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

July & August 2022







Beautiful Flowers for the Hymnathon at Temple Guiting (above) and for the Jubilee at Guiting Power (below)



DEAR FRIENDS

How lovely it has been in recent weeks to have some fabulous community gatherings and celebrations. The Jubilee events, fetes, coffee mornings and village meetings have been great opportunities to gather together, and especially wonderful after times of lockdowns and cancelled events! Thank you so much to all those people in each community who make these events happen - you are all superstars!

Being together with others is a key part of our life together, wherever it happens. It could be a few friends gathering for a Book Club, gardeners chatting over the garden fence, parents catching up at the school gate, distant friends connecting on Zoom, dog walkers bumping into each other on the footpaths or colleagues having a drink together in the pub. There is something life-giving about these events and feeling a part of something 'bigger' than just our immediate household. One of the marvellous strengths of our villages is how good people can be at looking out for others and building that sense of 'community'.

This is a key part of our Church story too. We see Jesus prioritising encounters and the early churches in the New Testament are full of the importance of this too. In the book of Hebrews, we are invited:

"Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds,... encouraging one another".

Being in community is a joy and a privilege - also an invitation to do more for others.

As we look forward to a summer of gatherings and connecting, thank you to all of you to help to celebrate our community life!

With love and prayers,

Katrina, Sue and Catherine

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"

John Eustace and Joanna Hadley at Temple Guiting on 31 May 2022 Jake Morant and Willa Keswick at Upper Slaughter on 3 June 2022 Mark Gorton and Sarah Beecham at Temple Guiting on 17 June 2022

Wedding Blessing

Jasper and Maria Whitmore at Lower Slaughter on 27 May 2022

Baptisms

"May God Guide and protect them"

Millie Ellam at Lower Slaughter on 14 May 2022

Funerals

"May God grant them light and peace"

Peter Falk, Funeral and Burial at Lower Slaughter on 11 May 2022
Audrey Mather, Funeral and Burial at Temple Guiting on 24 May 2022
Sally Broadhurst, Burial of Ashes at Guiting Power on 1 June 2022
Stanley Owen, Burial of Ashes at Temple Guiting on 10 June 2022
Gabrielle de Trafford, Funeral and Burial at Upper Slaughter on 14 June 2022

WIDER CHURCH NEWS

Katrina's Sabbatical

Katrina will be taking some sabbatical leave from work this year, meaning that she will be off from 1st August for three months. The concept of a Sabbatical comes from the Old Testament, and the agricultural practice of giving the land a rest period every seven years. The Church of England encourages its leaders to take some time on sabbatical and talks of it being a time for spiritual and theological renewal and to focus on personal well-being.

This will be Katrina's first Sabbatical (since being Ordained in 2000) and she is looking forward to family time, travelling, reading and exploring music. She is hoping to practice the piano too, something she hasn't done for years!

During these three months, our church life will continue, ably led by our Churchwardens' team, and Rev'ds Catherine and Sue.

Good News for Sue Pestell!

We are delighted to announce that Sue has recently been 'signed off' by the Bishop, which means that she has completed the training requirements within her Curacy, with flying colours. Her three years with us have been focussed on training and building experience and she has fulfilled this stage now. So, the question is what next?

We are equally excited to share that she will be staying with us! Sue wants to continue her ministry with holding together her passions for being rooted in a parish, alongside supporting prisoners and prison staff. So, she will become a Prison Chaplain (one day a week) and an Associate Priest here with us in this Benefice (two days a week).

Sue will be licensed into this new role by the Bishop, and we are holding a celebration service to mark it on Tuesday 26th July at 7pm at St. Andrew's Naunton – do come along for a service and refreshments afterwards!

