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April-May 2023



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DEAR READERS

This is the first edition of the magazine that is going out mainly electronically. We will do our best to get it around our communities, but do let us know how we can do this better. If you don't already receive this magazine by email and would like to, please speak to Katrina, Sue or your Churchwarden. If you have a friend or neighbour who needs a paper version, a number of copies are available in your local church or let us know and we'll get one delivered through your door. Thank you.

DEAR FRIENDS

We hope you are all very well!

There is a lot of news in this 70x7 edition and loads happening in the next couple of months – we have Holy Week and Easter, our church Annual Meetings, the Coronation, and the festivals of Rogation, Ascension and Pentecost. In each of these seasons, we will be marking them in our Churches, and in our community life. Do join us for all that you would like to.

As we approach the Coronation of the King, it seems a good time to think about our community life together, and I offer you this prayer for us as we work together:

Living God, you bring us together in community and teach us to love one another as you have loved us. May we be beacons of your light in the communities in which we are set, that through truth, justice and action we may see your kingdom come on earth, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In addition to the great plans around many of our villages for the Coronation parties, as a Church community, we will be praying for the Coronation weekend and for the King, in our services on Sunday 7th May. On the Bank Holiday Monday (8th May), we are also going to be joining in with the Big Help Out (a day for volunteering), by holding some village litter picking. Between 10am and 11am, we will litter pick in Lower Slaughter (meeting in the Church Precinct at 10am) and between 12noon and 1pm, we will litter pick in Temple Guiting (meeting at the Church). Come and help out if you fancy!

With our 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.

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

Funerals

"May God grant them light and peace"

Joan Henderson, Funeral Service and Burial at Lower Slaughter on 10th March 2023

Weddings

"May God bless them"

John Ovens and Emma Grant at Upper Slaughter on 8th February 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.

WIDER CHURCH NEWS

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Like many community organisations, as we approach this time of year, we enter into the time for Annual Meetings. Each of our parish churches will be holding a meeting, at which there will be a review of 2022, a reflection on what is going well, and the opportunity to elect Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council members. We also look at the accounts for each parish and plan events for the coming year.

The dates of our meetings are:

Naunton – 7pm Tuesday 25th April in St. Andrew's Church

Upper Slaughter – 6pm Wednesday 26th April in Upper Slaughter Village Hall Lower Slaughter – 7pm Thursday 27th April in St. Mary's Church

Guiting Power with Farmcote – 7pm Tuesday 16th May in St. Michael and All Angel's Church

Temple Guiting with Cutsdean – date to be confirmed – look out or notices in the Church.

Bellringing

If you are interested in joining our Bell ringing team, there are Practices: Naunton most Mondays at 7.00pm; Longborough Wednesdays at 7.30pm. Full training and warm welcome awaits. Please contact Naunton Tower Captain, Richard Tilbrook on 07717 720589 or 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 Katrina, 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) and cash donations (for fresh meat and local produce) can be made online using the donate button.

Inclusive Church

Last Spring, at our Church Annual Meetings, all of our Parishes voted to become members of Inclusive Church – a network of churches, individuals, and groups all committed to being a church which affirms and values all individuals, discriminating against no-one. Our shared Inclusive Church Statement says:

"We believe in inclusive church – a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate.

We will continue to challenge the church where it continues to discriminate against people on grounds of disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality.

We believe in a Church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ."

We are delighted that all our churches felt able to commit to this statement, and to wanting to keep working at being welcoming, inclusive places for all.

To find our more, do visit the Inclusive Church website: <u>www.inclusive-church.org</u>



Inclusive Church is a network of churches, groups and individuals uniting together around a shared vision.

Journeying Through Holy Week

Holy Week is one of the most special weeks in the Church year. We remember Jesus coming into Jerusalem, gathering with his disciples, being arrested, tried and crucified...

and we rejoice in the empty tomb and his resurrection.

