# **SEVENTY TIMES SEVEN**

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

## **November & December 2022**



Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

## Floral Tribute by Simon Armitage

Evening will come, however determined the late afternoon,
Limes and oaks in their last green flush, pearled in September mist.
I have conjured a lily to light these hours, a token of thanks,
Zones and auras of soft glare framing the brilliant globes.
A promise made and kept for life - that was your gift Because of which, here is a gift in return, glovewort to some,
Each shining bonnet guarded by stern lance-like leaves.
The country loaded its whole self into your slender hands,
Hands that can rest, now, relieved of a century's weight.

Evening has come. Rain on the black lochs and dark Munros.
Lily of the Valley, a namesake almost, a favourite flower
Interlaced with your famous bouquets, the restrained
Zeal and forceful grace of its lanterns, each inflorescence
A silent bell disguising a singular voice. A blurred new day
Breaks uncrowned on remote peaks and public parks, and
Everything turns on these luminous petals and deep roots,
This lily that thrives between spire and tree, whose brightness
Holds and glows beyond the life and border of its bloom.

## **DEAR FRIENDS**

As we gently head into Autumn, with all the beauty of the changing landscape, our view changes too in the Church.

Late October and November bring the season of Remembrance, for loved ones who have died, and for those who have been lost in conflict, especially in two World Wars. You will be most welcome to join us at our services to mark these sad times. The dates and times are included in our list of services later in our magazine.

As we remember those who are dear to us and who are no longer with us, we remember Her Late Majesty the Queen, who served us so devotedly over 70 years. We were glad to be able to celebrate her life at a special Commemorative Sunday Service and Evensong, and so many of you signed the books of condolence, which will be sent to Buckingham Palace in due course.

As we look to early November, we will be pleased to welcome Katrina back from her sabbatical. Her first day with us will be Sunday 6th November. As she returns, Catherine goes off on her maternity leave, and we wait with anticipation to hear about the new baby.

Soon Christmas will be upon us and you will find details of all our Christmas services later in this magazine.

So we have a season to come of sadness, anticipation and joy. May it bring peace to our hearts too.

#### A Prayer for Remembrance

Gracious Lord, as we approach this time of remembrance, turn our eyes to look on the lives of the saints and remind us of your grace and the hope of your Kingdom; help us to remember your comforting presence as we think of those loved ones who have died, and all that they meant to us; assist us to seek peace and justice, as we honour those who have given their lives

ssist us to seek peace and justice, as we honour those who have given their lives for our freedom.

Amen

With love and prayers, Sue and Catherine

Sue's working days in the Benefice are Wednesdays and Sundays. Katrina returns from her sabbatical on 1 November and 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"

Lucy Fyfe and Robert Easter at Lower Slaughter on 13 August 2022 Beau Pergusey and Emily Muskett at Lower Slaughter on 20 August 2022 Lucy Walker and Oliver Plunkett at Lower Slaughter on 10 September 2022 Hetty Wilson and Anthony Beddows at Naunton on 19 September 2022 Raphaella Pitt and Simon Lafrance at Lower Slaughter on 23 September 2022 Fiona Frampton and Kenton Wallace at Lower Slaughter on 7 October 2022 Andrea Carter and Toby Goodchild at Lower Slaughter on 14 October 2022 Abbigail Clarke and Luke Dooner at Upper Slaughter on 15 October 2022

## Wedding Blessings

Adam Sippel and Laura England at Guiting Power on 6 August 2022 James Oakes and Margit Mueller-Helms at Upper Slaughter on 27 August 2022

## Baptisms

## "May God Guide and protect them"

Isabelle Keeling at Upper Slaughter on 11 September 2022 Harper Hill at Temple Guiting on 18 September 2022 Barney Gowers at Temple Guiting on 25 September 2022 Edie Brett at Naunton on 2 October 2022 Rafe Brierley at Temple Guiting on 15 October 2022 Harriet Mannerson at Temple Guiting on 15 October 2022

#### **Funerals**

"May God grant them light and peace"

Della Bowes, Funeral and Burial at Guiting Power on 8 September 2022 Vicky Griffiths, Funeral and Burial at Temple Guiting on 9 September 2022 David Smyth, Service of Thanksgiving at Naunton on 15 October 2022

## **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.

## WIDER CHURCH NEWS

#### Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Just after publication of our last magazine came the sad death of our Queen on 8 September. In response to many requests, the Sermon given by Catherine on Sunday 18 September follows:-

"That's our Queen!" Shouted my 3 year old son as he saw the photograph that had been placed in memory of Her late Majesty outside his nursery earlier this week.

