands. You might like to use this prayer yourself:

Jesus, Lord of time
hold us in your eternity.
Jesus, image of God
travel with us the life of faith.
Jesus, friend of sinners
heal the brokenness of your world.
Jesus, Lord of tomorrow
draw us into your future.

To a troubled world
Peace from Christ.
To a searching world
Love from Christ.
To a waiting world
Hope from Christ. Amen.

With our love and prayers as we journey into this new year,

Katrina and Sue

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

News from the Cowies

We are delighted to share that Catherine, Alexander and Alan welcomed baby Rosemary-Artemis into the family on 14th November. They are all doing very well. Catherine would like to thank you all for all the cards, gifts, support and prayers.

Catherine is on maternity leave until Autumn 2023.

Katrina’s Sabbatical

I finished my time on sabbatical at the start of November and have really enjoyed getting back into life in the Benefice since then.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of you who enabled me to have this sabbatical time for rest and refreshment, and especially to Catherine and Sue, our Churchwardens and PCCs who took on extra responsibilities to give me this space. Thank you too for your interest in what I got up to!

A sabbatical is a time for spiritual and physical nourishment and so I was focusing on enjoying space and living a different rhythm. It was lovely to have some more family time (both the 4 of us and with our extended families), to spend time with God focusing on my relationship with him without any distractions and to enjoy time for some hobbies too.

As a family we travelled a bit; Italy in August was wonderful; some time catching up with family and friends around England and a week in Scotland in October. I had a very special retreat in Norfolk, not far from the beautiful coastline. Whilst also enjoying time at home, I did the 'couch to 5k' running programme as well as having picked up playing the piano and enjoying music afresh.

It was a great time, and it is also lovely to be back amongst you and our communities.

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

Weddings

"May God bless them"

Richard Brown and Louise Thompson at Lower Slaughter on 26th October 2022

Richard Howlett and Kimberley Lloyd at Lower Slaughter on 28th October 2022

Chris Hart and Helen Cowley at Lower Slaughter on 25th November 2022

Funerals

"May God grant them light and peace"

Peter Walker, Burial of Ashes at Farmcote on 26th October 2022

Frank Sanderson, Funeral at Naunton on 24th November 2022

Michael Boone, Funeral and Burial at Upper Slaughter on 7th December 2022

Mollie Maughan, Funeral at Cheltenham Crematorium on 9th December 2022

WIDER CHURCH NEWS

A Warm Welcome, Warm Spaces and Places, Keeping Warm

You don't need us to tell you that there is a great deal of anxiety about the cost of living and most particularly the cost of energy and keeping warm. For many in our communities and further afield the decision to keep warm or put food on the table is a hard one and only adds to the fearfulness.

As it happens, recently a group of us have been thinking about what to do, and others have taken note of what others are doing to help. It seemed like a good idea to meet up and pool our ideas.

The outcome of the meeting is that the Coffee Shop in Naunton will be promoted as a Warm Place. *If you haven't been to the Coffee Shop before, it is warm both in its welcome and temperature. We enjoy a drink together and a chat and it takes place in St Andrew's Church, Naunton on Thursday mornings from 10.30am to 12.30pm.*

The other plan is to have a Warm Place in the Cochrane Room in Guiting Power, perhaps twice a month. *Watch this space for developing details.*

Other people have taken up the baton and run with it, and we'll keep you up to date when we know more. And you may have gathered that we haven't decided on a name - we're working on that!

We are also currently busy working out our costs. We have a small amount of funds to start with and hope to bid for a local grant which has been set up specifically for warm space initiatives. We are also hoping for donations towards the costs.

One way we hope to gain funds is through the winter fuel allowance for those who receive the state pension. Some who are able to manage without it have said they would like to donate to a charity. If you are one of those, we respectfully ask if you would consider helping to keep others warm.

We want to be transparent about what we will do with any money we receive. We have agreed that if there are any surplus funds, we will donate these to the North Cotswold Foodbank. The foodbank is under a great deal of pressure, and where people can get help with food provisions, money might be available for energy costs. If you should need a lift to the Coffee Shop or our other spaces when they take shape, please do let Sue or Katrina know.

Bellringing

Practices in Naunton most Mondays at 7pm (or in Longborough on Wednesdays at 7.30pm). Full training and a very warm welcome awaits. Please contact Naunton Tower Captain, Richard Tilbrook (07717 720589 / 01451 850691) for details.

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

If you or someone you know are concerned about putting food on the table, **please don't go hungry or worry in silence**. Contact Sue or the North Cotswold Foodbank directly - specialist advice is available for getting support and food parcels if needed. The Foodbank always welcomes donations of food (please check their particular needs). Cash donations (for fresh meat and local produce) can be made online using the donate button).

SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2023

Sunday 1st January

11.00am Benefice Communion and New Years' Service at Upper Slaughter

Sunday 8th January

9.00am Zoom

10.00am Holy Communion at Guiting Power

11.00am Matins at Upper Slaughter

4.00pm Evening Service at Temple Guiting – *Celebration for Plough Sunday*

Sunday 15th January

9.30am Holy Communion at Farmcote

11.00am Holy Communion at Lower Slaughter

11.00am Morning Service at Naunton

Sunday 22nd January

9.00am Zoom

9.30am Holy Communion at Cutsdean

11.00am Holy Communion at Upper Slaughter

3.30pm Wild Worship at Woodland for Soldiers

Sunday 29th January

9.30am Holy Communion at Naunton

10.00am Holy Communion at Temple Guiting

11.00am Morning Praise at Lower Slaughter

6.00pm Evening Service at Guiting Power

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

Zoom Link

Zoom activities continue with two Sunday Morning Prayer services each month and Bible Study from 7-8pm on Wednesdays 4th January and 1st February.

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.

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 THE PEWS AND FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

CUTSDEAN

At the end of December our longstanding and highly respected treasurer, David, is taking well-earned retirement after over 25 years immaculately looking after the accounts of St. James with consummate efficiency. Thank you David for all the support you have given to the administration of our Church in that time. You will be a hard act to follow!

In fact, it is a double retirement in Cutsdean as I have decided to step back from being Warden of St. James, after some 16 years, at the same time as David.

In the meantime Ros, Katrina and I are putting the finishing touches to our first Carol Service for three years. With seasonal hospitality after the service generously provide by Charles and Chris, I look forward to reading about a well-attended and joyous occasion taking our mind off the pressures undermining the approach to the festive season.

Valete!

Mark Evans

TEMPLE GUITING

Temple Guiting Village Hall was full for the return of 'The Quiz'. The enthusiastic and, at times, combative participants were calmly managed by Robert Llewellyn with his usual combination of wit and humour! Thanks to everyone who helped with running such a hugely enjoyable evening.

That sense of community spirit is so important, especially in these times of difficulty for so many people. Thankfully there are always people you can turn to for help in our village communities. With warmest wishes for the New Year.

Ali Clifton Barnard

GUITING POWER

With Christmas preparations in full swing as I write, the village also looks every inch the Christmas Card scene with the snow and beautiful Christmas Tree on the Green. My thanks, as ever, to Edward and Janet Boote for our equally beautiful Christmas Tree in church. As you read this, New Year will be approaching or already upon us, and in January, with the kind support of Guiting Manor Amenity Trust, we will begin

offering the Cochrane Room in Post Office Lane as a 'Warm Space' with refreshments. Dates and times will be advertised as soon as possible, or please contact myself, Katrina or Sue for more details. May the new year bring the better prospects needed by so many. Happy New Year to you all.

Simon Wallis

*** Please note: Guiting babies will resume in the Spring***.

LOWER SLAUGHTER

The snow on Sunday 11 December certainly made our Village Carol Service and Party afterwards particularly festive! Thanks to all for the lovely refreshments. With celebrations fast approaching, may we wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Marion Marshall

NAUNTON

St. Andrew's will be hosting another Burns Night supper (with piper, ceilidh band etc) on Saturday 28th January. Details from Bob at bob@markets-international.com.

Bob Steiner

TEMPLE GUITING CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

We have had such a busy few weeks.

Building project We have now signed the contract with a local builder – we are confident we can work really well with him and although it is a scaled back design due to the rising costs of materials etc. We will start demolition early January and we will keep you posted with progress.

Music assembly We had 14 children who individually performed in our music assembly. They played a range of instruments from keyboard to violin and saxophone to cello. We also had a group of ukulele players. It was an amazing hour and with so many talented musicians in our school.

Super choir with the director of Wicked from West End We took part in a super choir at The Cotswold School with their choir and 2 other primary schools. We had parts in 2 songs written by the director of the musical Wicked. It was a brilliant chance for our pupils to take part in such an outstanding musical performance with professionals from the West End and other schools.

Nativity Play We had all 61 children involved in our nativity play – they practised so hard and the costumes were amazing as always. The children did so well and performed to a full audience each performance. It was so special to be able to watch our little ones performing.

Shoebox appeal We took part in the shoebox appeal for the Teams 4U to send boxes of presents to child in Ukraine and Romania. It was wonderful to see an estate car absolutely full of boxes that will bring so much joy to children with such

different lives to ours here. We are really proud of our children learning to be global citizens.

Snow days We had one day off school for the snow, but as soon as we returned we had the most amazing fun both in the playground and on the field. We had very cold children at the end but it was one of those magical days when we could enjoy the snow with all of our friends. There are lots of pictures on the website of what we got up to. [In School Events | Temple Guiting Church of England School \(secure-primarysite.net\)](https://secure-primarysite.net)



Ann Barry, Head Teacher

New baby? Come to 'Baby & Me'!



Baby & Me is a weekly postnatal group for parents with babies aged 0-6 months. Each week we cover a different topic, such as sleep, feeding, first aid etc. Our next group runs from Thur 12 Jan to Thur 9 Mar 2023 in Bourton-on-the-Water!

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