Join us in Churches, across the Benefice to mark, celebrate and pray our way through Jesus' journey:

Palm Sunday – 2nd April

9.30am – Holy Communion at St. James', Cutsdean 11.00am – Family Service at St. Peter's, Upper Slaughter

Monday 3rd April – 7.00pm - Compline at St. Faith's, Farmcote

Tuesday 4th April – 7.00pm - Compline at St. Michael's, Guiting Power

Wednesday 5th April – 7.00pm – Compline at St. Mary's, Lower Slaughter

Maundy Thursday - 6th April

<u>6.00pm</u> – A Meal, at St. Mary's, Temple Guiting, remembering Jesus' Last Supper with his friends. Come along for a meal as we retell the story. Following the meal, there will be a Vigil in the quiet church if you would like to stay.

Good Friday – 7th April

We remember Jesus' death on the cross in three different services: <u>11.00am</u> – Children's Crafts and Activities, with Hot Cross Buns and Coffee, and a Family Service at 12noon, at St. Andrew's, Naunton

<u>2-3pm</u> – A Meditative Service at the Foot of the Cross at St. Peter's, Upper Slaughter <u>7.00pm</u> – An Evening Service for Good Friday at St. James', Cutsdean

Also join us for our Holy Week Walk of Witness across the Benefice – carrying the cross across each Parish and stopping at each Church.

Join us too for our Easter Sunday Celebrations – 9th April:

- 6.00am Dawn Communion at St. Michael's, Guiting Power
- 9.00am Holy Communion at St. Faith's, Farmcote
- 9.30am Holy Communion at St. Andrew's, Naunton
- 10.00am Family Communion at St. Mary's, Temple Guiting
- 11.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Lower Slaughter



Walk of Witness



HOLY WEEK 2023

A week of walking across our benefice



Palm Sunday 2 April - Holy Saturday 8 April

Join a special pilgrimage across our beautiful Benefice this Holy Week.

Beginning in Lower Slaughter and finishing in Farmcote, join for as much as you feel able. Each walk approximately 2 - 3 miles one way.

Come ready for the weather!

Sunday 2nd April – 10.00am Lower Slaughter to Upper Slaughter (1 mile) Arriving in Upper Slaughter for the 11.00am Family Service

Monday 3rd April – 2.30pm Upper Slaughter to Naunton (3.5 miles)

Tuesday 4th April – 5.45pm Naunton to Guiting Power (2 miles) Arriving in Guiting Power for the 7.00pm Compline Service

Wednesday 5th April – 2.00pm Guiting Power to Temple Guiting (3.5 miles)

Thursday 6th April – 10.00am Temple Guiting to Cutsdean (2 miles)

Saturday 8th April – 10.00am

Cutsdean to Farmcote (3 miles)



SERVICES IN APRIL

Please see the previous pages for all the services and events during Holy Week

Sunday 9 April – Easter Sunday

- 6.00am Dawn Communion at Guiting Power
- 9.00am Holy Communion at Farmcote
- 9.30am Holy Communion at Naunton
- 10.00am Family Communion at Temple Guiting
- 11.00am Holy Communion at Lower Slaughter

Sunday 16 April

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 23 April

- 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

Sunday 30 April

11.00am Benefice Communion at Cutsdean

*** 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 7.00-8.00pm on Wednesdays 1st February and 1st March.

For all Zoom events please follow link below:

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7979867589?pwd=h6UaQN2VhIdx79AlafPNV50YxJVtZA Meeting ID: 797 986 7589 Password: 815669

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

SERVICES IN MAY

Sunday 7 May – Coronation Weekend

9.00am Zoom

- 10.00am Holy Communion at Guiting Power
- 6.00pm Evening Service, praying for the Coronation at Lower Slaughter

Sunday 14 May – Rogation Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion at Farmcote

JOIN US FOR A WALK AROUND THE AREA

We will walk from each end of the Benefice, heading towards Guiting Power Manor Farm for a Big Celebration Service.