Queen Elizabeth II is the most recognised face in the whole world. From one small boy in rural England going in to play with friends, to many aged veterans in Australia who fought amongst comrades in the Second World War, to nooks and crannies in all 4 corners of the globe, our late Queen was much loved and she will be much missed.

It hit me, the Queen's death, last Friday morning when I went to pay for some eggs, and looking at the £5 note in my hand I suddenly realised... "she has gone".

I will miss her face, I will miss her hats! I will miss her words of wisdom....

From the very beginning, Princess Elizabeth, guided us as a country, as a nation, as a commonwealth. She showed us the way - the way of HOPE. And showed that way with the beacon that is God.

In her first speech, aged just 14, broadcast as part of Children's hour in 1940, Princess Elizabeth spoke of her love, fellowship and support for others in need. Along with her sister Margaret, Princess Elizabeth's message of hope gave children across the world a sense of support and of love, and that all would one day be well. Her message ended "We know, every one of us, that in the end all will be well; for God will care for us and give us victory and peace. And when peace comes, remember it will be for us, the children of today, to make the world of tomorrow a better and happier place."

That was our Queen! And God DID care for us and give us victory!

On her 21st birthday, Princess Elizabeth vowed, in a wireless broadcast from South Africa, that "I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service". As the Poet Laureate Simon Armitage's new poem quotes, this was "A promise made and kept for life". That was OUR Queen's gift to us.

More subtly though, she quoted William Pitt "that England had saved herself by her exertions and would save Europe by her example". More subtle, because Queen Elizabeth was to make it her **own** life's exertion to be **our** example, and by God's grace, in comparison to the terrible political turmoil around the world, to the end of her reign this country really has been saved. She finished by saying "God help me to make good my vow, and **God bless all of you who are willing to share in it."** 

Oh and Christmas!!

I loved our Queen's Christmas messages; messages full of subtle Christianity, of love for one another and for all people. Gentle sermons from the head of our church, never mind the Christmas pudding, it was our Queen's words that fed us on Christmas afternoons.

My favourite speech that Her late Majesty gave to us was from only a couple of years ago. During the Covid pandemic Queen Elizabeth II again showed us the way, the way of hope. Inspiring us to stay strong, reminding us that "we will be with our friends again; we will be with our families again; we will meet again."

Firm in her faith from 14 to 96, the Queen's life was an example of Christian Discipleship. Hers was a life rooted in the Hope of Christ. In our reading from the book of Revelation today we hear a message of Hope. Of God being and living amongst us mortals, of God making all things new. Reminding us of the hope we find in Christ, that we can trust that we are all beloved children of God.

Her late Majesty's Christian faith was at the heart of all she did. Her faith strengthened her, guided her and inspired her. And we all received the benefits of her faith, of her dedication to love others and help us to be the people God created us to be - Our Queen was a Queen of Hope. In those hope filled words of Christ's, as we hear in St John's gospel "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me."

#### Our Queen Has Died.

For seventy long years, Elizabeth II served us as Queen. For 96 years she was a child of God here on earth. And now she reigns in heaven with all those who have gone before us in faith. In the same year that we celebrated Her late Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, in the same year that we finally found out what she keeps in her handbag (thank you Paddington!), in the same year that we have a new King. To continue her legacy of living lives of loving service for others is to honour Queen Elizabeth's life, and to honour God. Aged only 14, she asked us to build a better and happier world for the children of tomorrow; a message that is absolutely as relevant today.

Today, a new era, with a new King - Queen Elizabeth II's son, King Charles III.

