

Around the Spire

*At the going down of the sun
and in the morning...*

*We shall remember
them*



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Saint James' Church

***FREE* magazine for**

the

parishioners of

Quedgeley & Kingsway





From your Editor—Fr. Hugh Broad



Welcome to the November issue of 'Around the Spire' the Parish Magazine serving Quedgeley & Kingsway. November is a solemn month and one of remembrance. You'll note this is reflected by the image on the front cover. On November 2nd is 'All Souls Day,' when we remember our loved ones who are now departed. As we move further into the month Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday remind us of those who fought and lost their lives in war.

Looking forward ... our Christmas Fayre is being held on November 16th at 2pm in Quedgeley Community Centre. I'm told Santa will be arriving so make sure you put the date in your diaries!

Whether you read the magazine over a cuppa or simply at your leisure I hope you enjoy it. If you would like to submit an article then please drop me a line. Details on back page.

Fr. Hugh

St J's Worship across Generations

Have you experienced
grief as a family or have
questions about dying?



Sunday 3rd November 11.30am until 12.15pm
St James' Church, School Lane, GL2 4PN

A CHANCE FOR FAMILY GROUPS TO
EXPLORE DIFFICULT QUESTIONS
TOGETHER WITH A MINISTER, LIGHT A
CANDLE AND SAY PRAYERS FOR A
LOVED ONE

Want to know if this will be helpful for you? Please contact Revd
Mark on 01452 722916 or drmarksid@gmail.com to have a chat

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CHRISTMAS FAIR

With a visit from Santa!

LOTS OF STALLS!

QUEDGELEY COMMUNITY CENTRE
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RAFFLE TOMBOLA AND DELICIOUS REFRESHMENTS!

NOVEMBER 16TH

2PM - 4PM

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DailyHOPE
A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

Life
TOGETHER



The Great Quedgeley Mighty Oak Safari



It is not always easy to care for creation but struggle as we might we sometimes manage and when we do it is something worth celebrating. As we arrived in Quedgeley one of the first things my wife Erica spotted was the very impressive huge oak trees that surround us. Have you noticed them and taken time to enjoy them? Thankfully these mighty oaks have been protected so that we can all enjoy them. Those protections come from the hard work and debates of politicians, developers keeping to regulations and ultimately our decision to try and live together with these giants for posterity. If we live right next to them it would be easy to focus on how hard they can be to live with as their roots undermine walls and we worry about their branches collapsing on houses. If well looked after these challenges can be overcome and for me it is worth it.

In Kingsway the planners chose to make a special feature of them to give a greater sense of community and offer a natural beauty to new homes. The mighty oaks are beautiful and strong and are a parable of faithfulness and rootedness that I believe we need in our modern lives more than ever. Amazingly, oak trees can support as many as 2300 other species of plants, insects, birds, mammals, fungi and so when we protect them mighty oaks we protect so much more.



Over these last weeks I have tried to visit all of the mighty oaks more than 200 years old. By measuring the girth in centimeters and dividing by 1.88 I was able to estimate the oldest is off Azalea gardens and is approximately 280 years old. As I celebrated Harvest this year I showed The Great Quedgeley Mighty Oak Safari to the children in our primary schools. I offered many of them an acorn gathered from the tree in Azalea Gardens and asked the children to plant it where it would not interrupt walls and would be safe to grow. I asked them to plant it where it would be safe for the next 200 years, as the mighty oaks of Quedgeley have been. Where would you plant yours so it would be safe for 200 years into our collective future?





What is a Parish?

Several people have been asking this question following the feature in the October 'Around the Spire' which was devoted to the fact that four of us clergy have attained fifty years or more in the priesthood of the Church.

So the picture shows us - Fathers David, Ian, Michael and myself at St James Church when Fr Michael celebrated the occasion.

Each of us have been for most of these years as parish priests and it is this which has led to this question from some of our readers.

The dictionary definition of the meaning of this word does vary, but basically it refers to a particular area which probably for a great number of years has been under the jurisdiction of the local parish church - so the Parish of St James here in Quedgeley, a mixture now of ancient housing and of course a great deal of recent and on-going developments especially in the Kingsway area, is now a very large parish.

These days the parish is very different in other respects. The Parish Church is of course still regarded as very much a centre of the area for Christian worship, and this brings with it a whole realm of activities for young and old alike - Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals. The churchyard is now closed, but is still a poignant reminder of times past, and an extension is now in use for local use.

