

SEVENTY TIMES SEVEN

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

September & October 2022



Sue at her licensing in July with Bishop Rachel and Katrina

DEAR FRIENDS

The hedgerows are full of blackberries, the trees are beginning to shed their leaves and the evenings are getting cooler.

What I love about this time of year is that it is a time to take stock of all the adventures, beauty and heat of summer, and to enjoy the riches that harvest brings us. To reflect on the gifts of God's creation.

It is the time of year to ground ourselves back to the natural world around us, and move with the changing seasons. It is of course also the start of a new academic year, with its own new beginnings and new opportunities.

This autumn is full of chances to love our neighbours, and to renew our connections with our communities and our faith. From blackberry picking, to walking the dog, to church harvest festivals, village supper fundraisers and school coffee mornings, we pray this autumn is full of the fruits of the season for you and all those you love. Amen.

With love and prayers, **Sue and Catherine**

PS Were you all among those of us blessed by the rain recently? Oh what a wonderful sound that was! I went out and stood in it for a few moments, but for the first time in weeks I actually felt cold, so it wasn't for long!

The hot and dry weather and ultimately our concern for our environment, for the farmers and all in danger from the effects of climate change, might have shaken us somewhat. But did you see the lovely news item on TV recently where a farmer was putting out water for wildlife on her farm and filming the birds and animals that came to drink on motion-capture cameras? The results were amazing and a real eye-opener as to the wide range of species desperate for and very glad of water. Her dedication to the wildlife on her farm was incredible – she refilled the containers daily and it took most of her day to do so! A fine example to us all.

Katrina is on sabbatical at the moment and will be back in early November.

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

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.

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

Weddings

"May God bless them"

Joseph Wheeler and Harriet Franklin at Lower Slaughter on 24 June 2022

Emma Clark and Lee Pring at Temple Guiting on 16 July 2022

Nell Turner and Tim Dawes at Lower Slaughter on 22 July 2022

Eleanor Tyler and Ryeed Rahim at Lower Slaughter on 30 July 2022

Emily Dennis and Andrei Bird at Lower Slaughter on 5th August 2022

Wedding Blessing

Isabel and Sam at Upper Slaughter on 16 July 2022

Baptisms

"May God Guide and protect them"

River Anne Archer Miles at Guiting Power on 24 July 2022

Funerals

"May God grant them light and peace"

Derek Lockey, Burial of Ashes at Naunton on 24 June 2022

Serena Prest, Funeral at Cheltenham Crematorium on 27 June 2022

Richard Ellis, Funeral and Burial at Temple Guiting on 28 June 2022

Pryce Watkins (Upper Slaughter), Funeral at Condicote on 28 July 2022

Arthur Mitchell, Funeral at Cheltenham Crematorium and Naunton on 13 July and

Burial of Ashes on 29 July 2022

Peter von Holzing, Service of Thanksgiving at Upper Slaughter on 30 July 2022

Terence St Julien Dixon, Funeral at Cutsdean on 3 August 2022

WIDER CHURCH NEWS

Bellringing

Would you like to have a go at ringing the church bells? If so, there will be an **open evening at 7pm on Monday 19th September at St Andrew's Church in Naunton** for anyone who would like to try it out. Complete beginners and rusty old hands will be very welcome. If you enjoy the experience, then there are practices in Naunton most Mondays at 7pm (or in Longborough on Wednesdays at 7.30pm), when you

will receive full training. If you can't manage that date, then you will be welcome on any practice night. Please contact the Naunton Tower Captain, Richard Tilbrook (07717 720589 / 01451 850691), if you'd like to come or would like to know more.

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

If you or anyone you know may be finding funds stretched and getting concerned about how to put food on the table at the moment, please do get in touch with Catherine or Sue, or the North Cotswold Foodbank directly. They have specialist advice available for how to get support and have the ability to offer food parcels if required. **Please don't go hungry or worry in silence**, we can all see how budgets are stretched at the moment and **there is support available locally - please just ask**. If you find you have the financial ability to buy extra shopping items at the moment, the Foodbank always welcome donations - please just check their particular needs. Alternatively, if you're in a position to give a cash donation, money is put towards fresh meat and local fresh produce and can be done online using the donate button

ZOOM LINK

We are continuing to offer some activities on Zoom. This includes two Sunday Morning Prayer services each month, and our monthly Bible Study (which meets on the first Wednesday of each month from 7-8pm).

