



'LENT' ... AROUND
THE SPIRE

THE PARISH OF SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE,
QUEDGELEY and KINGSWAY
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PARISH PROGRAMME for March 2019

HERE ARE THE MAIN EVENTS IN THE PARISH THIS MONTH

SUNDAY, MARCH 3rd:

Said Eucharist 09.30am

STJ Family SERVICE for old and young alike 10.30am. COME ALONG and JOIN US – as well as our act of worship it is opportunity to meet and greet one another, and partake of refreshments afterwards.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6th: ASH WEDNESDAY, The First Day of Lent

Parish Eucharist, 10.00am with Fieldcourt Infant School taking part

SUNDAY, MARCH 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st:

Parish Eucharist, 10.30am with activities for children and refreshments

SATURDAYS in LENT, MARCH 9th, 16th, 23rd:

Lent Discussion Group, 'Belonging', 10.30am, with refreshments

SUNDAY, MARCH 24th:

Wedding Fayre, Community Centre – see separate notices for details

SATURDAY, MARCH 30th:

Parish 'Away Day', Prinknash Abbey – see separate notices for details

Chatterbox, Tuesday, each week, 9:30 – 11:00am

Wednesday Services, every week

Parish Eucharist, 10.00am with refreshments and social to follow

Said Eucharist, 7.30pm

ChitChat, Thursday, each week, 10:00 – 12:00 noon

Bellringing Practice, Thursday, each week, 7:30 – 9:00pm

Further details of weekday services and events are to be found in the WEEKLY NEWSLETTER published each Sunday. Copies are always available in the Church.

COPY FOR April MAGAZINE - to Father Hugh no later than Sunday 10th March.

Electronic or Back Copies can be made available if required. Please email the Editor, hugh.broad@yahoo.co.uk, if required.

Editorial – QUESTIONS TO THE EDITOR!!

My recent series on 'Prayer – the Heartbeat of the Christian' raised a lot of interest and more responses than any other items in the three and a half years of the life of this our parish magazine.

This I regard as entirely positive and I guess that as it raised as many questions as answers, it is clearly a part of our Christian Faith which is in the minds of many people.

Our readership – an average of about 400 issues monthly – is of course not just members of the Church here at St James, but far wider.

I am aware that a good number of the questions raised come from folk who are not members of our church which is all to the good.

And so, I am anxious to see that the contents of this magazine really do, as they say,

SCRATCH WHERE PEOPLE ITCH!

So here goes – the first of a series of questions which I, your Editor have received on this important aspect of our Faith.

WHEN SHOULD I PRAY?

I feel that this does depend on many factors, depending on the life style of the individual.

There are many who could easily have a prayer life which is practised several or indeed many times a day; there are others for whom this would not be possible.

Your clergy, for example, undertake to say what is called THE DAILY OFFICE – a service of prayer and praise – MORNING & EVENING PRAYER which used to be called Matins and Evensong, with prayer and intercession built into it.

This framework is part of the life of our Cathedrals (including our own), Abbeys and religious communities, and it would be good to join in one of these when time permits.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

It may not be the right way for you, and something far less structured would be the right approach. There are many little books which can help you with this – ask me for details if you wish.

SO IN CONCLUSION...

Do find out what is right for you as a person and approach your own pattern of Prayer in a positive way.

It will then indeed be 'THE HEARTBEAT OF YOUR CHRISTIAN LIFE'

Let me know how you get on!

FATHER HUGH, your Editor

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## ***“Parish Away Day”***

On Saturday 30th March 2019 we shall be holding an away-day at Prinknash Abbey, from 10am to 4pm. We want to think, talk, and pray together about the work we do as a Church, and what we shall need to do in the future - so we have called the day “Looking to the future”. We hope very much that lots of you will come and take part; there are many things to give thanks for, and lots of thoughts to share. We have the Rev'd Guy Treweek as our leading speaker to lead and inspire us on the day.

Some of you will know Prinknash; it is not too far from Quedgeley, and there will be transport available for those who need a lift - seats can be reserved by signing the list in church.

There is no charge for the day itself, or for the transport - the meeting room is provided for our use - but the abbey team hope that we will make use of their cafe for coffee, lunch etc. (Fr Hugh & Fr Ian have already researched the cafe, and also the well-stocked bookshop!) There may also be time to stroll around the grounds and enjoy the views.

Do please think seriously about taking part - everyone has a part to play in the life of our Church - make a note of the date now.

*Fr. Ian*

# *A Letter from Canon John*

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Last month the church was busy helping to raise money towards Scoo-B-Doo the neonatal unit at Gloucester Royal Hospital. This raised well over £600.00. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to join them as both Seamus and I were enjoying a well-earned rest!

Our new venture Jamie's Ark will be launched this month in the Kingsway Community Centre on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March from 1.30pm -2.30pm. It is free and we hope that as many parents their babies and preschool children as possible will attend.

