

St Paul & St Stephen Gloucester

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Welcome!

If you are visiting us today, we hope you will feel very welcome – we are delighted that you are here! If there is anything you need to know, please ask any one of us. Children have their own groups today. At the time of communion you're welcome to receive if you'd like to, or come for a blessing instead. (If you come for a blessing, please bring your service book to the altar step so we know.) And if you need a gluten free wafer for communion, or non-alcoholic wine, please tell one of the people who welcomed you here. We'll be very happy to help!

If you'd like us to pray for someone or some situation, please add the name on the sheet on the wooden lectern by the glass doors; we will pray during the morning service and through the week at morning prayer. (After today the sheet will be moved to the prayer desk in the side chapel.)

Sunday 7th February 2010 **2nd Sunday before Lent**

Almighty God

Give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person

That we may mirror your likeness In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Today's readings:

Genesis 2.4b-9,15-end; Psalm 65; Revelation 4; Luke 8.22-25

If you'd like someone to pray with you, for yourself or for someone else, there will be someone by the war memorial in church during communion who will be very happy to listen and pray

Where's Ricarda?

Ricarda is away on retreat at St Beuno's in Wales. She will be back in the parish on Shrove Tuesday, Feb 16th. She would value your prayers for this time. In her absence please contact Gilly, Cynthia or the church wardens about anything to do with the church.

Shrove Tuesday at the Cathedral - Tuesday 16 February

Join Bishop David Jennings in a special day of prayer and reflection in the calm of Gloucester Cathedral. 10.00 – 4.00 p. m. Bishop David was until recently Bishop of Warrington in the Diocese of Liverpool.

Next Messy Church – February 20th

The next messy church will be on Saturday February 20th, 10-12.00 noon. See the notice board, or talk to Ruth or Helen, for more details.

Jumble and Book sale – Saturday February 20th

There will be a jumble and book sale at St Stephen's Church on Saturday February 20th, 11.00-1.00 p.m. For more information see Mary Rochford. The team will be setting up on Thursday 18th (10.00-12.00 & 2.00-4.00) and on Friday (same times) – your help would be valued if you are available at any of these times... or of you can help clear up afterwards!

Plastic tops, knitting wool, Christmas & birthday cards ...

Are all collected by Mary Rochford in aid of Brookthorpe Nursing Home. If can you can contribute, she will be happy to hear from you!

Hospital Service – Feb 21st

We are leading the service in the hospital chapel on Sunday February 21st. Please tell Jan Wood if you would like to help with this.

Lent Course: "A Way through the Wilderness" Monday lunch times

There will be a Lent Course in St Paul's on Monday lunch times, 1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m. starting on Feb 22nd. Bring your own lunch (we'll be there from 12.30 p.m.) and we'll eat together while we spend an hour or so looking at Isaiah 40, using a course by Paula Gooder.

Lent in the Red Wedge

Francesca Toland, Social Responsibility Officer in the diocese, is coming to lead a Course on Exploring Celtic Spirituality on the 5 Wednesdays in Lent starting on the 24th Feb through to 24th March from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. The title of the course is 'Following not leading': an exploration of the spiritual life of Iona. There are leaflets about this on the table. If you would like to go please tell Gill Couston so she can give an idea of numbers to the course organizers.

Wednesday evenings in Lent

From Wednesday February 24th, the Eucharist will be held an hour earlier, at 6.30 p.m. so that those who want to can go together to the lent course. If this time doesn't work for you, do remember the Thursday morning Eucharist if you are able to come. There is also a Eucharist every morning at the Cathedral at 8.00 a.m.

Church away Day – Saturday March 6th

We've booked a day away at St Andrew's Churchdown. 10.00 a.m.- 3.00 p.m. This is time for us to build on our relationships with each other and with God. **We would like you all to come!** We have personal invitations – please make sure you have yours!

Sunday 21st February 3.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. in St Paul's.

A meeting to review the life and ministry of our united church, using some resources from the diocese. It would be great if you could come to this in preparation for the away day (but you can still come to the away day even if you can't come to this meeting!)

Photocopier

The photocopier is currently situated in the Pink Room due to the extreme cold in the vestry. We hope it is not in the way for groups using the church hall; but please do be vigilant as it is definitely not a toy to be played with! Thanks.

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

Ricarda Is Away All Week

TODAY	8.00 a.m.	St Paul's (Royse)
	8.00 a.m.	St Stephen's (Gilly)
	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	3.00 p.m.	Afternoon tea for people who have been bereaved
	5.00 p.m.	1662 Evensong
MONDAY 8th	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	7.30 p.m.	Young people's bible study
	7.00 p.m.	Wardens Meeting
	7.15p.m.	Deanery Synod Bishops College
TUESDAY 9th	9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	1.00 p.m.	Little Angels
	6.00 p.m.	Open Church
	7.30 p.m.	Craft Group
WEDNESDAY 10th	9.00 a.m.	No Morning Prayer
	7.30 p.m.	Informal Eucharist (Royse)
THURSDAY 11th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (Judy Howard)
	10.30 a.m.	Morning Coffee
FRIDAY 12th	10 – 11.00 a.m.	St Stephen's Church open
	2.15 p.m.	Young at heart at St Paul's
	4.30 p.m.	Children's Film Night
SUNDAY 14th	8.00a.m.	Holy Communion (Gilly)
	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	3.00.p.m.	Wedding: Gladstone and Kasia

Next week's readings: Exodus 34.29-end; Psalm 99; 2Corinthians 3.12-4.2; Luke 9.28-36

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Happy Birthday: Bernard Turvey (Friday 12th)