

# SEVENTY TIMES SEVEN

## The Parish Magazine of the Seven Churches

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## ***DEAR READERS ...***

Welcome to the Winter edition of our magazine. We hope you will find all the information interesting, as we look forward to Christmas, New Year and for signs of Spring.

In the Autumn we gave thanks for the Harvest and in September enjoyed raising funds together as a Benefice. Thanks are due to all who baked, donated, ate, drank and of course served on the day. A much appreciated £468 was raised!

## ***DEAR FRIENDS ...***

November was a month for remembering; remembering our loved ones who have gone before us; remembering those who have given their lives in conflict. The final Sunday of November was the feast of Christ the King; the Sundays leading to it are often known as the Kingdom season, when Christians are particularly reminded of God's reign in their lives.

Currently on our minds is a different kingdom, the United Kingdom, launched as we are into a General Election on 12<sup>th</sup> December. We may be considering how we can best empower our politicians to bring about reconciliation and fairness in our kingdom, which will do justice to the memory of those from the past, and to the example given by Jesus the King.

We pray for ourselves and for you as we are called to make these serious decisions.

As we prepare for this, the preparations for Christmas go on around it. Preparations for homes and hearts and minds; preparations of those who care for the homeless and others in need.

Following the New Year, we look forward again to the first signs of Spring in February—bumble bees and ladybirds on sunny days, louder birdsong and bluebell leaves pushing through...

Christmas, like the Spring, is a time of hope and promise. We pray this will be your experience, as we wish you the joy and blessings of a Happy Christmas and peace in the New Year.

With love and prayers,

***Sue Pestell and Katrina Scott***

## ***PRAYERS FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION ...***

We will be holding a Prayer Vigil on Wednesday 11 December between 6.00pm and 7.00pm at St Andrew's Church in Naunton on the eve of the Election for anyone who would like to pop in for 5 minutes or stay for the hour. You might like to join us in praying at this time:

**God of grace and truth  
send your spirit to guide us  
as we discover your will for our country.  
Help us to discuss the issues before us  
with courtesy, truth and mutual respect,  
and grant that all who stand for Parliament  
will seek to serve the common good,  
through Him who came not to be served, but to serve,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

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

### **BAPTISMS**

*“May God guide and protect them”*

Annie LEWIS at Guiting Power on 22 September 2019  
Jemima and Emilia AMPHLET at Naunton on 29 September 2019  
Oliver and Isla VALE at Lower Slaughter on 20 October 2019  
Hazel, Alfred and Evelyn ZYTA at Lower Slaughter on 27 October 2019  
Martha GOWERS at Temple Guiting on 27 October 2019

### **WEDDINGS**

*“May God bless them”*

Peter MACKENZIE and Ellen MILLER at Upper Slaughter on 24 August 2019  
Lee FRANKLIN and Rachel MICHIE at Lower Slaughter on 6 September 2019  
Kerry BOARDWELL and Maria D’AVANZO at Upper Slaughter on 7 September 2019  
Harry HOOMAN and Ashlea GORMLEY at Lower Slaughter on 12 September 2019  
Andrew DIGWEED and Amy FOX at Lower Slaughter on 19 September 2019  
Gavin HENSON and Katie MOULD at Guiting Power on 28 September 2019  
Domonic ELLAN and Sarah LEWIS at Lower Slaughter on 11 October 2019

### **WEDDING BLESSINGS**

Keegan and Amanda ANDERSON at Upper Slaughter on 12 October 2019  
Niladri and Alexandra DAS at Lower Slaughter on 20 October 2019

### **FUNERALS**

*“May God grant them light and peace”*

Alice (Toosie) SMITH, Funeral at Cheltenham Crematorium on 2 September 2019 and  
Burial of Ashes at Guiting Power on 7 November 2019  
Margaret (Sally) VINCENT, Funeral at Cheltenham Crematorium and Lower Slaughter  
on 5 September 2019 and Burial of Ashes at Lower Slaughter on 15 October 2019  
Nick EVANS, Funeral and Burial at Naunton on 17 October 2019

***A very big “THANK YOU” ...***

To everyone who attended Sue’s funeral and donated in her memory. A fabulous total of £2,232 was raised and divided equally between the Sue Ryder Leckhampton Hospice and the Cheltenham Hospital Scanner Appeal.