ZOOM LINK

As we look forward, 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 6th July Wednesday 3rd August Wednesday 7th September

For all Zoom events please use following Link:

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 FOR JULY 2022

Sunday 3rd July

9.00am Zoom

10.00am Holy Communion at Guiting Power

11.00am Matins at Upper Slaughter

6.00pm Evening Service at Temple Guiting (An outdoors Taize service)

Sunday 10th July

9.30am Holy Communion at Farmcote

11.00am Holy Communion at Lower Slaughter

11.00am Matins at Naunton

Sunday 17th July

9.00am Zoom

9.30am Holy Communion at Cutsdean

11.00am Holy Communion at Upper Slaughter

3.30pm Wild Worship – a summer celebration at the Woodland for

Soldiers

Sunday 24th July

9.30am Holy Communion at Naunton

10.00am Holy Communion at Temple Guiting

11.00am Morning Praise Service at Guiting Power

Tuesday 26th July

7.00pm Celebration Service – of Sue's Ministry at Naunton

Sunday 31st July

11.00am Morning Praise at Lower Slaughter

11.00am Spirit of Naunton

6.00pm Evening Communion at Guiting Power

SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2022

Sunday 7th August

9.00am Zoom

10.00am Holy Communion at Guiting Power

11.00am Matins at Upper Slaughter

6.00pm Evening Service at Temple Guiting

Sunday 14th August

9.30am Holy Communion at Farmcote

11.00am Holy Communion at Lower Slaughter

11.00am Matins at Naunton

Sunday 21st August

9.00am Zoom

9.30am Holy Communion at Cutsdean

11.00am Holy Communion at Upper Slaughter

3.30pm Wild Worship at Guiting Power Churchyard

Sunday 28th 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

PLEASE NOTE: Occasionally it may be necessary to change or cancel services at short notice. Should this happen, please accept our sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS AND FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

FARMCOTE

We celebrated the Jubilee on our escarpment above us with a registered 'Beacon' with excellent fireworks and suitable drink with which to toast Her Majesty. Over 35 local people came up; we could see tiny bonfires in the vale up to the Malvern Hills but none to match ours.

The massive fire had been much enlarged by one of our two giant poplar trees brought down just below, on the 18th February gale in a mighty gust that day. One had fallen over the road and its brush & upper parts were collected and taken just uphill to the site. The heat could not be faced when at its greatest.

Since then Farmcote has been cooled by a constant breeze in the day to soften the heat that has brought us an early spring/summer. The bird population has grown and garden watering has been necessary. Our remoteness has brought many walkers and cyclists escaping covid for two years now. St Faith's has reverted to its regular monthly services on second Sundays.

Peter Loveday

TEMPLE GUITING

The last two months have brought a mixture of emotions to Temple Guiting. We were all so sad to learn of the death of Audrey Mather, who'd lived in the village for 36 years. Audrey was such a special person; so hospitable, always ready to give out to others and whose life was one of faithful and committed service to her family and community. She had an authenticity of life and faith, like the warm scent of freshly-baked bread. For many of us she will always be connected to village events, like the Harvest and Safari Suppers. Audrey's puddings (especially the pink one) will live long in the memory! A beautiful Service of Thanksgiving for her life was held in St. Mary's.

The Jubilee lunch was great fun, despite the weather. Jubilee hat wearing, Platinum pudding eating and very silly races were entered into with huge enthusiasm plus a dash of competitiveness and enjoyed by all. We even had a surprise visit from 'Her Majesty'!

It was great to see children from the school in St Mary's on the day before the Hymnathon, learning about the church organ and listening to a short recital. St Mary's was beautifully decorated for the weekend with floral contributions from TG and neighbouring villages. The Hymnathon raised £500 towards repairs to the organ. Huge thanks to Peter and everyone who took part.

Please see below for details for our coffee mornings and music event on 2nd July. Our next Summer event will be an outdoor Safari Supper on Saturday 27th August.

Ali Clifton Barnard

SATURDAYS 2 JULY, 30 JULY and 27 AUGUST

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UPPER SLAUGHTER



OPEN GARDEN SUNDAY 3RD JULY 11AM - 5PM KIRKHAM FARM, UPPER SLAUGHTER

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There is ample parking and a small selection of plants available.

ENTRANCE £6 in aid of NGS (National Garden Scheme)
Children and dogs welcome and FREE!!