Parish churches up and down the land, and of course throughout most of the world serve just about everyone who seeks the services to be found there, and the persons who provide these are provided by many people, and those at the centre of this are, not surprisingly known as PARISH PRIESTS!

The four of us featured here together with other retired priests have all had wide experience of being in charge of parishes and churches in this country and also overseas.

Now of course our ministry as priests is to be seen from a different angle as assistants to our successors in their full time ministry. So here in this parish of St James we are headed up by Revd Mark who is the Parish Priest.

This then is a brief picture of what the Parish of Quedgeley is as a Christian centre of activity as we understand it.

The term - the Parish now has a much wider connotation with such organisations as a Parish Council and these serve the local community in a secular way. Here too, they have a most important place in the centre of the Community.

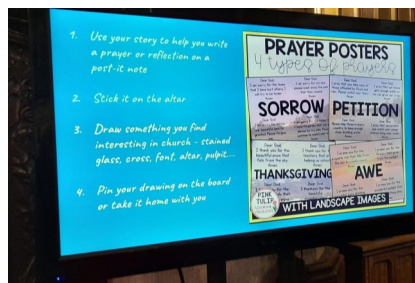
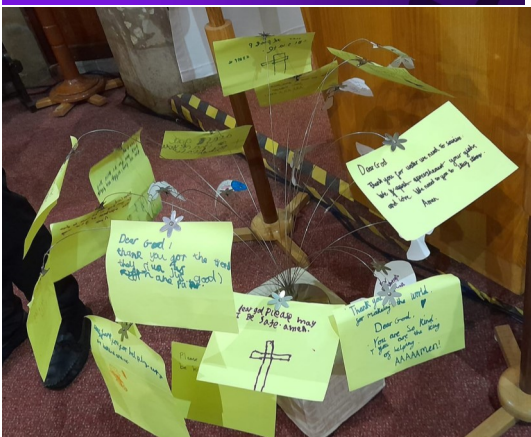


Fr Hugh Broad

48th Gloucester Scouting Group



The Beavers paid a visit to St. James' to complete their Faith Badge



Miriam – A critical Spirit?

By Fr. Gordon



Miriam the prophetess:

MIRIAM 'the Prophetess' was the daughter of Amram and Jochebed and the older sister of Moses and Aaron. Despite her personal charisma and power, her story has been largely subsumed into the story of her brother Moses.

Miriam's story has four episodes.

Firstly, the story of Moses' infancy tells of his unnamed sister observing him being placed in a basket in the bulrushes of the River Nile; this sister is traditionally identified as being Miriam.

The baby Moses was found by Pharaoh's own daughter, who adopted him. Cleverly, Miriam arranged that her mother - the real mother of the baby - should be a wet-nurse for him.

Miriam saved her brother Moses, The survival of the leader of the Exodus, Moses, depended on the courage and ingenuity of his sister Miriam.

Secondly, Miriam was with the Israelites some years later when they escaped from Egypt, by which time she had earned the title of prophetess.

After the momentous crossing of the sea, Moses and all the people sang a great song in praise of God for their victory. Miriam took up a tambourine, and led the women of Israel in a Celebratory dance while chanting the refrain of the victory song - 'The Song of Miriam' - is one of the few poems that survive from the ancient world.

*"Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea." Exodus 15:21*

Thirdly, while the Israelites were encamped at Hazeroth in the wilderness, Miriam and her other brother Aaron criticized Moses for having married a Cushite Woman.

Miriam was linked with her brother Aaron, when the two of them rebelled against Moses' by criticising him and questioning his authority over them.

God heard them, and called them together with Moses to the tent of meeting, where he took on the form of a pillar of cloud and told them that he appeared to prophets in visions and spoke to them through dreams. Not so Moses, with whom he spoke face to face and to whom he revealed himself in his true form.

How, then, did they dare to criticise his servant Moses? Miriam was rebuked by God and punished for her presumption by being struck with a skin-disease that turned her skin white and leprous. She was healed by Moses' intercession.

Miriam and Aaron were both popular leaders, but they were bound by the Law, which was represented by Moses.

Finally, Miriam's death, "The entire congregation of the children of Israel arrived at the desert of Zin and the people settled in [Kadesh](#). Miriam died and was buried there." Miriam died in a waterless place in the wilderness, but afterwards God caused water to appear there.