We know that our Queen would want us to go forward into the future with faith and with hope. She would want us to continue to follow her example of wisdom, of tradition, of the pride in our faith that brings communities together, the pride that breaks down the barriers of this world and brings forth the best and happiest years to come. In Her late Majesty's own words "The pride in who we are is **not** a part of our past, it defines our **present** and our **future**."

With our late Queen's image in our minds, and her life in our hearts, her legacy of building God's Kingdom here on earth passes to us - all of us. May God guide her son, her successor, such that he also inspires us to greatness, and to another 70 years of safety, peace and grace, where my son's own children will point with pride at posters with HIS face on it and say "that's our King!". Amen.

#### Bellringing

Practices take place in Naunton most Mondays at 7pm (or in Longborough on Wednesdays at 7.30pm). If you would like to have a go, complete beginners and rusty old hands very welcome! Full training will be given. Please contact Naunton Tower Captain, Richard Tilbrook (07717 720589 / 01451 850691) for details.

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

Are you or someone you know getting concerned about putting food on the table at the moment? If so, do contact with Sue or the North Cotswold Foodbank directly. Specialist advice is available for getting support and food parcels if required. **So please don't go hungry or worry in silence - please just ask.** 

The Foodbank always welcomes donations of food etc (please just check their particular needs) and cash donations (made online using the donate button) which are put towards fresh meat and local fresh produce.

Items collected for the Foodbank at our recent Harvest Festival services will be much appreciated so a huge "Thank you" to everyone who donated.

#### Safeguarding Training

Members of our PCCs as well as the clergy are being asked to do a course on recognising and supporting people suffering from Domestic Abuse. Raising awareness of Domestic Abuse is an important aspect of safeguarding the safety of adults and children. Do speak to one of the clergy if you need any advice.

## **ZOOM LINK**

Zoom activities continue with two **Sunday Morning Prayer** services each month and **Bible Study** from **7-8pm** on **Wednesdays 2<sup>nd</sup> November and 7<sup>th</sup> December**.

#### For all Zoom events please follow link below:

Join Zoom Meeting <u>https://us05web.zoom.us/j/6854990219?pwd=Y1ZIQ2MyWHRHNkxWZ3hKTGs2K1NSZz09</u> Meeting ID: 685 499 0219 Passcode: zF2Lyc To join **by telephone** please call 0203 481 5237 and enter Meeting ID and password

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## **SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2022**

#### Sunday 6 November

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

#### Friday 11 November

10.50am Act of Remembrance at Guiting Power War Memorial

#### Sunday 13 November – Remembrance Sunday

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Farmcote
- 10.45am Remembrance Service at Lower Slaughter
- 10.45am Remembrance Service at Naunton
- 10.45am Remembrance at Temple Guiting

#### Sunday 20 November

| 9.00am  | Zoom                              |
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| 9.30am  | Holy Communion at Cutsdean        |
| 11.00am | Holy Communion at Upper Slaughter |
| 3.30pm  | Wild Worship (Venue tbc)          |

#### Sunday 27 November – Advent Sunday

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Naunton
- 10.00am Holy Communion at Temple Guiting
- 11.00am Morning Praise at Guiting Power
- 6.00pm Advent Service at Lower Slaughter

## **SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2022**

#### Sunday 4 December

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

#### Sunday 11 December

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

#### Friday 16 December

6.30pm Carol Service at Guiting Power

#### Saturday 17 December

- 4.00pm Carol Service at Cutsdean
- 6.00pm Carol Service at Upper Slaughter

#### Sunday 18 December

- 9.00am Zoom
- 11.00am Holy Communion at Guiting Power
- 7.00pm Carol Service at Naunton

#### **Monday 19 December**

5.00pm Carol Service at Temple Guiting

#### Wednesday 21 December

- 3.00pm Crib Service at Naunton
- 6.30pm Carol Service at Lower Slaughter

#### Saturday 24 December – Christmas Eve

- 7.00pm Carol Service at Farmcote
- 11.30pm Holy Communion at Naunton
- 11.30pm Holy Communion at Upper Slaughter

#### Sunday 25 December – Christmas Day

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Lower Slaughter
- 10.00am Family Holy Communion at Temple Guiting
- 11.00am Family Service at Guiting Power

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

## **NEWS FROM THE PEWS AND FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS**

#### CUTSDEAN

Bert Sadler's love of cricket is well known. He played for Cutsdean for some 40 years, and was feted locally and nationally as being the oldest player in the country when well into his eighties. His devotion to the game is now set in stone – literally – with his grave being marked with a beautifully sculptured headstone just over the wall from where he played the game and where many of the boundaries he hit landed! The stone has been provided by Harry Gray, a leading sculptor whose works can be seen around the country including RFU Twickenham and the National Memorial in Staffordshire.