NAUNTON

Summer in Naunton has got extremely busy! We had a wonderful Jubilee Day which was hugely-attended (approaching 300 people including children!), followed a week later by a very successful Open Gardens day in lovely weather. With the worst of Covid hopefully behind us, Naunton Music is back with a full season of classical concerts in the church - Tenebrae in May were superb and there are still two more

concerts to come: pianist Steven Osborne on 8th July and the Castalian String Quartet on 23rd September (details from Ba on 850897). On Saturday 9 July (2pm until late, with food and drink to buy), we have the annual 'Nauntonbury', a mini music festival run by Paul and Pamela with donations to Kate's Home Nursing. Then on Saturday 16 July, there will be picnics and duck-racing at the Dovecote (opens 12:30pm, races in aid of Ukraine, details from Penny on 850459). And on Sunday 28 August, the travelling company Rain or Shine will be performing 'The Recruiting Officer' at the Dovecote (starts 3:00pm, details from Pat on 850586). And the monthly cinema is finally back in the church!

GUITING POWER



What an enjoyable and memorable weekend we had for the Platinum Jubilee: the Beacon lighting, a wonderful service in our beautifully decorated church, and the village party, albeit that the latter had to move indoors due to the weather. The village fete was also favoured with less than clement weather, in sharp contrast to the days before (only in England...!) but was nonetheless an enjoyable event and our tombola stall for church funds raised a good amount. Thank You to everyone involved in making all these events so successful, and to all who attended and supported.

July holds lots more to enjoy in the village: Open Gardens on Sunday 3rd (details below, contact Roland Greenhill 01451 850313 or myself 01451 851806), the archaeological dig (contact peter@uwlhs.uk), a service to celebrate Chris Miles special birthday and his retirement as our Church Organist, and the Guiting Music Festival (details below).

August, in contrast, looks to be a quieter month, so a time to relax and enjoy the summer in our beautiful surroundings... Simon Wallis



Open Gardens - Guiting Power Sunday July 3rd 1:00 - 6:00pm

Entry Tickets £6.00; accompanied children under 16 years free.

Teas, Tickets, Garden Maps & Parking at the Village Hall GL54 5TX.

Proceeds in aid of Church funds.

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CUTSDEAN

As our Fete season continues, Cutsdean Orchard and St. James' Church are partnering to support the wonderful fete in Stanway on Saturday 9 July. It would be great if you could pop along on the day, support the event and have some fun! Also, if anyone is able to help out, or donate items (plants, crafts, cards, bric a brac or produce), please contact Ros Hartnell on 01386 584466. Thank you.

LOWER SLAUGHTER

As I write this summer is well and truly here, with school holidays on the horizon; how wonderful to have holidays and family get-togethers again.

What a wonderful Jubilee we had. Our church was decorated in tribute to our Queen's long reign; each window was different and unique. On the Sunday we all enjoyed our village street party, complete with delicious food and drink, a fabulous Jubilee cake and even our very own Tower Bridge! Children all received a commemorative coin as a keepsake to treasure for years to come and the day was rounded off with our Church service of thanksgiving for our Queen. Huge thanks to everyone involved for organising such a lovely day, and to everyone for attending.

Our next village event is our August Bank Holiday Monday Fete, our first since 2019. With all the usual stalls and attractions, why not come and enjoy the day! Then on Saturday 29 October there will be "A Platinum Quiz" with fish and chip supper – more details in to come. Enjoy your summer!

Marion Marshall

TEMPLE GUITING SCHOOL

We have such a busy few weeks at school. The Year 6's and year 2's have been busy doing their SATs – the external exams, Year 4 have been doing a multiplication times tables check and Year 1 have done their Phonic screening check. So we have all been working very hard.

First Aid Course - As well as this we have done a 2-day First Aid course for the whole school – every child took part in the course which was paid for by our wonderful PTA and now we are ready if an emergency happens. It was a very fun and practical day.

Jubilee Picnic and work - We had a week learning all about our wonderful Queen Elizabeth 2 — we divided her reign into 4 sections and each class learned about this era. On Friday we posted our work all around the playground and each class shared what they had learned so we all learnt something new. We had the most amazing picnic on the playground and wore our party clothes to celebrate.