***Derek Cox***

## ***BIRD'S EYE VIEW ...***



As I get older I feel God's love more and more. The wonder of that love brings so much peace, joy and wonder. I ask myself often, 'what have I done to deserve His presence in my life?' But mostly 'how can I share this love with others?'

I recently read a book by Agnes Sligh Turnbull, a Canadian writer of the 1960s. The story is written around a College teacher. The part that challenged me was around a party given for the staff by one of their colleagues. They had finished their dinner and over coffee they began talking about their students and how they could help them to grow into good, moral and upright men and women in the future. Then one normally quiet and shy teacher started to talk earnestly, 'I know it might be foolish to you at first but do hear me through and think about it now love as a concrete emotion ... we could say it is essential for the survival of mankind. Its wider application is kindness and understanding of others, empathy if you wish'. It was this that caught my attention, for this is where the love we have can go – to others.

When Katrina and I were talking about this same subject a few weeks ago we saw this as a wonderful answer to so many things. Paul tells us in Ephesians 4.32 – 'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Christ forgave you'. What a difference it makes in our Parishes for instance, and ultimately in our Benefice and even wider into our Diocese, if we share that love of God, which we have as such a great free gift, with others.

This reminds me of a chorus we used to sing in Sunday School, (help! that ages me!),  
'God is love, I feel it in the air around me,  
God is love, I see it in the heavens above me,  
God is love, all nature does agree.  
But the greatest proof of His love for me is Calvary'.

Love came down at Christmas time we sing at this very special time. Who would have believed that a tiny Baby lying in a manger would be the greatest source of love the world would ever know. Thanks be to God.

## ***Jean Bird***

### ***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](mailto:jaybeepip@aol.com)

## ***NEWS FROM THE WIDER CHURCH ...***

### **Church Finances**

Did you know that each of our Churches is responsible for its own building, fundraising and ministry costs?

Did you know that we don't get any income from the national Church?

Each of our Churches is here, in each Parish, to serve the local area, to offer regular worship and to help support and build community – to share God's love and to respond. Our Church Councils (PCCs) are responsible for carrying this out, for maintaining the buildings, for leading the mission and ministry of the Churches, and we are so blessed here with some wonderful and committed Churchwardens and Church Council members. Managing the finances of our Churches can at times feel quite challenging, and we want to thank you for all you do to help support us. Donations, regular giving and support in looking after our buildings and churchyards are all so much appreciated. Thank you.

Last year, it cost us £127,155 (unrestricted expenditure) to keep our 7 Churches going – that's £2,445 each week. Thank you for what you do, and if you can support us any more, with regular giving or a one off donation, please do speak to your local Churchwarden.

### **The Church's Response to the Environmental Crisis**

The Church of England's Environmental Working Group has called for all parts of the Church to recognise the Climate Crisis and step up its action to safeguard God's creation. Bishop Nicholas Holtam says: "We are facing an unprecedented global climate crisis. Christians have a duty to care for God's creation. This runs through everything we believe."

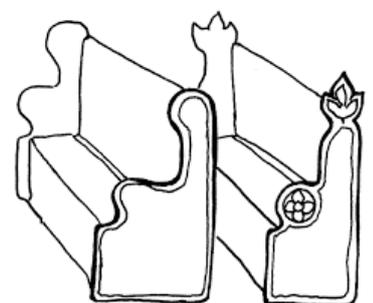
Our local Churches here in the North Cotswolds are embracing this encouragement and seeking new ways to make a positive difference. Our Churchwardens are reflecting on adopting a new Environmental Policy which will encourage our churches to be even better at caring for the beautiful world we live in. Do pop in to find out more.

***Katrina Scott***

## ***NEWS FROM THE PEWS ...***

### **Naunton**

We have been delighted to welcome our new assistant curate, Sue Pestell, to our church community. Her enthusiasm for joining the life of our church is heartening.



Our Harvest Festival has been the highlight of recent weeks, with a good congregation and two more talented people joining the roster of those who contribute to our services. We are already blessed with excellent organists, but none of them was available for Harvest Festival, so we counted ourselves lucky to find Kevin Holmes to play for it. He is a fine player who has been organist at the Birmingham Oratory and Plymouth Roman Catholic cathedral. He has kindly agreed to accept future bookings from us. Zosha Andersson, who reads the lessons at Middlebury Church, Vermont, in the United States, when she is not in Naunton, read from Luke's gospel the story of the one grateful leper from the ten whom Christ cured, with great feeling.

