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with Eyford and Naunton*

August-September 2023



St Andrew's Church, Naunton

Sunday 13th August at 11am

A Family Celebration Service

(weather permitting, we will be outside)

Do come and join us



and bring your pets

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DEAR FRIENDS

I came across these beautiful words recently, from a poem called "Leisure" by W. H. Davies:

"What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.
No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.
No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.
No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.
No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.
No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.
A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare".

These words, written over a hundred years ago, seem to be good for an August magazine. Whether the school holidays affect your life, whether you are travelling this summer, or even if you are simply continuing your usual pattern at home, the month of August can offer a different pace and pattern.

Followers of Jesus are encouraged to stop and stare. Jesus said "And why do you worry and labour? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these". Take time, stop and stare.

Our lives can be busy and frantic, always on the go but God didn't create us to withstand that constant volume of intensity. God offered us Sabbath - time, not exclusively a Sunday - when we can contemplate, rest and pray deeply about things. To remember that Jesus often went off to 'a certain place' to pray, to reflect and to make space for God and to stop and stare. If Jesus needed to do that then we must follow his example.

So this August, I encourage us all to find some space, take time, grasp the opportunity to just stop and stare and see and listen for what God can offer you, as well as noticing the beauty around us.

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.***

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

Weddings

“May God bless them”

Monica Kuroki and Oliver Norgrove at Lower Slaughter on 10 June 2023

Wedding Blessings

Claire Leavitt and Adam Millhouse at Upper Slaughter on 3 June 2023

Funerals

“May God grant them light and peace”

Funeral Service for John Stanley at St. Edward’s, Stow on the Wold on 1 June 2023

Burial of Ashes for Wendy Pike at Guiting Power on 9 June 2023

Burial of Ashes for Brian and Mary Stevens at Naunton on 1 July 2023

Funeral Service for Sheila Roberts at Forest of Dean Crematorium on 18 July 2023

WIDER CHURCH NEWS

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.

Online Safety – In July, Bishop Rachel took a group of local young people with her to the House of Lords. Students from the Cotswolds School and All Saints Academy in Cheltenham joined her in addressing MPs, peers and leaders of charities, to speak about social media and the impact that it has had on them. They were speaking together on the day before the Online Safety Bill returned to the House for debate. Find out more at [Liedentity campaign in the House of Lords – Diocese of Gloucester \(anglican.org\)](#). This is a great example of the church using its influence for good in the wider community - connecting people and prioritising individual wellbeing.

General Synod – Katrina was away at General Synod in July. You may well have heard lots of news about it in the press. It was interesting, sometimes tense and sometimes inspirational. Archbishop Stephen, in his opening address spoke about

the 'Our' at the start of the Lord's Prayer – that connects us all as children of the same heavenly Father. This theme of us all being brothers and sisters together ran through the Synod. You might like to read his full address at [York General Synod 2023 - Presidential Address | The Archbishop of York](#)

SERVICES IN AUGUST

Sunday 6th August

9.00am Zoom
10.00am Holy Communion at Guiting Power
11.00am Matins at Upper Slaughter
6.00pm Sung BCP Evensong at Temple Guiting

Sunday 13th August

9.30am Holy Communion at Farmcote
11.00am Holy Communion at Lower Slaughter
11.00am Family Celebration Service at Naunton

Sunday 20th August

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

Sunday 27th August

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

Zoom Link

Zoom activities continue with two Sunday Morning Prayer services each month and Bible Study.

For all Zoom events please follow link below:

Join Zoom Meeting

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SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

Sunday 3rd September

- 9.00am Zoom
- 10.00am Holy Communion at Guiting Power
- 11.00am Matins at Upper Slaughter
- 6.00pm Evening Taize Style Contemplative Service at Temple Guiting

Sunday 10th September

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Farmcote
- 11.00am Holy Communion at Lower Slaughter
- 11.00am Matins at Naunton

Sunday 17th September

- 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 24th September

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Naunton
- 10.00am Holy Communion at Temple Guiting
- 11.00am Morning Praise at Lower Slaughter
- 3.00pm Harvest at Cutsdean
- 6.00pm Harvest and Patronal Festival at Guiting Power

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

Do you enjoy singing?