Our first Harvest Festival for three years took place at the end of September in our beautifully decorated Church and was attended by a congregation whose quality made up for quantity! Next up is our Carol Service on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00pm.

We look forward to the return of Katrina at the beginning of November, and to welcoming her back to our Churches in the coming weeks.

From Cutsdean, we wish everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

#### Mark Evans

#### **TEMPLE GUITING**

Very shortly after our last 70 x 7 was published, the nation mourned the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. For so many people this was an event of great significance; a coming together of the nation to reflect on and give thanks for the life of our late Queen.

That sense of togetherness continued with our Harvest Festival and Supper on 8<sup>th</sup> October. A huge amount of produce was very generously donated to the North Cotswold Foodbank by the school and local villages, weighing in at an amazing 113.84kg! Harvest Supper was an absolute feast of delights and jolly entertainment. Thanks to all involved!

The annual Service of Remembrance for the Guitings, Cutsdean and Farmcote will be held at St Mary's at 10.45am on Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup>.

After a 2-year leave of absence, Temple Guiting Quiz returns with a vengeance on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November in the Village Hall. Hosted by the one and only Robert Llewellyn, plus supper and amazing prizes. Not to be missed! Tickets from Kate Mather katemather@landgatetg.co.uk / 07776 180121.

And finally, as a change to our usual Sunday afternoon, Temple Guiting Village Carol Service will be on MONDAY December 19<sup>th</sup> at 5.00pm – something to do with a football match...

#### Ali Clifton Barnard

#### **GUITING POWER**

It's not often that national or global events so personally touch our communities, but the passing of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II was one such occasion. It was heartening to observe how many people daily visited the church for quiet reflection and to sign the Book of Condolence (now sent to Buckingham Palace). The village also came together on The Green on Sunday 18th to observe the National Minute's Silence, for which our Jubilee Beacon was once again lit as a focus.

The end of September brought our Harvest and Patronal Festival for St. Michael (or Archangel Michael as Jean noted in her reflection). It was a joyful occasion to thank God for our many blessings, with refreshments afterwards and the church so beautifully decorated. My very grateful thanks to all involved and for the donations received for the Foodbank. Thank you also to all who have been so willingly involved in our regular monthly Saturday Church & Churchyard Tidy Mornings, now paused until the Spring. As the beauty of Autumn fully surrounds us, we look forward to Katrina's return from sabbatical and as we prepare for services of Remembrance, Advent and Christmas. The village Bonfire & Fireworks takes place on the Playing Field from 5pm on Sunday 6th November. Last, but by no means least, we wish Catherine, Alexander and Alan well as Catherine begins her maternity leave, and look forward to meeting newest member of the family very soon!

#### Simon Wallis

\*\*\* <u>Please note</u>: Guiting babies will resume in the Spring\*\*\*.

#### NAUNTON

Two more great fund-raising events in Naunton recently: John Evans (with some help!) cooked a brilliant five-course dinner for 48 people and raised over £1,100 plus gift-aid for Ukraine. And the annual Coffee Morning run by Ba Steiner produced over £800 split between Macmillan's and Kate's Home Nursing.

St. Andrew's Cinema's next showing at is 'Top Gun: Maverick' on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Contact Bob at <u>bob@markets-international.com</u> for details or if you would like to be on the monthly mailing list.

Also coming up of course, we have the usual Bonfire Night bonanza. And on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November, a Christmas Fair in the village hall from 11am until 3pm - come and buy your Christmas presents! There will be cakes, hot snacks and drinks as well.

Apologies for having to postpone the bell-ringing open evening in September (as it coincided with the state funeral). If you would like to be kept in touch for the revised date, please contact Richard Tilbrook (07717 720589 / 01451 850691).