By the time this is published, there will have been another of our biggest services at St Andrew's, on Remembrance Sunday. We will have heard Naunton's very own Alasdair Anderson play the organ for the service and, returning for a second year, trumpeter Kevin Dixon-Lane. Remembrance Sunday is one of those days when we see how important the church is in drawing together our community to share its thoughts and feelings in God's presence.

We will also be looking forward to Advent and Christmas and the lovely services this special time brings. Please see following pages for full details and do join us if you are able.

May God bless us all with a Peaceful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

***David Renney, Churchwarden***

## **Upper Slaughter**

As we move towards the end of the year and look forward to Christmas and celebrate the birth of Jesus, there is plenty of opportunity to join the celebrations. If not at Upper Slaughter, then at one of the other churches across our benefice and no doubt there will be plenty of mince pies in the lead up to Christmas!

Throughout the year there are many people who help with the up-keep and day to day running of the church, even the little things make a difference, so thank-you to all of you.

We wish you all a Healthy, Happy Christmas and New Year.

***Liz Gibson***

## **Farmcote**

One of the very special services each year is our Christmas Eve Carol Service in our old Church lit with candles. If you are able to, please do join us at this special time.



## Benefice Services – DECEMBER 2019



<b>Time</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Service</b>
<b>First Sunday</b>	<b>1 December 2019</b>	<b>Advent Sunday</b>
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Temple Guiting</b>	<b>Benefice HC</b>
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Upper Slaughter</b>	<b>Benefice Advent Carol Service</b>
<b>Second Sunday</b>	<b>8 December 2019</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>
8.30am	Naunton	HC BCP (Said)
9.30am	Lower Slaughter	Advent HC
9.30am	<b>Farmcote with Cutsdean</b>	Advent HC (Said)
11.00am	Temple Guiting	Eleven4All
11.00am	Upper Slaughter	Matins BCP
6.00pm	Guiting Power	Benefice Evensong
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11 December 2019</b>	
<b>6.00pm-7.00pm</b>	<b>Naunton</b>	<b>Pre-Election Prayer Vigil</b>
<b>Third Sunday</b>	<b>15 December 2019</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>
8.30am	Upper Slaughter	Advent HC (Said)
9.30am	<b>Cutsdean with Temple Guiting</b>	Advent HC (Said)
<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Lower Slaughter</b>	<b>Village Carols and Christmas Party</b>
11.00am	Naunton	Matins BCP
<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Temple Guiting</b>	<b>Carol Service</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>20 December 2019</b>	
<b>3.30pm</b>	<b>Naunton</b>	<b>Benefice Crib Service</b>
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Guiting Power</b>	<b>Carol Service</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>21 December 2019</b>	
<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Cutsdean</b>	<b>Carol Service</b>
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Upper Slaughter</b>	<b>Carol Service</b>
<b>Fourth Sunday</b>	<b>22 December 2019</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>
8.30am	Guiting Power	Advent HC (Said)
9.30am	Temple Guiting	Advent HC
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Naunton</b>	<b>Carol Service</b>

<b>Monday</b>	<b>23 December 2019</b>	
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Lower Slaughter</b>	<b>Candlelit Carol Service</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>24 December 2019</b>	
<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Farmcote</b>	<b>Carol Service</b>
<b>11.30pm</b>	<b>Upper Slaughter</b>	<b>Midnight HC BCP</b>
<b>11.30pm</b>	<b>Naunton</b>	<b>Midnight HC BCP</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>25 December 2019</b>	
<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Cutsdean</b>	<b>Christmas HC</b>
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Lower Slaughter</b>	<b>Christmas HC</b>
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Temple Guiting</b>	<b>Christmas HC</b>
<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Guiting Power</b>	<b>Christmas Family Service</b>
<b>Fifth Sunday</b>	<b>29 December 2019</b>	
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Guiting Power</b>	<b>Benefice HC</b>



### **“Christmas Bells”**

by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

I heard the bells on Christmas Day  
 Their old, familiar carols play  
 And wild and sweet  
 The words repeat  
 Of peace on earth, goodwill to men!