Opera in a day - We had a wonderful day of led workshops and were taught the story of Don Jose – a child friendly version of Carmen – and were then treated to a performance of the opera in the afternoon. It was an amazing experience and we all learned so much about "throwing our voices" and singing in harmony.

Science Day - On Thursday 9th June we had a Science trip day. Key stage 2 went off to the Science Festival in Cheltenham and had a fantastic time exploring all the exhibits and workshops — it was a great day. Key Stage 1 went on a Farm trip to Guiting Power Farm and learned all about crops, livestock, huge machinery and how a modern farm works to produce all the food we need. We all had a super day.

We went on a whole school trip to the 3 Counties show in Malvern on the hottest day of the year but we saw so many amazing things and learned huge amounts.

Sport - So far this term we have taken part in lots of inter school competitions including cricket, orienteering, rounders and hosted an athletics event at school.

Visit to St Mary's — We went to take part in the Hymnathon and heard wonderful organ playing. While there, some of the staff climbed up into the bell tower to host the final of our Egg Shackling competition. Our eggs in their protective contraptions were dropped from the great height of the tower and 11 even managed to survive — we have a very competent set of designers and engineers in our midst.

As you can tell it is a busy time but we are all having so much fun and learning a great deal in lots of different ways. We are moving forward with our building project and we will soon be able to share our design for the new classrooms and offices. Do check out the website for more information. **Ann Barry, Headteacher**

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Details of the walks available are described on the website (below). Please check walk details carefully, including whether booking is necessary.



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NEW 'SHEDDERS' WELCOME! BOURTON'S MEN IN SHEDS GROUP INVITES NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN



Bourton's Men in Sheds group, which is run by charity Cotswold Friends, is inviting new members to come along and give 'shedding' a try at their workshop at the Royal British Legion site in the town. The group gives people the opportunity to make things for the local community or for themselves, and to socialise over a It meets three times a week, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, between 9.30am and 12.30pm. Cotswold Friends' four Men in Sheds groups across the north Cotswolds have been set up to help tackle loneliness and isolation and get people involved in community projects. In addition to the Bourton group, there are also Men in Sheds groups in Moreton, Northleach, and a new group in Campden which has been launched in partnership with Campden Home Nursing. Do get in touch if you would like to join. All are welcome – not just men. Our volunteers are here to support you and you don't need to have any DIY experience. We make bird houses, bird tables, hedgehog houses, wooden letters, a whole range of things. Some people will come to the shed to use their skills, others to share their skills and train some of the other members, and others come to learn some skills or just to talk. Bird boxes made by the Bourton shedders, and by members of Cotswold Friends' three other shed sites, are currently available for a small donation to the charity to cover the costs of making them. So, if you are interested in becoming a 'shedder', acquiring a handmade bird box, or in becoming a volunteer for Men in Sheds, contact Rob Platts on 01608 698557 or email sheds@cotswoldfriends.org.



COTSWOLD FRIENDS SAY "THANK YOU" IN VOLUNTEERS WEEK



Charity Cotswold Friends celebrated the difference volunteers make to their organisation and thanked them for their time and dedication during this year's Volunteers' Week (1st – 7th June). Throughout the week, Cotswold Friends featured case studies of volunteers who help them deliver their various community services on their website www.cotswoldfriends.org, Facebook and Twitter, and raised the profile of the amazing contribution volunteers make.

Cotswold Friends help and support older and vulnerable people by running several services in the North Cotswolds, including community transport, activities and day clubs, independence and carer support, befriending, and hospital support.

The charity's aim is to combat loneliness and isolation through their voluntary services, improve health and wellbeing, and support independent living. It has recently expanded its community transport service into Cirencester. It also receives support from young volunteers through its intergenerational projects.

Cotswold Friends has volunteer roles available now to support people who may be isolated in the North Cotswolds and Cirencester. If you think you could help, please contact George Halling, Volunteer Manager, on 01608 697007 or email volunteering@cotswoldfriends.org.

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