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St. James & Saint Mary Magdalene
Quedgeley & Kingsway



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I write this just a few days after the memorable service led by Bishop Rachel, Archdeacon Hilary and Area Dean Jo to licence Revd Mark Siddall as our new parish priest – officially called priest-in-charge.

It was in every way a most moving ceremony and a privilege to us retired priests who make up the Ministry Team to work with the new priest in any way we can to assist him. It was good to see some many people present to fill the church; some were from Mark's former group of parishes, some 70 our own church members and representative of local communities – our M.P. Mayor; Chairman and members of Quedgeley Town Council; local schools and uniform groups and others.

So our new parish priest and his lovely family, Erica, Daniel and Emily can be assured of a really hearty welcome! They come to a parish which, described by one of our local visitors as 'A Church where everybody smiles!'

You will find some lovely pictures of the event later in this magazine, and next Fr Mark's first message to us which we will value a great deal as it says positive things to us in our own lives, as we share with him as fellow pilgrims of faith.

A CHANGE OF TACK!

We all so aware of the enormous needs in the world in which we live at this present time! As your Editor I have in recent issues of this magazine, encouraging all who read this, to think and pray for these needs which so many of our fellow human beings are face with at this present time. Our local community has made great efforts to alleviate something of these needs both In Ukraine and nearer at home. I have noticed that a good number of people have been visiting St James church for private prayer and lighting of candles I Have been able to chat to some of these people who are so grateful that we are able to provide this opportunity!

Fr. Hugh

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Revd. Mark Siddall
Priest-in-Charge



Dear Friends,

Ten Thousand Miles...

...is approximately how far I cycled during nearly four years of ministry in Draycot Benefice, near Chippenham. That was for pastoral visits, weddings, funerals, baptisms, weekly worship, collective worship in the four schools, reading to pre schools, engaging with community groups and with the many volunteers who maintain and sustain the life of faith in the five parishes. I rode from Swindon to the far side of Bristol with Diocesan commitments.

There is a thing about cycling those miles and not sitting isolated from the smells (it is the countryside!), sounds, rain, wind and temperature in a car. I truly felt the costs and graces of ministry in that place through my whole person, stopped and chatted, noticed the seasons and people and all that goes on in The busy villages and farms of that place.

As we moved, Erica, Emily, Daniel and I even rode our two tandem bikes with Bidy our puppy from Chippenham to Quedgeley, with an enjoyable overnight stay in Dursley. It gave us an early chance to get to know this beautiful area.

As I continue my vocation on two wheels here in Kingsway and Quedgeley, give me a wave, stop me for a chat, point me in the right direction. All of life is in faith in the one without whom we are nothing and who gives His life that we might live. I urge you to live this given life as if you were in heaven, however you are able to. That is what it is to 'seek first the Kingdom' (Matthew 6:33). May we seek the Kingdom together in this place from now and into the future.

You are in my prayers as I ride around Kingsway and Quedgeley,

Your brother in Christ,

Mark

A walk down the Gloucester Sharpness canal...



“What is that called?” and “What is it for?”

By Revd. Fr. Ian Robb



This month we focus on The Office – no, not a room filled with filing cabinets, computers, & phones! Yes, we have spoken in the past of a “Parish Office” when your clergy are available for the particular task of arranging things like weddings, and doing admin-type tasks, but I shall explain...

The worship and service of the Church has two types of “Office” - The Daily Office of Morning & Evening Prayer and of Eucharist, and Occasional Offices. But let's look at our Latin heritage, for our word “office” comes from “Officium” which means “a duty” - something which must be performed or offered as part of one's calling or responsibility.

Every ordained cleric is instructed to pray daily – and to offer at least the “offices” of Morning and Evening Prayer (in the Book of Common Prayer: Matins and Evensong). So when we speak of the Daily Office, that is what we mean. These two daily acts of worship are by no means restricted to the clergy. All Christians have a duty to pray, and all Christians can join with their clergy in using these daily offices as part of their life of prayer. Many of us still possess, I'm sure, a Book of Common Prayer which contains the orders of service for morning and evening. You may also have a copy of the newer book “Common Worship” which is what we use here at St James. If you have access to the internet, you can find Daily Prayer on the Church of England website under the category “Prayer and Worship”, where you will find everything you need – including the set Bible readings for each day. One of the advantages of using the set Daily Office in our prayer-time is that we are able, over the course of a year, to read a large amount of the Bible – in manageable portions – and also use almost all of the Psalms, again in manageable portions, so we are given help not only with our prayers but also with our Bible-reading. So why not join your clergy in this daily duty in the comfort and quiet of your own home?

It is a comfort and a strength to know that we are all united in prayer. If you are able to join us in church, that is even better!

I mentioned above that there are two types of “Office”. The other type is the “Occasional Office” - of which there are several and which are used only as occasion demands: Baptism, Confirmation, Matrimony, Visitation & Communion of the Sick, & Burial of the Dead. These are all vital parts of the Church's ministry and they are all freely available to everyone who requests them. The word “occasional” does not mean that they are of lesser importance than the daily office, but that they are to be used at particular moments in time when people are in particular need. (As I wrote previously, some of them, like Baptism and Confirmation, can be used only once during a person's earthly life.)