# Benefice Services – JANUARY 2020

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

Time	Village	Service
<b>First Sunday</b>	<b>5 January 2020</b>	<b>Epiphany</b>
9.30am	Temple Guiting	HC
9.30am	Naunton	HC BCP
11.00am	Guiting Power	Family Service
11.00am	<b>Upper Slaughter</b> with Lower Slaughter	HC BCP
<b>Second Sunday</b>	<b>12 January 2020</b>	<b>Baptism of Christ/ Plough Sunday</b>
8.30am	Naunton	HC BCP (Said)
9.30am	Lower Slaughter	HC
9.30am	<b>Farmcote</b> with Cutsdean	HC (Said)
11.00am	Temple Guiting	Eleven4All
11.00am	Upper Slaughter	Matins BCP
6.00pm	Guiting Power	Benefice Evensong
<b>Third Sunday</b>	<b>19 January 2020</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</b>
8.30am	Upper Slaughter	HC BCP (Said)
9.30am	<b>Cutsdean</b> with Temple Guiting	HC (Said)
11.00am	Lower Slaughter	HC
11.00am	Naunton	Matins BCP
6.00pm	Guiting Power	Songs of Praise
<b>Fourth Sunday</b>	<b>26 January 2020</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</b>
8.30am	Guiting Power	HC (Said)
9.30am	<b>Cutsdean</b> with Farmcote	HC (Said)
11.00am	Lower Slaughter	Family Worship
11.00am	Temple Guiting	Choral 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 – FEBRUARY 2020

<b>Time</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Service</b>
<b>First Sunday</b>	<b>2 February 2020</b>	<b>Candlemas</b>
9.30am	Naunton	HC BCP
11.00am	Guiting Power	Family Service
11.00am	<b>Upper Slaughter</b> with Lower Slaughter	HC BCP
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Temple Guiting</b>	<b>Taize Service</b>
<b>Second Sunday</b>	<b>9 February 2020</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>
8.30am	Naunton	HC BCP (Said)
9.30am	Lower Slaughter	HC
9.30am	<b>Farmcote</b> with Cutsdean	HC (Said)
11.00am	Temple Guiting	Eleven4All
11.00am	Upper Slaughter	Matins BCP
6.00pm	Guiting Power	Benefice Evensong
<b>Third Sunday</b>	<b>16 February 2020</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>
8.30am	Upper Slaughter	HC BCP (Said)
9.30am	<b>Cutsdean</b> with Temple Guiting	HC (Said)
11.00am	Lower Slaughter	HC
11.00am	Naunton	Matins BCP
6.00pm	Guiting Power	Songs of Praise
<b>Fourth Sunday</b>	<b>23 February 2020</b>	<b>Sunday next before Lent</b>
8.30am	Guiting Power	HC (Said)
9.30am	<b>Cutsdean</b> with Farmcote	HC (Said)
11.00am	Lower Slaughter	Family Worship
11.00am	Temple Guiting	Choral HC
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>26 February 2020</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Cutsdean</b>	<b>Benefice HC</b>

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## Guiting Power



The Summer School Holiday Cricket Coaching scheme was a great success. Five weekly sessions were held with on occasions 15 children participating. The scheme was St Michael & All Angels Church, Guiting Power's involvement in the Church of England Sport and the Church project which is growing within the Diocese. This photograph shows some of the boys and girls that attended, and also photographed with the children is our

New Zealand Qualified Cricket Coach Mrs Jo Powell - a huge thanks to Jo for all her time and expertise. The Cricket coaching will continue again in August 2020 on a weekly basis, for boys and girls of 6 to 10 years of age.

All of our attentions are now focused on the service at St Michael & All Angels to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Mrs Dorothy Watson, our Churchwarden Emeritus, on Sunday 24th November at 11am. Dorothy is absolutely delighted that so many of her friends in the Benefice have given notice that they will be in attendance - I am sure that it will be a day to remember.

We now turn our attentions to the great Christmas celebrations with the Village Carol Service on Friday 20th at 6.30pm and the Family Service on Christmas Day, 25th December at 11am. Please look out for your lonely neighbours, and try and include them in some way in your festive activities if you can. There are many of them all around you, not always obvious.

David Broad, Ann Marshall and myself are now actively involved in our Lay Ministry, regularly taking services around the Benefice, and we appear to be doing a good job. For fellow lay people around the Benefice, I urge you to come forward and have a chat with Rev Katrina, there will be training courses in this area in the New Year. Please think seriously about Lay Ministry, it is very rewarding.

