

HOLY ECHO HOLY

CREATION SANG!
At the 9:30 am Mass last Sunday, children of the parish gave an excellent account of themselves in the musical, 'Creation Sang!' – a new setting of the Christmas story. Great credit is due to Kate Kinsey, who directed the performance, to Chris Johnson on piano, to the children who sang and played instruments, and to the parents who provided essential support in so many ways!

FINANCE
Weekend 9/10 December 2006:
Plate Collection £330 with an additional £297 given by Gift Aid.
The Gift Aided sum produces a tax rebate of a further £83 = TOTAL £710.
TO ENHANCE YOUR GIVING BY 28% PLEASE CONSIDER USING GIFT AID. Contact David Groom Tel: 656725.

ANNUAL MAINTENANCE APPEAL - update
The amount collected now stands at £1707.85, – a wonderful response. £1143 of this was covered by Gift Aid Declarations, so we will be claiming an additional £320-04 tax refund. Eight families have joined the Gift Aid Scheme for the weekly collection, and five families have increased their contributions, so we will receive an extra £71-68 tax refund. A big thankyou to everyone who has contributed. *Further donations welcome – please make cheques payable to St Peter's Parish.*

CHILDREN OF BETHLEHEM
You will be pleased to hear that in recent weeks, Joanne, ably assisted by Ysuff, has raised **£6530** (after expenses) for needy families with children in Bethlehem. She is taking the money there this weekend.

PARISH WEBSITE
Our site at www.stpeterschirencester.org exists to inform parishioners, intending visitors and newcomers to the parish. Kathy and Roger Whithon (kwhithon@stpeterschirencester.org) develop the site and can be contacted if you can help in any way or have useful comments to make about improving the content. Their phone number is 01793 751863.

PASTORAL TEAM
Next meeting Monday 8 January, 7 pm in the Presbytery.

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Holy holy is the Lord
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God of power
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God of might
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Heav'n and earth are filled with glory
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THIS WEEK

Mon 18 Dec Mass 10 am
Tue 19 Dec Mass 10 am
Wed 20 Dec Mass 10 am
Thur 21 Dec Mass 10 am
Fri 22 Dec Mass 10 am
Sat 23 Dec Mass 10 am
Confessions 10.30 – 11.00 am, 5.00 – 5.30 pm
(See overview for Christmas arrangements)

Please pray for:
- those who are sick, including Ann Wall, Paula Manning, Marie Mesberry, Sheila McKewen, Margaret Peter, Lucy Telling, Di Adams, Gwen Murphy, Tony Barry, Dorothy Godleman, Cecilia Franco, Tom Tooley, Mrs Gatehouse, Clive Oswald, Mary Kinross, Bethany Middleburgh, Anna Peake, Angela Pilkington
(Please inform Fr. Michael of any changes to the above list)
- those whose anniversaries occur about this time, including Zofia Krutny, Eric Hutchison, Frank Minna, Billy Heister

DECEMBER is the MONTH OF THE NATIVITY
During Advent and the Christmas Season, we are asked to pray for the following intentions: Openness to the Word of God, Migrants and Refugees, Expectant Mothers.
PRAYER
St. Peter's Book, for you to write your prayers and intercessions, can be found at the back of church. Prayer Line – call Doreen Folbergill (01451 866609) or Dee Shansil (01666 860387).

HOLY COMMUNION
All those at Mass who are not in Full Communion with the Catholic Church, and those Catholics not receiving Holy Communion, are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing. When approaching the celebrant, please fold your arms across your chest so he will know that you wish to receive a blessing.

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Permanent Deacon: Rev. J Foghtyghill



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Welcome to our church. If you are a visitor, we hope that you will enjoy your stay in Chirencester. If you are new to the Parish, please make yourself known to someone in the congregation.

Sunday 17 December
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Readings Year C, page 711.
Psalm week 3.

1st Mass of Sunday:
Saturday 9 pm.
11am (Kath Moran R.I.P.)
Zephaniah 3/14-18
The Lord your God is in your midst.
Sing and shout for joy, for great is your midst
is the Holy One of Israel!

PSALM RESPONSE:
Second Reading:
Philippians 4/4-7
Be happy in the Lord!

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John's teaching.

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