The Occasional Offices mark special times in our lives; times when we call upon God for a particular need. For example: parents wish to give their new baby the best possible start in life and so call on the Church to baptise the child and bring him or her to new birth in the family of Jesus Christ.

Marriage is such an important moment in a couple's life together that it is simply not possible to “go it alone”; it is a moment to be shared, a moment when we call upon family and friends to join us in praying for God's blessing on a new life together in the wider community.

When illness strikes, we need to know that God is with us in our hospital bed or in the security of our home. The Visitation of the Sick allows us to receive anointing with holy oil and the laying-on of hands with prayer thereby assuring us of God's healing presence.

At the end of our earthly life, the last Office we receive commends our soul to the care of Almighty God when our physical body is laid to rest.

Licensing of Revd. Dr. Mark Siddall

15th May 2022





...and Civic dignitaries, MP and Councillors attended.



Tea at the Palace

It was a privilege to be invited to the Queen's Garden Party and meet some truly inspirational people. A delicious cream tea in the beautiful gardens at Buckingham palace.



For our Younger Readers

It is Pentecost Sunday on the 5th June.

Pentecost occurs 50 days after Easter Sunday or 50 days after Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus had already gone back to Heaven so the disciples and new believers of Jesus were waiting to receive the Holy Spirit because that's what Jesus told them would happen. Plus, since Jesus wasn't with them any more the Holy Spirit would help bring them closer to God.

Enjoy colouring in the picture below of the disciples receiving the Holy Spirit.



If you are holding a Platinum Jubilee Party send us your photos of the event to hugh.broad@yahoo.co.uk Depending on the number we receive we'll publish them in next month's copy of the magazine.



Tea@2 is closing for the summer . Our last get together will be on Wednesday 1st June. We shall then close for the summer months and open again on 7th September. We hope you all have a terrific summer and look forward to welcoming you back in the Autumn.

Platinum Jubilee
 Saint James' Church & Kingway
Summer Fayre
 Saturday 4th June
 Saint James' Church
 GL2 4PN
 12 noon - 4.30pm

Tricia's Plant Stall

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Church receives Spring Clean

It was a Saturday morning clean up. Ann Bridges and her team mopped, vacuumed, dusted and polished until the church gleamed. Of course everyone enjoyed their tea break treat of yummy cake (provided by Ann) and a mug of hot steaming tea or coffee to keep them refreshed. Well done Ann and your team. The church looks and smells so much sweeter. Thank you to our local City Councillors who used some of their community budget to support our cleaning of the uppermost parts of the church. Tea@2 and the weekly congregation are very grateful.



Quedgeley Town Council

June is a busy and exciting month with Quedgeley Town Council heading up the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations. On Sunday 5th June there will be a parade which commences at Quedgeley Community Centre at 11.00am and will proceed down School Lane, past Severnvale School and then onto Fisher's Meadow where a fabulous fun day will commence. We urge all of our community to come along, not only to watch the parade but to enjoy all the events on offer. We are praying for good weather as we will have Mounted Police, vintage cars, music and lots more in the parade, followed by a dog show, Music, Fun Fair, Food/Drinks, Face Painting, Fancy dress etc. There will also be a Flyover at 12 noon. This is our chance to really come together as a community so come on down to Fishers Meadow on the 5th June, it's free to get in. We should also say a big thank you to Help if we can for assisting with this event.

On a more business point of view, the council's accounts have now been audited and a designated time will be advertised where you the local community can view the accounts. Look out for more information on our office window. Once the dates have been issued, all you have to do is make an appointment with the Town Clerk who will then provide you with whatever accounting documents you wish to view. This is your right as the public who pay a precept to this council.

We hope you are enjoying the new noticeboards which have been under refurbishment around the Town. We are now busy putting posters into them and we hope you all agree that your councillors have done a terrific job with very little expense to the taxpayer. This is what the Town Council is all about, 16 volunteers who come together to try and do what's best for the community, supporting and getting things done. We still have a few vacancies so if you want to be part of that team or just want to find out more then please contact Jacquie on 01452 721552 or Office@quedgeley.org and we can provide you with as much information as you need.

Our Full Council meetings are held on the third Monday of every month and are now being held in the Severnvale School meeting room. This is far more spacious and a great environment for any visitors who might want to come along. Members of the public are always welcome and agendas can be found on our office window.

And finally, we do apologise for our website at the moment, this is work in progress and we are busy trying to improve things. We appreciate your ongoing patience.

Have a great month.

QTC

WELCOMED INTO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH IN HOLY BAPTISM

MAY 1st VIENNA-ROSE WHITTAM
AHSOKA-TANO WHITTAM

8TH MAXIMUS ARTHUR GEORGE BUCKINGHAM

BLESSING OF MARRIAGE

MAY 7th ANDREW & TIFFANY WILKINS

LOSS OF LOVED ONES

APRIL 26th IAN VICTOR MORGAN (ashes)

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