Our upcoming **Bible Study** dates are:

Wednesday 7th September

Wednesday 5th October

Wednesday 2nd November

For all Zoom events please follow link below:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/6854990219?pwd=Y1ZlQ2MyWHRHNkxWZ3hKTGs2K1NSZz09>

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Passcode: zF2Lyc

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

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

Sunday 4th September

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

Sunday 11th September

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

Sunday 18th September

- 9.00am Zoom (Climate Sunday)
- 9.30am Holy Communion at Cutsdean (Climate Sunday)
- 11.00am Holy Communion at Upper Slaughter
- 3.30pm Wild Worship at Temple Guiting (Climate Sunday)

Sunday 25th September

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

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2022

Sunday 2nd October

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

Saturday 8th October

- 6.00pm Harvest Festival at Temple Guiting

Sunday 9th October

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Farmcote – Harvest and Patronal Festival
- 11.00am Holy Communion at Lower Slaughter
- 11.00am Matins at Naunton – Harvest Festival

Sunday 16th October

- 9.00am Zoom
9.30am Holy Communion at Cutsdean
11.00am Holy Communion at Upper Slaughter – Harvest Festival
3.30pm Wild Worship (at Woodland for Soldiers)

Sunday 23rd October

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Naunton
11.00am Morning Praise at Lower Slaughter – Harvest Festival
6.00pm Evening Service at Guiting Power

Sunday 30th October

- 10.00am Holy Communion at Temple Guiting
4.00pm Service Remembering our Loved Ones at Naunton

PLEASE NOTE: *Occasionally it may be necessary to change or cancel services at short notice, in which case please accept our sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused.*

NEWS FROM THE PEWS AND FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

Guiting Power Cheery Club

Car Boot / Table Top Sale

Saturday 17th September

10.00am – 1.00pm

£10.00 per boot/table (CASH ONLY PLEASE and No need to book)

Guiting Power Village Hall

Tea/coffee and plenty of parking available

Time for a clear out so come and join us, you may find yourself a bargain too!

Come and meet your friends and neighbours
in the West End, St. Mary's Church, Temple Guiting

10.30am – Friday 30 September – Macmillan Coffee Morning

10.30am – Friday 21 October – Village Coffee Morning

PROPER COFFEE AND CAKE !

All Welcome

Print Your Own Cotswold Postcard

Saturday 1 October 2022 1.30 - 4.30pm

The afternoon will start with a guided walk around the 12th century Cotswold church followed by a practical art workshop inside the church. Experienced Artist and Tutor, Alexandra Woods, will introduce you to simple print making techniques and guide you in creating your own postcards inspired by The Cotswolds. You can then admire your creations whilst enjoying some tea and homemade cake. St Mary's Church, Temple Guiting is in the heart of the idyllic Cotswolds, surrounded by beautiful countryside.

All tuition, all art materials and equipment, tea, coffee or herbal tea and homemade cake are included for £60.00

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TEMPLE GUITING

The period of extreme heat has been difficult for many and especially for farmers. The parched landscape is a daily reminder of how dependent we all are on regular rainfall. This harvest season will perhaps be more poignant than usual, as we reflect on the impact of climate change and our response.

The autumn is looking busy at St Mary's. Our Soup and a Story series restarts on Friday 16th September at 7.00pm with 'The Sacking of St Bernard's Monastery, Guiting Power' - a tale of dark deeds on our doorstep from Roland Greenhill! Harvest Festival and Supper will be on Saturday October 8th at 6.00pm in St Mary's, followed by supper in the Village Hall. On Friday 28th October at 7.00pm, Adam Khan (Guitar) and Michael Bochmann (Violin) present 'Music with a Story, from S. America and Spain'. Tapas and a Tipple. Tickets available from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/temple-guiting>

Ali Clifton Barnard

GUITING POWER

It feels odd in the heat of this summer, to be writing an article for the "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness" already!

As time moves on, so do people, and I have just heard the sad news of Della Bowes' passing. Della will be known to many after 45 years in Guiting and stalwart of many village organisations, not least St. Michael's Church where she will be greatly missed and our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

We were blessed with good weather for the return of our Open Gardens at the beginning of July. A very enjoyable and well-supported afternoon raising just short

of £2,000 for church funds. Thank you to all who opened their gardens, baked cakes, served teas and helped in numerous other ways to make it such a success.

On Sunday 24th July we had a lovely service at St. Michael's for the (fifth generation) Baptism of River Anne Miles, as well as marking the retirement as Organist, after 35 years, of her Great Grandfather Chris Miles, and whose 90th Birthday was the day after. The church was beautifully decorated and a suitable presentation made to Chris with the honorary title of Organist Emeritus. Chris and Anne, you have a lovely family, thank you for making us part of your special day.