Miriam, with her brothers, led the Hebrew people throughout the forty years when they reverted to the nomadic life, searching for a land where they could settle – the Promised Land.

Next time we'll take a look at the story of Naomi – a woman whose sadness was followed by a time of great joy. Her story can be found in the Book of Ruth.

Gordon

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Out and About with Revd. Mark



Quiz a vicar

Every year the final year students at primary schools cover the topic: Science and Religion, Are They in Conflict or Complementary? It is a great privilege to be asked each year to come to multiple primary schools and talk and answer questions with the students on this important topic. Having had the privilege of working alongside and learning to respect all points of view in this, simply coming as myself and offering my own experience and perspective is something I enjoy and that I hope pupils find useful.



Of course we are all challenged at times and frustrated when there is more heat than light in discussions which descend into fruitless and hostile disagreements. There are some points of view that cannot be reconciled without being taken apart piece by piece but when we try to at least listen and explain ourselves there is so much to learn and be enriched by in others. This for me is what it means to love others as I love myself.

For myself my faith inspires me to listen to, observe and care for all Creation with as much close attentiveness as science can offer. At the same time, the God of Creation purposes us for Creation as much as He purposes Creation for us His Creatures. So science also informs my faith because better understanding our proper place in Creation informs my faith.

In our discussions I want the students to understand that, although for some religion and science cannot be reconciled, there are plenty of living examples of people like myself, who don't just find they can be reconciled but that they cannot be themselves without both. I want them to keep the conversation open and responsive. I wonder where you fall in these discussions?

What I am praying about....

At the season of remembrance, it seems every year that we must come back to offering prayers of thanksgiving for those who have offered their lives, so that we might know times of peace and in response to that thanksgiving to pray continually, that we might come to know a deeper peace around our world.



Conflicts continue and escalate continually and it can feel as if the world will always seek war not least in the Holy Land and Ukraine.....but in those who have given their lives in war there lies also the seeds of peace. To love so deeply as to die for others reveals a love that is not so arrogant or selfish or greedy as to seek to dominate and conquer but a love that truly offers itself. It is a sacrifice for others that as a Christian I understand in light of Christ's sacrifice for us on the cross. In humility then I pray

Jesus, we cannot find peace on our own. Prince of peace, show us the way to your peace. AMEN

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Wednesday
11.30am - 12noon

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Looking forward to seeing you there!

“Lights in their own generation”

***Christian men & women who helped to
build the Church throughout history - Fr. Ian Robb***



Here are a few of the saints of the Church we shall be remembering

with thanks in the month of November:

3rd: Richard Hooker, Priest, Teacher of the Faith, 1554 – 1600. One of the strongest advocates of the position of the Church of England's “middle way” between puritanism and papalism. He showed that Anglicanism is rooted firmly in Scripture and tradition, affirming its continuity with the pre reformation Ecclesia Anglicana, both catholic and reformed.



6th: William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury. 1881 – 1944. As Archbishop he is especially remembered for his ecumenical efforts and his concern for social issues. He made a major contribution to the debate which led to the creation of the welfare state.

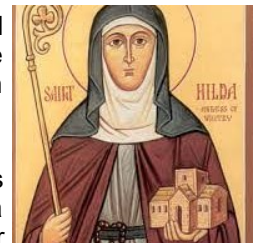
9th: Margery Kempe, Mystic. Born in Norfolk in the late 14th century, she was a contemporary of Julian of Norwich. She received many visions of the holy family and the crucifixion of Christ. The message of the visions prompted her to make pilgrimages to holy places in Britain and Europe. She often spoke of her awareness of a close communion with Christ.



16th: Margaret of Scotland, 1046 – 1093. Daughter of the Anglo-Saxon royal family of England, and educated in exile, she returned to England after the invasion in 1066 and settled in Scotland. She married King Malcolm III and proved to be both a civilising and a holy presence. A woman of prayer and given to good works, she was the guidance behind the establishing of several monasteries.