WALK ONE:

We start at St Mary's, Lower Slaughter (GL54 2HR) at 2pm 3pm at St Peter Upper Slaughter (GL54 2JF) (1.5km) 4.45pm at St Andrew Naunton (GL54 3AX) (5.5km) Arriving at Guiting Power (GL54 5UX) (2.5km) at 6pm

WALK TWO:

We start at St Faith's, Farmcote (GL54 5AU) at 2pm 3.30pm at St James Cutsdean (GL54 5RX) (5km) 4.30pm at St Mary Temple Guiting (GL54 5RW) (3km) Arriving at Guiting Power (GL54 5UX) (4.75km) at 6pm

6.00pm Barn Service at Guiting Manor Farm

Thursday 18 May – Ascension Day

7.00pm Praise, Puddings and Prosecco at Temple Guiting

Sunday 21 May

- 9.00am Zoom
- 9.30am Holy Communion at Cutsdean
- 11.00am Holy Communion at Upper Slaughter
- 3.30pm Wild Worship at Lower Slaughter Churchyard

Sunday 28 May - Pentecost

- 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

NEWS FROM THE PEWS AND FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

NAUNTON

St. Andrew's 2023 entertainment started off in January with a sold-out Burns Night supper, complete with all the paraphernalia (piper, ceilidh band, and too much whisky). On a more serious note, we held a special service in February to mark the anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine and were joined by a couple of families that have fled Ukraine and are staying locally. The service was very moving, involving some Ukrainian music, a bible reading in Ukrainian, and a very harrowing account of the flight from the country from one of the family members. All rounded off with home-made Ukrainian cake!

Naunton Cinema's next showing (in St. Andrew's) is 'The Banshees of Inisherrin' on Tuesday 4th April. Contact Bob at bob@markets-international.com for details or if you would like to be on the monthly mailing list.

Naunton Music will be running its concert series in St. Andrew's as usual on Friday evenings in May, June, July and September. Tickets are already on sale for all the concerts - call Ba on 01451 850897 or go to www.nauntonmusic.org.uk for full details of all the concerts. The first concert, on 19th May, is Viktoria Mullover and Alasdair Beatson (violin & fortepiano).

Also in May, of course, there will be the bonanza weekend for the coronation; Naunton is planning a street-party centred around The Black Horse on the Sunday, with a short service in a neighbouring garden.

Would you like to have a go at ringing the church bells? There will be an open evening for anyone who would like to try at St Andrew's Church at 7 pm on Monday 17th April. Absolutely no experience necessary - just come along and have a go. Please let Richard Tilbrook (07717 720589) know if you would like to come, or would like to find out more.

Bob Steiner

GUITING POWER

Finally Winter is losing its grip and Spring is beginning to take the upper-hand, a lovely time of year to enjoy and rejoice in our beautiful surroundings. Rejoice too in the coming of Easter as we look forward to our Dawn Eucharist for Easter Day on 9th April, and later that day our Easter Fayre & Egg Hunt from 1-4pm. Donations for which of quality bric-a-brac, unwanted gifts, tombola items or cakes for the teas will be most welcome. Please do give me a call on 07919 687165, or items can be left in the church.

One of our regular fundraisers is the sale of second-hand books in the church. Donations are regularly forthcoming, but sales always benefit from an organised display. Are there any keen bibliophiles in the village with an hour or two spare to help look after them? It would be greatly appreciated and can be undertaken as suits the individual.

In May we look forward to the Coronation, another moment in time which unites us. Look out for details of our local events as they become confirmed.

Simon Wallis

Guiting Babies at St. Michael and All Angels' Church Our children and carer group is restarting on Tuesday 25th April

from 9.45-11am. Come along for play, drinks and chat.

TEMPLE GUITING

It feels good to see signs of spring all around us in the countryside, in our gardens and in St Mary's Churchyard. St Mary's is part of a nationwide Ecochurch scheme, so we manage the churchyard to encourage wildlife. Some areas will be left unmown during the summer to encourage insects and birds. Do take some time to sit there on a sunny day and enjoy the peace and beautiful views across the Windrush valley.

We had a reflective start to the year in Temple Guiting marking the death of Ken Jones, who had lived all his life in the village. The beautiful funeral service was a fitting tribute to Ken and he was laid to rest in the churchyard.