This month we begin the season of Lent. This runs from Ash Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March to Easter Day, Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Our service on Ash Wednesday takes place at 10.00am with Holy Communion. If you visit the church during this period don't be surprised to see purple drapes over the crosses and flowers removed. It is a sombre period, a time of reflection. Many people give up their favourite foods during this period others take on new challenges. As we do so, we remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for us as he died on the cross during Good Friday. However, there is a short break in the season when we remember our Mothers and especially our Mother church on Mothering Sunday. Our service will be at 10.30am – do bring your Mums as there will be a treat in store for them! The church is open most days for quiet prayer and our weekly Sunday service takes place at 10.30am.

Come and join us! With every blessing.

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With every blessing and prayers,

**Fr John**

Rector and Parish Priest of Quedgeley and Kingsway.  
Canon of Gloucester Cathedral

**Saint James' Quedgeley & Kingsway**

**JAMIE'S  
ARK**



Toddler and pre-school children



Worship  
Music & Song

**THURSDAY  
14TH MARCH  
KINGSWAY  
COMMUNITY CENTRE  
THATCHAM AVENUE  
KINGSWAY  
1.30PM-2.30PM**

**FREE**

Music, Craft and Snack



**Saint James' Quedgeley & Kingsway**



We've had a busy month both at Chatterbox and Chit Chat. Both groups are popular. At Chatterbox, thanks to Lin, we provide craft activities, usually something that the youngsters can take home with them. There are healthy snacks provided for the little ones and tea and coffee are always on the go for the adults!

At Chit Chat our numbers are steady and we always welcome new faces. There are newspapers to read, board games to play or just generally have a chat and a bite to eat.

At the end of January we supported the Scoo-B-Doo charity at the Gloucester Royal Hospital. It is very close to the heart of one of our Chatterbox helpers Deb Llewellyn, whose grandson Alfie passed away last year, only a few weeks after birth. We raised just over £600. This will help to provide much needed equipment at the unit.

Last year we supported Beat Cancer, Macmillan, James Hopkins Trust and Glos Mission homeless – in sponsoring a bed. We also supported BBC Children in Need during November. It is hoped to replicate this during 2019.

As well as Chatterbox and Chit Chat we look forward to the success of Jamie's Ark led by Rev'd. Jenny d'Esterre. We plan to open in Kingsway on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March. From 1.30 -2.30pm in the Kingsway Community Centre.

Spread the word and tell your friends!

# ***SAINT JAMES' CHURCH AT WORK AND PLAY...***









# Saint James' Chit -Chat

*Relax and meet new friends!*

**Thursday Morning  
10.00am -12noon**



**Saint James' Church  
School Lane  
Quedgeley  
GL2 4PN**



**Refreshments and newspapers available.  
Selection of books and board games  
You need never be bored!**



Saint James' Church  
Quedgeley & Kingsway  
are hosting a  
**Wedding Fayre**

**Sunday 24th March 2019**

**Quedgeley Community Centre**

**School Lane Quedgeley GL2 4PN**

**11.00am -4pm**  
**Refreshments available**



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FROM THE REGISTERS IN JANUARY

HOLY BAPTISM:

JANUARY 13th: ARCO RUPERT BURNHAM

JANUARY 20th: EDWARD BARRY JOHN COOK

RUI PHILIP REID

"Welcome to the Lord's Family"

FUNERAL:

JANUARY 4th: TRACY ARNOLD (53)

JANUARY 11th: RONALD WINTERS (80)

JANUARY 14th: BERNARD PATES (61)

JANUARY 24th: JEAN PRICE (83)

JANUARY 25th: LEONARD DANDO (97)

JANUARY 28th: MARLENE SALTER (72"

"Rest Eternal grant to them O Lord"

PUPILS AND PRAYER

Pupils from Field Court Infant Church of England Academy were able to experience first-hand what happens at a Holy Communion service when they visited Saint James' Church Quedgeley on a Wednesday morning in February.

The enthusiastic youngsters helped Revd Jenny d'Esterre during the service by reading from the prayer sheets and taking the bread and wine to the altar. It was the first time that many of the youngsters had been to this particular service. The service was led by Rev Jenny who had adapted the service sheets to appeal to youngsters.

Following the service members of the congregation congratulated the pupils. This month another group of youngsters will be chosen to attend the Ash Wednesday service.

Revd. Jenny d'Esterre said: "It was a great opportunity for youngsters to experience first-hand what we do at the service and more importantly why we do it. The pupils were very switched on and were keen to play their part. I'm really pleased this will be a regular event and other pupils will have the opportunity to experience and celebrate the service"

Revd. Canon Fr. John Ward commented: "We have established good links with Field Court Infant Academy. Several members, including myself are Governors at the school. It seems only natural that we should welcome the children for them to experience the church in action during the week."