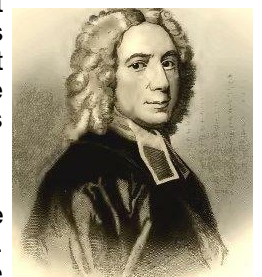
17th: Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, 1140 – 1200. As a monk at Chartreuse, Hugh was invited by the English King Henry II to become prior of the monastery at Witham in Somerset. In 1186 he was made bishop of Lincoln, at the time the largest diocese in England. He revived the Lincoln schools, oversaw repairs to the cathedral, drew the clergy into closer fellowship in synods, and taught compassion and practical care for the poor and the sick.

18th: Elizabeth of Hungary, 1207 – 1231. She married Louis IV of Thuringia and was widowed after four years of marriage. Having been driven from the court, she settled in Marburg where she was the victim of mental and physical abuse. She joined the Order of St Francis and began a ministry of caring, cooking, and cleaning for the poor and homeless.



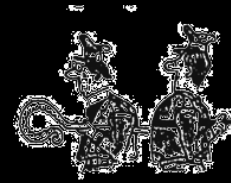
19th: Hilda, Abbess of Whitby. 614 – 680. Born into the royal house of Northumbria, she was encouraged by Aidan of Lindisfarne to become a Religious. She subsequently established a monastery at Whitby. This house became a great centre of learning and the meeting-place for the important Synod of Whitby at which Hilda's role was that of a reconciler between the Roman and Celtic traditions within the Church.

23rd: Clement, Bishop of Rome. An elder in the Church in Rome towards the end of the 1st century AD and likely to have been a disciple of the apostles. His letter to the Corinthians informs us of ministry and authority in the Early Church and history of the developing of that Church. It seems that Clement was the president of a council of bishops which governed the Church in Rome and his letters are written on their behalf. “The first among equals” describes the role which today is given the title of Pope.



25th: Isaac Watts, Hymn Writer. 1674 – 1748. Having declined a university education, he preferred to study at the dissenting academy in Stoke Newington (nowadays in North London). He went on to be a pastor in the Congregationalist Church but declining health led him to retire to Stoke Newington. He wrote many collections of hymns, through which he showed his faith: “When I survey the wondrous cross”; “Jesus shall reign where’ere the sun”.

30th: Andrew the Apostle, patron of Scotland. Matthew, Mark, & Luke name him among the apostles; John goes on to tell us more about him: Andrew was a Galilean fisherman, the brother of Simon Peter, and one of the first to respond to the call of Jesus. The gospels all testify to him being a constant companion of Jesus and a witness to the risen Christ who was restored to them in Galilee after the crucifixion. Andrew is said to have undertaken several missionary journeys and to have been martyred in Greece, crucified on an X-shaped cross.



The young couple go to an upmarket Japanese Restaurant to celebrate their engagement. The Maitre D' shows them to their booth and as they pass the fish tank, he stops to point out "We have a rare speciality today – a green hair-lipped squid – very rarely caught and our chef can do wonders with it" They look over the menu card and when he returns they have decided to try the special green hair lipped squid. "Gervaise, Gervaise" calls the Maitre D' "Table 21 want the special, come and prepare it for the kitchen. Gervaise rolls up his sleeve dips his arm into the tank and pulls out the squid. As he lifts a knife above his head to kill the squid, he falters...." "I can't kill this beautiful creature, it's far too pretty" "Get Hans out of the kitchen," says the Maitre D', "Tell him to leave the washing up and come out here and kill this squid for table 21" Hans comes through the swing doors wiping the soap suds off his hands onto his apron and with his large hands picks up the squid which by now is thrashing about on the chopping board. Eventually Hans manages to hold all the tentacles down and picks up his cleaver. He pauses as the squid looks into his eyes "I can't kill this squid, just look how cute it is."

Which just shows – that Hans that do dishes is as soft as Gervaise with wild green hairy lipped squid.

With apologies to Fairy Liquid

A friend of mine was a Missions to Seafarers Chaplain in an overseas port when the Captain of a freighter called him to explain that he was leaving port, but also leaving behind in hospital one of his Chinese crewmen. "He is in intensive care, Padre, can you keep an eye on him, please. Oh, by the way he does not speak any English". So the Chaplain visits him in hospital where he finds the very sick Chinese crewman all wired up and plumbed in intensive care. He sits by the bedside and reads a passage from the bible and then says some prayers, and because he has other duties decides to lean over him to make eye contact and offer God's blessing before he leaves. As he is, the Chinaman opens his eyes and says a phrase in Chinese, twice, the second time much louder before he dies. Pleased he was present at the man's death, he writes down phonetically what he has heard, thinking it may be his last will and testament and instructions – Ni zhan zai wo de yangqi guan. Ni zhan zai wo de yangqi guan. Some months later when he is in his local Chinese take away, he remembers the note in his wallet. He reads the words to the china man and explains how he came by it. "It is indeed his last words, it means you are standing on my oxygen pipe."