'Village Voices' is a group of singers from local villages who meet on alternate Mondays, mainly in St Mary's, Temple Guiting.

We are keen to recruit some new members, especially altos but all voices would be welcome.

We are a very informal group and our primary purpose is to enjoy singing together.

If you would be interested in coming along do ring me –

Ali Clifton Barnard 07583 415065

NEWS FROM THE PEWS AND VILLAGE EVENTS

NAUNTON

Summer is here (or so we're told) and Naunton is as ever buzzing with activity. On June 11th, the annual 'Spirit of Naunton' worship was held in the Black Horse public house, and as usual saw a good number of villagers joining in. Thanks to Rev'd Katrina and the staff of the pub for making everyone feel so welcome in celebrating all that is wonderful in the life of our little village.

Alongside weekly Wednesday morning Benefice prayers in our Church and Sunday worship as published, our ancient and beautiful Church building continues to glorify God by welcoming folks from all ages and stages, near and far. Thursday coffee morning, our 'warm space' (who'd have thought we'd need that in July?), is often attended by visitors and walkers. It's always a joy to speak with these travellers who are appreciative of refreshment and conversation; a reminder that we and our village are connected with others.

Rural cinema held at St Andrews (first Tuesday of the month, except for August) has presented two interesting and entertaining films over June and July; 'Mrs Harris Goes to Paris', and 'A man called Otto'. Each different and thought provoking, both entertaining! (contact bob@markets-international.com for more information). All are made welcome!

The Naunton Music series is underway for this season; (www.nauntonmusic.co.uk), in the stunning setting of St Andrews Church, where we have enjoyed the music of internationally acclaimed artists The Marian Consort (a vocal ensemble) in June, and young Japanese pianist Mao Fujita in July. One concert remains in the series.

A recent call out for potential bell ringers has proven successful, with an increasingly competent happy band of ringers meeting most Monday evenings, for friendly expert tuition. Please contact Bell Tower Captain Richard Tilbrook (07717 720589) if you'd like more information.

Holiday season is certainly here, and it's always a joy to see so many villagers and visitors, old and young, out and about enjoying the rich blessings of our beautiful and friendly community!

Moira Anderson

GUITING POWER

Well, God answered the "please" in my last article, and how blessed we were with such excellent weather in June for both the Open Gardens and Village Fete, and both wonderfully supported and successful. A big 'Thank You' once again to all involved in organising. The good weather again prevailed at the opportunities to visit the excavations in Parson's Piece, a fascinating experience to see what history

lies just below our feet! More aspects of the past of each of our villages will also be on display in September during the Upper Windrush Local History Society's exhibition weekend on the 9th & 10th.

August is a special month this year for one particular couple. Congratulations to Chris & Anne Miles who celebrate another 'significant' birthday between them (this time 'Happy 90th Birthday Anne!') as well 65 years of marriage. All very best wishes to you both.

With many a heavy shower on St. Swithin's Day, who can say exactly how the rest of the summer will be? Hopefully pleasant enough with opportunity to relax and enjoy our beautiful surroundings and share with those who come to visit. Not a time to relax for everyone as the harvest begins, and we pray for our farmers as we also look forward to our Harvest & Patronal Festival on Sunday 24th September, 6pm followed by refreshments. Contributions of flowers to decorate the church the day before will be most welcome, as will your company for what is always a very enjoyable service as we give thanks for all that we

Simon Wallis

LOWER SLAUGHTER

As we enjoy summer with its longer and sunnier days (sometimes!), beautiful flowers and bountiful allotment crops, we are busy preparing our various stalls for our annual Village Fete on August Bank Holiday Monday 28, from 11am to 4pm. I am planning a stall with good quality mugs and small gifts to go inside and would appreciate any donations. If you can help, I can collect – please call me after 6pm on 01451 810294. Do come along on the day to enjoy the fun of a traditional village fete with lots of stalls, dog show, great food and wonderful church flower displays.