PANTOMIME

I reflect on my life - a bit like a PANTOMIME
Nobody called out "he's behind you" in the nick of time.
I felt like "Cinderella" waiting in the wings, but
"The Ugly Sisters" took care of most things.
At Bristol Hippodrome I saw Arthur Lucan as "Old Mother Riley"
With his daughter Kitty so pretty and smiley.
He made a giant apple pie to be cut out in wedges
Then took out his dentures to crimp round the edges.
"Hansel and Grettel" were "The Babes in the Wood"
But the powerful "Snow Queen" didn't treat them good.
I wish I'd had "Aladdin's" lamp to rub the cares away.
Even "Snow White" had 7 little chaps to work for her each day.
Unlike "Robin Hood" I had no bow and arrow
But always tried to walk on the path straight and narrow.
"Dick Whittington" walked to London from somewhere near Leeds
But I went by train from dear old Temple Meads.
I worked hard for my employers giving my loyalty
And met many "Stars" and even our "Royalty".
On meeting my husband, my very own "Prince Charming"
I fell for him at a rate that was alarming!
However, one story stands out of our dear Lord's birth,
No fantasy but factual and one of true worth.

22/1/2019 Pam Westwood, Jan 2019

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## ***“Times and Seasons” : Saints in March***

1st: David, Patron Saint of Wales - David (or Dewi) was a monk in the sixth century. He lived an exemplary life of asceticism and spirituality, and was known as kind and compassionate to others, especially the poor and the sick. He founded a monastery at Menevia (now St David's) and at least a dozen other monasteries. He based his “Rule” on the Egyptian desert monks, with a strong emphasis on hard work, abstinence from alcohol, and refraining from unnecessary speech. He died in 601 and was made the patron Saint of Wales in the 12th century.

2nd: Chad, Bishop of Lichfield - Chad was born in Northumberland, the youngest of four sons, all of whom became monks or priests. They entered the monastery on the isle of Lindisfarne, and Chad eventually became Abbot. During the confusion in Church discipline between the Celtic-orientated, Anglo-Saxon hierarchy and the pressure from Rome for conformity, Chad became Bishop of York for the first time. To preserve harmony he stepped aside on the arrival of Theodore in Britain, and eventually became Bishop of Mercia, a huge diocese whose centre became Lichfield. Chad travelled extensively around his diocese and was much-loved for his wisdom and diplomacy. The plague was prevalent at this time and Chad fell victim and died on this day in 672.

7th: Perpetua, Felicity, & their Companions - Vibia Perpetua was a married noblewoman of Carthage (Tunisia) and Felicity was her personal servant. Saturas was their parish priest and he was attended by Saturninus and Revocatus. The ladies were being prepared for baptism when they were all arrested by the Roman authorities and sentenced to be executed in the public arena by wild animals. In prison, they received the sacrament of Baptism and before their execution they made a public confession of their faith in front of the assembled crowds. The account of their martyrdom was circulated around the Christian communities in North Africa, giving encouragement to their Christian brothers and sisters in the face of adversity. They died on this day in the year 203.

8th: Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln - Edward was born in London in 1829 and after ordination became chaplain and then principal of Cuddesdon Theological College outside Oxford. Then followed twelve years as professor of Theology in Oxford when he influenced a generation of men in

training for the priesthood. In 1885 he was consecrated Bishop of Lincoln, a position he held until his death. His advocacy of Catholic principles in ritual as well as theology involved him in controversy, but his significant gift to the Church was his example as a pastoral and caring bishop to both clergy and laity.

17th: Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland - Patrick was born in Cornwall in the year 390 and aged sixteen was captured by Irish raiders and taken to Ireland. After six years he escaped to France, where his nominal Christian faith grew and matured. He trained for the priesthood and served under Martin of Tours. In his forties he returned to Ireland as a bishop, making his base at Armagh. He walked all around the island, gently bringing people to a knowledge of Christ. Despite several attempted persecutions, he established a number of monastic communities, which became the infrastructure required to maintain the faith after his death – on this day, in 460.

18th: Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem - Cyril was born in Caesarea and became Bishop of Jerusalem in 349. He nurtured the resident Christian population and also the many pilgrims who came to the city from all over Christendom, seeking out the “holy places” connected with Jesus. Cyril taught the faith in line with the principles of Nicea, and his formal lectures were well-received by those who came seeking baptism. His innovations for the observance of Holy Week and Easter are the foundation of how we celebrate that important time today. Cyril died in 386.

19th Joseph of Nazareth - Luke's gospel describes how Joseph, a good man, the carpenter from Nazareth, took the new-born Jesus as if he were his own, thus establishing Jesus in the descent of David, to accord with the prophecy that Israel's deliverer would of the house and lineage of David.

25th: The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary - This very special day marks the conception of the Christ-child in the womb of Mary, and has been celebrated in the Church since the 4th century. The perfect humanity and the complete divinity of Jesus is affirmed, leading to the affirmation of Mary as “Theotokos” - the God-Bearer, which in the West became translated as Mother of God. For her faith, her trust, and her devotion, Mary rightly has a unique place of honour and veneration.

*To be continued... Fr. Ian*

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...for the Calling of Banns of Marriage; Holy Baptisms; Marriages etc.

WEDNESDAY: 5.30 – 6.30pm

SATURDAY: 9.00 – 10.00am

CHURCH OFFICE, in the Kingsway Community Centre

SATURDAY: 11.00 – 12.00 noon

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