As the year progresses activities are gathering pace. Temple Guiting School are using St Mary's to host a Planetarium Day which sounds amazing! We also welcome Mike Edwards to share his story of organizing sports tours.

There are a number of special events in our parish during Holy Week, two of which are happening on Maundy Thursday, 6th April. In the morning, at 10.00am, the cross will be carried from St Mary's to St James, Cutsdean. In the evening we recall the Last Supper with a meal and vigil in St Mary's starting at 6.00pm.

The Easter Sunday Family Communion Service at St Mary's will be at 10.00am.

Happy Easter to you all

Ali Clifton Barnard

Coffee in the West End, Temple Guiting Church

Come and join friends and neighbours for real coffee and homemade cake

No charge, but donations welcome

At 10.00am on Fridays 14 and 28 April and 12 and 26 May.

LOWER SLAUGHTER

Writing this, Spring is most certainly on the way. New life is all around us and days are getting longer (and hopefully warmer!) ... the miracle of Mother Nature.

Easter is almost upon us with all the joy that brings after the Lent period of reflection and fasting. The joy of eating our chocolate eggs and gathering to share the Easter feast with friends and family - after 3 years of Covid, never again will we take everyday pleasures and life for granted.

At St Mary's, we have all enjoyed our Lent Talks and lunches and look forward to our joyous service on Easter Day – how wonderful it will be to see our church once again decorated in all its Spring glory.

Just one very advance notice for your diaries ... we will be holding our wonderful Village Fete on Bank Holiday Monday 28 August complete with the usual stalls and entertainment.

Many Easter blessings from us all.

Marion Marshall

TEMPLE GUITING CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

It has been such a busy few weeks in school but we have had so many amazing learning experiences.

World Book Day – We all dressed up as our favourite book character and spent the day doing all sorts of activities linked with reading. One of the highlights was the older children who had to solve the mystery of the Macaw. A brilliant crime story that led to amazing crime stories that the children have written. We ended the day in the Village Hall all decorated with fairy lights, drinking hot chocolate with marshmallows listening to a story being read. It was a brilliant day.

Dogs Trust – We started the day with an assembly that explained the work of the Dogs Trust and the important work they do. Then each class had a workshop teaching us how to safely interact with dogs and how much benefit a dog can be to many people.

Creation Quartet visit – We had the privilege of Professor Michael Bochmann and a quartet of incredible young string instrument musicians come to play for us. It was the most wonderful 45 minutes of fantastic music. Some children even got to conduct the quartet to try to help us understand the role of the conductor. It was a truly inspirational experience.

Wonderful wellbeing day – We started the day with a celebration assembly to make sure we started the day in a joyful frame of mind. We went straight onto a whole school walk. We walked in the fields surrounding the school – it was freezing but so beautiful and we all came back full of the joys of spring. We then had a "round robin" of 4 events all linked to the theme of the day – Connections. We mixed all the classes up and took it in turns to do a small art work that formed a huge piece of

art, PE session including learning the game Boccia, dance and connection puzzles sessions. It was a fun day and great to spend the time focussing on mental health.





The building project - This is really speeding ahead now – the wooden frame has gone up and the walls are being created. The roof panels will go on in the next few weeks, it is going to be a fantastic new building and will make such a difference to our children's learning environment.

Ann Barry, Head Teacher

UPPER SLAUGHTER

As we mark the Coronation Weekend in Upper Slaughter, we will be holding our Village Fete. On Sunday 7th May, from 12noon-2.30pm, the Fete will run raising funds for the Church and Village Hall. There will be BBQ, duck races, clothes, books, white elephant, games, refreshments and lots more!



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https://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/visiting-and-exploring/guidedwalks/ Guiting Power Open Gardens Sunday June 4th 1:00 - 6:00 Tickets, Teas, Parking, Maps & Plant Sales at the Village Hall GL54 5TX Adult entry £6:00, Accompanied 16 years & under Free

Upper Slaughter Fete

Sunday 7th May 12 – 2.30pm Guiting Power Easter Fair

Easter Sunday 9th April 1-4pm

Free Egg Hunt from 2pm