On Saturday 17th September the Cheery Club will be holding a Car Boot Sale at the Village Hall and our Harvest Festival service will take place at 6pm on Sunday 25th September with drinks afterwards. The church will be decorated the day before and donations of flowers will be much appreciated, as well as produce which will afterwards be donated to the Food Bank.

Our last Churchyard Days of this year will be 10am-12noon on Saturdays 24th September and 22nd October.

Simon Wallis

** Guiting Babies will re-start in the Autumn. Please contact Catherine for details. **

NAUNTON

A great duck-racing day at the Dovecote in July raised £925 for GARAS to help Ukrainian refugees in our area. Together with £650 from the Social Committee and a further £1,950 from collections made at St. Andrew's Church after the Friday-night Naunton Music concerts, we sent over £3,500 to help in the purchase of everyday items needed by the refugees, such as school uniforms, clothing and general living expenses. Hopefully, this will make a significant difference to those who benefit. Another great event, the Nauntonbury music festival, raised over £1,000 for Kate's Home Nursing.

Naunton Cinema's next showing is 'Downton Abbey: A New Era' on Tuesday 6th September (details from Bob on 07980 801928). Naunton Music's final concert of the year will be the Castalian String Quartet on Friday 23rd September (details from Ba on 850897). Also Coffee Shop at church on Thursdays from 10.30am to 12.30pm. The next of Dr Paul Roberts' illustrated talks at the end of September 'From Carthage to Cairo - The Roman Empire's Sumptuous South' is already sold out. Sorry to anyone who didn't manage to get tickets.

Bob Steiner

CUTSDEAN

I see from my records that the last contribution from Cutsdean was December 2020 – a long time ago and since then we have been subjected to all sorts of stresses and anxieties and not much going on to be worthy of mention at this end of the Benefice. To start with a sad note, the village lost Terry Dixon after a long illness

and we send our condolences to his widow, Sue, and the family. On a brighter note, the Covid plague appears to be on the wane, letting us return to a relatively normal existence at last. To demonstrate this I am pleased to report that the Harvest Festival, 25th. September at 3.00pm, and Carol Service, 17th. December at 4.00pm are restored to the schedule of services for St. James. We wish Katrina and family well for her well-earned sabbatical, and look forward to supporting Sue and Catherine as they look after the benefice for her.

Mark Evans

FARMCOTE

Harvests completed before a short rain storm broke the heatwave. Sarah's studio at home will be open for the Winchcombe Art Festival from 15th–18th September to sell her paintings in aid of the charity for Ukraine. All are welcome.

Peter Loveday

LOWER SLAUGHTER

I write this in the midst of a heatwave, but already we can see changes to signal that autumn is on its way. Farmers are busy gathering in the harvest, and those with allotments are hopefully reaping the fruits of their labours too. How fortunate we are to have plenty of food. This year our Harvest Festival service will be celebrated on Sunday 23 October with a collection of non-perishable food for our local Foodbank to help those less fortunate who struggle to put food on the table.

October is going to be a busy month. On Saturday 1 October we will be holding another Car Boot Sale in the church precinct from 9am to 1pm with takeaway tea, coffee and cakes being served. Cars £10.00 each and pre-booking is essential. Please contact myself on 01451 810294 after 20 September. Donations of small cakes or tray bakes on the day would be very welcome. Do come along and bag a bargain! Then on Saturday 29 October we are holding a Platinum Quiz (topics from last 70 years) with fish and chip supper. Cost is £14 per person. Please bring your own drinks. Teams and tables of 4, other numbers will be paired up accordingly. Booking essential so again please contact me after 20 September.

Enjoy the mellow season of autumn and look forward to seeing you at our events.

Marion Marshall

TEMPLE GUITING SCHOOL

The staff and children are currently enjoying a well-earned break and will return to school hopefully refreshed and ready to start a new year. Year 6 children will have moved on to their new secondary schools and the new reception children will be beginning their school journey. We will be holding coffee mornings on Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th September from drop off time until 10.00am at St Mary's Temple Guiting, to welcome new parents dropping off their children, but all parents are welcome.

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And finally ... don't forget ...

LOWER SLAUGHTER FETE

Bank Holiday Monday 29 August

11am to 4pm

Stalls / Activities / Refreshments / Dog Show

Fun for all the Family

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