The long awaited Church Loo will finally be under construction in March - to put it mildly "We Can't Wait"! A huge thank you to Roland for the massive amount of work that he has gone through on this long awaited project.

May I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, but above all always remember what Christmas is really about.

***Mike Edwards, Churchwarden***

## **Cutsdean**

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Sue Pestell to St. James in her capacity as Curate in the Benefice – Sue is no stranger to Cutsdean having worshipped with us previously.

On the bank holiday weekend at the end of August, Denny, Jeanette and Ted – with the invaluable assistance of a team too numerous to mention – revived the Village Picnic after a gap of some 7 years. In glorious weather the well attended event was a great success and much appreciated by all.

Our Harvest Festival was held at the end of September and Ros, Jeanette, Gina and Daisy made the Church look as good as ever for this most enjoyable of celebrations with a convivial tea party afterwards.

At the beginning of November St. James' held the Benefice service to give thanks for the memory of loved ones. The warm and moving service led by Katrina and Sue was well attended by some 50 friends from across the Benefice.

With best wishes to you all for Christmas and the New Year when we are a fifth of the way through the century!!

## ***Mark Evans***

## **Temple Guiting**

The autumn leaves on the trees are looking beautiful and we have celebrated Harvest Festival which was well supported, but unfortunately the Harvest Supper had to be cancelled because not enough tickets had been sold by the time the food had to be ordered. Hopefully next year people will buy their tickets earlier.

The work in the Church on the West End Community Space is nearly finished and on the 6<sup>th</sup> December everyone is invited to a celebration with cheese and wine and musical entertainment, at 7 o'clock.

Then we look forward to the ever popular Candle Lit Carol Service at 4.00pm on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December. The Christmas Day Services are in the schedule elsewhere in the magazine.

It seems a very long time ago now, but a delightful occasion was the performance of "As You Like It" in the garden of Temple Guiting House. How fortunate we are that Sue Finlater is so generous with her hospitality.

May we all have a peaceful and happy Christmas.

## ***Audrey Mather***

## **Lower Slaughter**

As I write this winter is starting to creep in with the first cold and frosty mornings and chilly nights. How wonderful the autumn colours have been this year – a host of golds and oranges on our trees and hedgerows.

St Mary's has had a busy summer and autumn with lots of weddings and our Village Fete on August Bank Holiday Monday which was a joyful day of village friendship, blessed with wonderful weather. This provides income for St Mary's and other village organisations for which we are very grateful. We also celebrated Harvest Festival on 15 September when our church looked splendid with all the decorations. We sang joyful hymns and gave thanks for our crops, animals and food. Afterwards we enjoyed a Harvest lunch with many villagers.

Currently in the season of Remembrance, the year is moving on as we approach Advent – a time of preparation for the birth of Jesus and our wonderful celebration of Christmas. Our Village Carol Service will be on Sunday 15 December at 11am followed by a village bring and share lunch. A Carols by Candlelight service will then be held on Monday 23 December at 6.30pm and Holy Communion on Christmas Day at 9.30am.

On behalf of St Mary's PCC, we wish you all a peaceful and joyous Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year – may all your hopes and dreams come true.

***Marion Marshall***

## **Temple Guiting School**

### **Remembrance**

We created our own remembrance wall on Armistice Day. In our collective worship we learned about the significance of the poppy symbol and the great sacrifice so many have made so that we might enjoy our freedom. We all made a poppy which we attached to a wall along with poems and writing that helped us explain why we must never forget those "who gave their today for our tomorrow".



### **Adventure Week**

In October, our oldest pupils travelled to Tregoyd Hall near Brecon for an amazing week of adventure. The weather was cold, windy and at times very wet but we still had a brilliant time. We went abseiling, climbing, quad-biking, raft

building, mountain walking, archery and a very wet and muddy adventure trail. Along with lots of other activities, great food and lots of laughter we all learned a great deal about our classmates and we even surprised ourselves at how brave we were when facing big challenges. We came back exhausted, proud and very dirty!! But we all agreed it was a great week, and that includes the staff too.