1 Corinthians 4. Verse 10 'We are fools (clowns/jesters) for Christ's sake'

Laughter is the best medicine



Harvest Thanksgiving

Thank you to everyone who supported the Harvest Thanksgiving, either by donating food or / and attending the service. The food has now been sent to the Quedgeley Community Pantry where it will be well received.



If you would like to volunteer to help with the Community Garden or the Community Pantry please contact Vicky Ranford at:-

victoriananford@outlook.com



What's on this December at Saint James' Church Quedgeley

ADVENT

**9th December, Love2Sing Christmas Carol Concert, 7.30pm,
donations on the door**

18th December, Bounce and Rhyme Christmas Special, 11.30am

**21st December, Messy Christmas - crafts, activities, food and the
Christmas Story, 1-3pm**

22nd December, Lessons and Carols for all of Quedgeley, 6pm

CHRISTMAS EVE

Crib Service, 3pm

Carol Service with Gloucester Charter Concert Band, 6pm

Midnight Mass, 11.30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Holy Communion for Everyone, 10am

**29th December, StJs Worship Across the Generations,
celebrating 2024 and looking to 2025, 11.30am**



On a cold and bright day a group of eleven enthusiastic riders set off from St James Church Quedgeley to tackle a 20 mile route visiting local churches to support the annual Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust by raising funds to help maintain the fabric and structure of our churches.

We registered our group at St James where the welcomers were well prepared for visiting riders although I understand only one rider paid a visit!

Setting off at 10:00 hours we made our way towards the Pilot Inn, over the canal and turned left heading for Saul but destined for St Peter's church at Upper Framilode. The first hill tested a few legs. At the top of the rise I was aware one of the riders was missing! Retracing the road saw Steve who had a mechanical issue with his bike, his chain had become entangled the front chain ring! Nevertheless, it was sorted out quickly and we continued to our destination without mishap.

St Peter's at Upper Framilode was our first deserved break and where we were looked after royally with cake, biscuits and drinks. Suitably refreshed, Father Mark gave a blessing, thanked our hosts and we peddled on towards Saul turning on Passage Road to pass Wick Court and onto St Mary the Virgin at Framilode where we stopped and enjoyed this beautiful church. At this point a collective decision was made to continue on to visit St Mary the Virgin at Arlingham and a bite to eat at the new Farmers Yard cafe where we basked in the sun for a while after visiting the



church. The heat of the day took its toll on some riders who needed further liquid refreshment at the Lion Inn where we were entertained by a wedding party enjoying a drink. A tractor towing a large trailer passed adorned with wedding ribbon. A young farmer was about to be wed at the church we visited earlier where a classic Aston Martin was waiting to collect the newly weds. Suitably quenched, we continued towards Frampton on Severn but turned at Overton Lane and a short climb to take in the expansive view of the River Severn. Continuing back to Saul and to the unoccupied Longney and Epney churches of St Laurence and John the Baptist where we rested to a view of the church yard. The next stop was the Wholly Gelato where, as promised, we all enjoyed the delicious ice cream. Then homeward bound to St James saying goodbye to Ian & Lu who called in at Hardwicke church.



A great day out, some entertainment in good company and plenty of exercise. All coped well especially our youngest rider Emily. Many thanks to all our sponsors for their support who collectively have raised in excess of £500. Will update you next month as to the exact figure.

Paul Bridges

Community News



The local branch of the Royal British Legion is based in Hardwicke. The photos show some of the events that the RBL have been involved in



*Poppy Day Appeal
2023*



*RBL stall at the
local Dog Show*



Christmas Lunch Club



Gloucester Day Parade



*Rich Dando at the Standard
Bearers Competition at Severn
Vale School*

Next Steps



We promised to keep you up to date on the Next Steps progress, so this is the latest news. The group has now studied a draft list of 'things we would like' and by the time you read this, they will have gone into great detail. The ideas will cover every element of the re-ordering process and based on the principles established through the continuing consultation process started earlier this year. Indeed we had more responses via the schools only last week.