Finally, an advance 'keep the date' alert - St. Andrew's will be hosting another Burns Night supper (complete with piper, ceilidh band and so on) on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January. Details from Bob at <u>bob@markets-international.com</u>.

#### **Bob Steiner**

#### LOWER SLAUGHTER

With a chill in the air and the long winter nights upon us, we have a chance to restart our winter hobbies, relax a little, reflect on the challenges we have all faced this year and continue to be grateful for the progress made against Covid-19 which allowed us to enjoy our village fetes and celebrations and to live near normality.

Following our Remembrance services, we look forward to Christmas and will be holding a Christmas Table Top Sale with seasonal refreshments on Saturday 26 November from 10.30am to 2.00pm in our Village Hall. Tables £10.00 to be booked with myself (01451 810294) and proceeds to St Mary's Church.

Then we enter the period of Advent – a time of quiet reflection and preparation before the joy of Christmas itself. May we all enjoy Carol Services, village gettogethers and to spending time with family and friends. Whatever you do, we wish everyone in our Benefice a peaceful and joyous Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

#### **Marion Marshall**

#### FARMCOTE

The last few weeks have given us some spectacular sunsets spreading all around from the northwest to the southwest of the Malvern Hills.

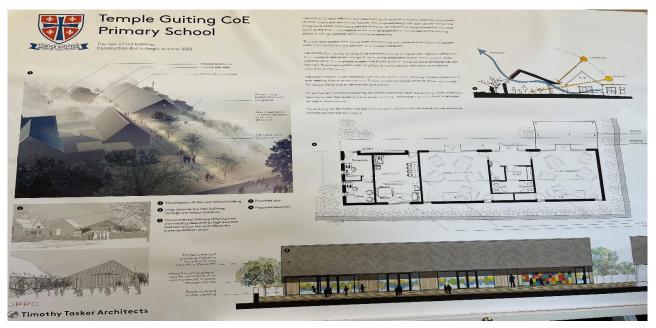
Normal second Sunday monthly services continue and we look forward to our first Christmas Eve Carol Service for three years.

#### **Peter Loveday**

#### TEMPLE GUITING CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

It has been a very busy but really good start to the Autumn term.

We gained planning permission for our new school buildings – I've added a picture so you can get an idea of what's going to happen. It will be 2 new classrooms, a staffroom, a small room for support work and 2 offices. It is all so exciting and we hope to start in January and complete by September 2023. Do get in touch if you would like more details.



We all went to St Mary's Church for our Harvest Festival led by our Class 4 children on the theme of harvest and how different it is in many parts of the world. We had an amazing donation of food and it all went to the North Cotswold Foodbank. A worthy cause and a great lesson for our children in sharing and caring for others.

Mental health and wellbeing week involved so many different activities culminating in a celebration assembly and a whole school walk – it was so lovely hearing the

laughter and chatter as we walked along country lanes and beautiful footpaths – we all agreed we live in an amazing place and how much good it did all being outside in nature. During the week we did art activities, relaxation after PE, healthy snacks to keeps our bodies and minds healthy, we sent notes of encouragement and praise to one another and we learned what we might do if we are not feeling ok. It was a very worthwhile and enjoyable week.



We have open mornings on 1<sup>st</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November 9.30-11.30am if any preschool children are looking for school places in September – do tell anyone who might be interested.

#### Ann Barry, Head Teacher



- Visit www.home-start-cotswolds.org.uk/volunteer
- Call 01285 885391
- Email office@home-start-cotswolds.org.uk

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If you can spare 2-3 hours a week to help a family with young children, Home-Start Cotswolds needs you! This is a great opportunity to learn new skills, change the lives of the families you support and enhance your own well-being.

To find out more, come to our Information Morning on Wed 23 Nov from 10am-12noon at the George Moore Community Centre, Moore Road, Bourton-on-the-Water, GL54 2AZ. Alternatively, please get in touch using the details above before our next free training course, which starts in January 2023 at the George Moore Centre.

There is also more information about being a Home-Start volunteer on our website at <u>www.home-start-cotswolds.org.uk/volunteer</u>



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