### **School Council**

Our newly elected School Council has been very busy since the elections took place in September. Two representatives from each year group now regularly meet to discuss ways to improve our school and to help our pupils have a voice to share their thoughts and ideas. So far our School Council has organised a cake sale to raise money for Young Minds – a charity that promotes positive mental health for young people. They also gave up a week of lunchtimes to sew beautiful felt poppies with all the proceeds of their sale going to the Royal British legion. They are organising a book swap in December so we will all have something new to read over the holidays.

### **Litter Picking**

The whole school along with representatives from Temple Guiting Parish Council spent a lovely sunny afternoon litter picking (and exploring) around our beautiful village. Our youngest pupils did a sterling job of clearing the Recreation field while the older pupils went around the village collecting any litter we could find. We also learned a little about our village's history including its link to the Knights Templars in the middle of the Twelfth Century – it was fascinating and definitely worth investigating further. We have been gifted some new litter pickers since our first session, for which we are really grateful, and will definitely make use of them in next litter picking session.

***Ann Barry, Headteacher***

## ***COMMUNITY NEWS ...***

### **Sue Ryder Leckhampton Court Hospice**

This hospice is Gloucestershire's only inpatient unit for specialist palliative care. In addition to a number of beds, it also offers care in your own home, and Day Services for those who are still living at home. Their aim is to: "help you live and lead the best life you possibly can".

This year, Katrina has had the privilege of spending some time at the hospice, and seeing the staff at work. She describes it as "an amazing place of care, beauty and peace". In June, when Rev'd Sue Cox spent her last days there, we saw that in action. It was a response to this amazing care that led Katrina to

walk the 'Starlight Hike' for Sue Ryder in October, and thanks to great support, she raised £1,380.

### **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.

### **Guiting Power Playground**

The Guiting Power Village Hall and Social Group are working to raise funds to complete phase 2 of their playground development. Many, many families near and far visit the playground and enjoy their special time making memories, sparking imagination and socialising. This is a free facility to use. As the children in the village are mainly 8+ years old now and are seeking some independence, they have requested a larger piece of play equipment suitable for climbing on and being more physically challenged.

The Social Group have raised some money so far, but £4,000 is still needed, especially after the Village Fete was rained off this summer. We hope to go ahead with the build in the early spring. If you are able to support this project, check out the GoFundMe campaign using the following link :

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/verity039s-campaign-for-guiting-power-playground?sharetype=teams&member=3092460&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=customer&utm\\_campaign=p\\_na+share-sheet&pc\\_code=em\\_db\\_co2876\\_v1&rcid=dd9602a719204f12abf8a8597d3c6ec1](https://www.gofundme.com/f/verity039s-campaign-for-guiting-power-playground?sharetype=teams&member=3092460&utm_medium=email&utm_source=customer&utm_campaign=p_na+share-sheet&pc_code=em_db_co2876_v1&rcid=dd9602a719204f12abf8a8597d3c6ec1)

Thank you.

***Verity Edwards-Flaherty***

### **Volunteer with Girlguiding**

We are so fortunate to have Rainbows, Brownies and Guides groups meeting in our Benefice. Sessions are run on Tuesday evenings at Guiting Power Village Hall and great fun is had by many young girls.

Girlguiding is the leading charity for girls and young women in the UK, with over 500,000 members.

Thanks to the dedication and support of over 100,000 amazing volunteers, we are active in every part of the UK, giving girls and young women a space where

they can be themselves, have fun, build brilliant friendships, gain valuable life skills and make a positive difference to their lives and their communities.

We build girls' confidence and raise their aspirations. We give them the chance to discover their full potential and encourage them to be a powerful force for good and we give them a space to have fun.

### **Interested in Volunteering ?**

There are a myriad of ways you can get involved and make a difference. Our volunteering opportunities can fit around your skills, commitments and interests.

Register your interest at [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) or find out more by emailing [cotswoldn@girlguidingglos.org.uk](mailto:cotswoldn@girlguidingglos.org.uk)

### **Care for Wildlife this Winter**

- Feed the birds
- Provide fresh water
- Let your garden go wild

A few simple things we can all do which will help our wild birds and animals survive these harsh months of the year.

### **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.*

### **AND FINALLY ...** Some amusing notices:

- Bargain Basement upstairs.
- After the tea break, staff should empty the teapot and stand upside down on the draining board.
- Would the person who took the step ladder yesterday please bring it back, or further steps will be taken.

***MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!***

## Coffee Shop

Every Thursday 10.30am-  
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