The Next Steps group suggestions will be brought to the next PCC meeting on November 12th for their detailed consideration, and with any changes they feel appropriate, these will form the basis of the brief that goes to the Architects for them to develop some optional plans which come back to us for consideration in 6 or 8 months time.

There are surveys to be completed of course and we have received these on asbestos, achieving net zero on carbon emissions, energy efficiency, the stained glass windows and audio visual options.

The process continues. As always, I am available and very happy indeed to talk through any questions you may have.

Andrew Wakely — Chair Next Steps Group



Our October meeting welcomed four visitors and the speaker Morgan Tabis with her two birds, the very rare Black Barn Owl from the UK and a White Faced Owl from Africa. The Black Barn Owl would not be found naturally in the wild as it would be rejected by the mother so they are only found in captivity. Morgan had owned Midnight from a very small chick that was now two years old and the smaller White Faced Owl was four.



Anyone can own an owl but it must be for educational or falconry purposes and is not allowed as a pet. The birds were taken around the hall by Morgan and her daughter so we were able to see them close up, take photographs and ask any questions.

We soon have our theatre trip to see Birdsong and then we start gearing up for the end of the year events. November means it's the AGM when we hear the Financial and Annual Reports and as it is also a Social Evening this will be followed by wine and nibbles and an auction of Christmas and assorted items. Our December meeting will be another Social Evening with an American Supper and Christmas carols. Next year will be special as it is our 100th anniversary and if anyone would like to come along either as a visitor or new member they will be made very welcome. We meet at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of every month in Quedgeley Village Hall.

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Bounce & Rhyme

Christmas Special

Babies and Toddlers

Wednesday 18th December

11.30 – 12noon

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We are back by popular demand!

Saint James' For a CRAFT

Messy Christmas

Saturday 21st December

1pm - 3pm

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FUN

SNACK provided!

If you have dietary intolerances please bring your own snack as we cannot cater for all requirements - Thank You

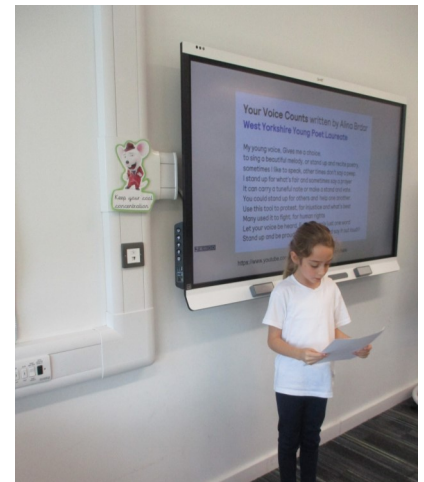
News from our schools



To celebrate their 'Super, Duper Me' topic coming to an end, Reception were visited by some real life superheroes! They learnt all about what special people like the police and doctors do and how they keep us safe.



For National Poetry week, pupils created descriptive poems and used their oral skills brilliantly to perform these. In Science, they setup an experiment to determine what factors impact plant growth. Everyone worked super hard to ensure it was a fair test - everything was measured precisely.



Kingsway & Quedgeley Mens Shed

With Christmas on the horizon we are able to take commissions for chopping carving boards like the one shown, we have a choice of designs and can personalise the edge with the recipient's name or message, you can have Gloucester Men's Shed on it if you like but we're sure you would like something more appropriate to the recipient or even yourself. They do take a couple of weeks to make (we like the food safe oil to soak in) so pop into the Shed to get your special and unique gift in time for Christmas.

Obviously the price depends on the size and design but these are real wood, bespoke and designed to last and not cheap Bamboo or acacia that you would find on Etsy.

For further information contact Kingsway and Quedgeley Mens Shed <https://www.facebook.com/kandqmsshed>





A final plug for our annual Fireworks Display this year which is due to take place on Saturday 9th November 2024 at Fishers Meadow. Gates will open at 5pm and the display will start at 7pm prompt.

Tickets have been selling fast and this is always a very popular event so we urge everyone who is coming to leave plenty of time to get through the gates, wear suitable footwear and wherever possible walk, to avoid too much traffic congestion for local residents who live nearby. The Town Council staff and councillors will be ever present in high viz and we just have to hope now that the weather is kind to us on the night.