We then look forward to celebrating Harvest Festival on 21 and 22 October. The church will again be decorated in readiness for a traditional service during which non-perishable goods will be collected for our local Foodbank. Afterwards, a bring and share lunch will be enjoyed in the Village Hall at 12.30pm.

Whatever you do, wherever you go and whatever the weather may bring, I hope we can all enjoy some time to rest and relax and enjoy our beautiful countryside this summer. With crops already being harvested, it is a reminder that autumn is just around the corner. I always say that each season brings its own blessings – my favourite seasons are spring and autumn with all the wonderful colours.

Marion Marshall

TEMPLE GUITING

June and July are marvellous months for enjoying the wildlife around us and the 'Churches Count on Nature' week provided a great opportunity for that. Ali Clifton Barnard did a survey of species in the churchyard and recorded a mistle thrush, blackcaps and a good variety of flowers and grasses on a lovely sunny day. As part of that week's focus on the natural world, a simple and reflective Taizé service was held in the churchyard. Ali has been our church warden for 10 years and it was her and her late husband Bruce, that we have to thank for the lovely West End space where we enjoy community events in St Mary's. Ali is stepping down to spend more time at her various outdoor activities but will still be a strong member of the church. Sheila Woods and Ruth Waller are jointly taking over as churchwardens.

We may be part way through summer, but we have our annual Safari Supper to look forward to on August 26th – see poster for full details.

Val Littlewood



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TEMPLE GUITING CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

What an amazing summer we have had! It has been so busy and full of so many adventures I will try to highlight just a few.

Exam results - Another absolutely amazing set of exam results for our pupils. In Key Stage 2 SATS our children performed brilliantly in every subject, we were way above the national figures and we were so proud that each child absolutely gave it their all. In Key Stage 1 SATs again our pupils absolutely shone and were above the national figures – such a huge ask when you are only 6 or 7. In the Phonics screening test 75% of our pupils passed which is a great achievement. We are very proud of each and every one of our pupils who gave their very best to these exams.



School Trips - This term we have been to Bristol Aquarium, RIAT (the air display at Fairford), had an environmental workshop and even created a fish that was filled with recycled materials and it looks amazing. School trips are a fantastic way of enriching our children's learning and enthusiasm for new knowledge – even when it was so wet the day we went to RIAT!

School play - As always we ended the summer term with a fabulous production – this year we performed Goldilocks. It was an action-packed musical with every child in Key Stage 2 involved. We listened, we clapped and we laughed so much - many parents called it a triumph.

Our building project - We are now in the final stages of the project – we hope to be in by the second week of September. The underfloor heating is in and the screed for the floor laid. The cladding is almost complete and it looks absolutely stunning. We will be demolishing the old building at the start of the holidays so for the first two weeks of the new term our Class 1 will be in the Village Hall along with Class 2.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Village Hall committee for being so incredibly helpful and generous in allowing us to use the Pavilion room as a classroom since Christmas and now we are taking over the main hall. We could not have done the project without their help and support but we are so looking forward to having our own classrooms very soon.

Hope everyone has a wonderful summer and then we will be back again in September for a new year and lots of new challenges I'm sure.

Ann Barry, Headteacher

Home-Start Cotswolds is a local community network of trained volunteers, supporting families with at least one child under the age of five. Our volunteers are all parents and offer non-judgmental, compassionate and confidential support. If you are struggling, please get in touch by emailing office@home-start-cotswolds.org.uk or calling 01285 885391. More information is on our website at www.home-start-cotswolds.org.uk



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