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PARISH NEWSLETTER: Could you please send any items for the Parish Newsletter to Elaine in St Michael’s Parish Office by Wednesday @12.00noon.

Items for the Newsletter need to be in WORD not PDF. Thank you.

‘WANT A CHAT?’ A NEW SERVICE FOR PARISHIONERS OF ST MICHAEL’S We have an interesting, new development taking place shortly - A confidential telephone service, ‘Want A Chat’, will be available to all parishioners in St Michael’s in this year. It is available for everyone, including those feeling a bit lonely, isolated, or are unable to get to Mass and just want a chat or a catch-up with someone from the Parish. Others may want contact with people outside the family, or possibly want to discuss in confidence some issue they have. The service, which is time limited, it is open to all parishioners for most of their issues. It will not, however, be an advisory service, purely a kindly listening service. Further details will follow

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER ENGLAND AND WALES: There is a Marriage Enrichment Course offering a unique opportunity for couples to rekindle their relationships and focus on what is important to them; 3-5 March 2023 at The Campanile Hotel, Great Western Way, Delta Business Park, Swindon, SN5 7XG. Our experience helped us to understand each other more and reminded us that we had made a sacramental marriage in front of our families and God. The Marriage Encounter course also helped us with our relationships with our children. For us our experience was a gift from God. For further information and to book please contact : <https://wwme.org.uk>.

THE PARISH OFFICE – A REMINDER The Office of St Peter’s is usually open on Tuesday and Friday from 10.00am till around 4.00pm. The Office of St Michael’s is usually open on Wednesdays after morning Mass till around 3.00pm. Neither Office has ever been open every day. Please allow for Father and the Administrator to eat their lunch in peace. For small, rural parishes like ours it will not be possible to do more than we are doing at present.

Discussions are taking place about centralising administration in each of the new deaneries proposed by the Bishop. Tetbury and Cirencester, together with Fairford will be moving into Cheltenham Deanery and Stroud Deanery will cease to exist, with remaining parishes moving into Gloucester and the Forrest.



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| St Peter’s RC Church | St Michael’s RC Church, |
| 7 St Peter’s Road | Silver Street |
| Cirencester | Tetbury |
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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

Sat 14th Jan. 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter’s
 Sun 15th Jan 9.00am Mass in St Michael’s
 11.00am Mass in St Peter’s (Pro Populo)
2.00pm Holy Baptism of Frances McCarthy



WORSHIP THIS WEEK – Week 2 Year 1 of the Lectionary

Mon 16th Jan Feria of Week 2
FR PHILIP’S DAY OFF
BOTH PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

Tues 17th Jan St Anthony of Egypt
 9.30am Mass in St Peter’s

Wed 18th Jan Feria – Confession of St Peter
 10.00am Mass in St Michael’s

Thurs 19th Jan St Wulfstan of Worcester, Diocesan Memorial & Start of Unity Octave
 9.30am Mass in St Peter’s

Fri 20th Jan St Sebastian
12.00Noon Memorial Mass for Mary [Beda] Keylock in St Peter’s

Sat 21st Jan St Agnes of Rome
 9.30am in St Peter’s



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

Sat 21st Jan. 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter’s
 Sun 22nd Jan 9.00am Mass in St Michael’s
 11.00am Mass in St Peter’s

CONFESSIONS

In St Peter’s: Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm
In St Michael’s: Wednesday 10.45am to 11.15am
& by Appointment; please ring to arrange. Thank you

MASS PROPERS FOR ORDINARY SUNDAY II (Year A)

Entrance Antiphon All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading: Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6 *I will make you light of the nations, so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*

Responsorial Psalm Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

Second Reading: Corinthians 1: 1-3 *May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.*

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens Alleluia.

Holy Gospel John 1: 29-34 *Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.*

Communion Antiphon You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.



CHRISTIAN UNITY OCTAVE 2023 The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs, as always from Wednesday 18th (The Confession of St Peter) to Wednesday 25th January (the Conversion of St Paul). It was originally invented by Anglican in the USA, who desperately wanted corporate reunion with the Holy See in Rome.

ANSWERING GOD'S CALL - A VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR LENT will be taking place at the Bernardine Convent in Brownhill, near Stroud, this reflective weekend (3 - 5 March 2023), is open to men and women aged 18-35. There's chance to spend some time in prayer in beautiful surroundings listening to the voice of the Lord who calls us to follow him and serve him. £90 full board. More information on the notice board.

ST MICHAEL'S CRIB DONATIONS: Tetbury crib donations are being donated to Mary's Meals. Their vision is that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education and that all those who have more than they need, share with those who lack even the most basic things. Working, together with those who share our vision, we believe there is no good reason why this cannot be realized. Their work is named after Mary, the mother of Jesus, who brought up her own child in poverty. Mary's Meals consists of, respects, and reaches out to people of all faiths and of none.



ST MARY'S, TETBURY 'SONGS OF PRAISE' St Michael's neighbours at Our Lady and St Mary Magdalene Anglican church are holding a Songs of Praise at 5.00pm on Sunday 29th January. Please see poster on noticeboard.

ST MICHAEL'S HALL Parishioners are reminded that we have a hall which can be hired; if you or a group you know are interested in hiring the hall, please contact St Michael's Parish Office on the details above. A gentle reminder to those who clean the church or arrange flowers; please remember to look at the calendar on the hall notice board on the Sunday before you wish to come in to check that the hall is free; the hall is hired out at various times and days during the week. Thank you for your co-operation.

TACT AGM & ANNUAL SERVICE & WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

1. The AGM WILL BE on **Sunday 22nd January 2023 @ 4.30pm**; - Christchurch Methodist church.
2. Christian Unity Service @ **6.00pm** – Christchurch
3. Reflect breakfast for Women Saturday 28th January 9.30-11.00am – Christchurch – for further information and booking details, please see poster on noticeboard.

SYCAMORE - WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE? Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. Rose Lanigan, Mission Support Manager for Sycamore is running a series of 'How to Webinars' for Clifton diocese. This helpful and practical series will be hosted on Zoom in January as four evening sessions each starting at 7pm, **and then repeated** in February during the daytime from 11am.

| Sessions | January | February |
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| How to get momentum going | 12th starting at 7pm | 2nd starting at 11am |
| How to run a group | 17th starting at 7pm | 8th starting at 11am |
| To 'Retreat' or not? | 25th starting at 7pm | 14th starting at 11am |
| How to support parents | 31st starting at 7pm | 28th starting at 11am |

- How to get momentum going - This is for anyone who wants to run Sycamore but does not know how to get things off the ground. It will offer very practical suggestions for how to get started.
- How to run a group - This webinar goes through the 'nuts and bolts' of running an individual session - how to prepare for and deliver a session effectively. Rose will also talk about some of the ways you can deal with difficult or awkward situations and how to manage them carefully and respectfully.
- To 'Retreat' or not? - The retreat element can often be regarded as complicated to organise or not practical. This webinar talks about a typical retreat format, including how to lead prayer, and a discussion on alternative approaches for different formats, for example, online groups.
- How to support parents - This webinar will look at ways Sycamore can be used to supplement your current catechetical and sacramental programmes that you are already running to support and encourage parents and help build community.

Everyone is welcome to take part in some or all of the sessions, please sign up by following the links below. For more details please contact adult.education@cliftondiocese.com

Click here to join the webinars in January **Click here to join the webinars in February**