With events in mind, we would like to welcome everyone to our Armistice Day event which is due to take place on Armistice Day itself (Monday 11th November 2024) at the War Memorial in St James' Churchyard, from 10.30 onwards. The service will be short and outside and will commence at 10.45 and finish at 11.00am. Everyone is welcome and we normally get a good attendance from the local schools etc.

This year we have been helped by Help if we Can in running this event and we would like to express our sincere thanks to HiWC for taking the time to help deliver this service. Look out for our remembrance flag this year which we will place in our office window and the Tommy lamp post signs that will be out near the churchyard in time for the service.

We would also like you all to save the date for our Christmas Event which is due to take place on Sunday 8th December 2024 at the Kingsway Sports Pavilion starting from 10.00am. This event was unfortunately cancelled last year but we are confident that it will be business as normal this year. Santa will be in the building giving out pressies, there will be craft activities, a trail and most importantly chocolate! There will also be hot chocolate and other goodies for the adults so an event not to be missed!



We have some good news regarding the parking signs at the Kingsway Local Centre. Following a successful meeting with the land owner and parking contractor, it was agreed that parking restrictions should be lifted but with the intention of monitoring anti social parking in the meantime. This means that anyone using the facilities at The Local Centre and this would include the community centre and school as well as other facilities in the area are free to use the car park without repercussion. What we are trying to deter are those that use the car park as long term parking for their own benefit as this is not the purpose behind this communal parking. The parking contractor and this council will continue to monitor the situation and any complaints regarding this should be directed to this office. However in the meantime, a good result for the local residents who once again can park freely in this area.

The Community Pantry continues to thrive with over 100 people reported to have visited in one week. Cllr Ranford reported "it really shows that there is a need for this facility in our area and I am proud to have been involved in this from the start and have seen it thrive and grow". The Community Pantry will not be operating during the Christmas Event.

The annual accounts have now been received from the External Auditor with no exemptions. This means that the auditor is satisfied that the accounts are in order. If anyone wishes to view the accounts they can do so by making an appointment with the clerk, either by calling the office on 01452 721552 or emailing on Office@quedgeley-tc.gov.uk.

Plans are moving forward with the empty Social Club premises. We cannot divulge too much at the moment, however we do have a preferred candidate who has put into place a full proposal with costings with a view to opening a facility that can be used by all. Watch this space for further information as the proposal unfolds.





And finally, we are very proud to announce that our very own Town Clerk, Jacquie Webster was awarded the SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks) John Crompton Cup for Mentoring Services to new Clerks. This role consists of supporting new Parish or Town Clerks in the SW area for the first 12 months of their service and Jacquie has been undertaking this role for the last 7 years as well as performing her own role as Town Clerk & RFO for this council. Jacquie was invited to the SLCC 2024 conference awards ceremony in Leicestershire to receive her award. Well done Jacquie, we are all incredibly proud of you.

Congratulating Jacquie, Rob Smith, SLCC Chief Executive, remarked, "Jacquie has been nothing short of exceptional, not only in her recent work on the new mentor film and the advice infographics for the mentor pack, but also her ongoing role as a mentor for SLCC. Her dedication to guiding others is truly inspiring. She consistently goes the extra mile to support and encourage those she mentors, helping them navigate their professional journeys with confidence and clarity.'



In response, Jacquie said, "I'm incredibly honoured to receive this award. Mentoring my fellow clerks has been a rewarding experience, and I'm passionate about helping others grow and succeed in their roles. It's a privilege to contribute to SLCC and support the professional development of clerks across the country."

The Town Council Office is situated in the same retail park as Matalan so please do pop in and meet your friendly town council staff. Our normal opening times are Mondays – Fridays, 9.30am – 2.30pm. We are also available on email, Office@quedgeley-tc.gov.uk or you can visit our website on [Quedgeley Town Council \(quedgeley-tc.gov.uk\)](http://Quedgeley Town Council (quedgeley-tc.gov.uk)).

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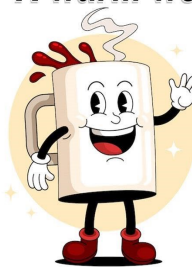
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Tea@2

Wednesday

2.00pm- 4.00pm

Tea/Coffee

Bingo

Home made cake

Quiz

Assortment of refreshments

£3.00 per person

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***Living and loving God, we pray that all of Quedgeley will live ever closer to your loving presence and purpose today and always.
AMEN***