

AROUND THE SPIRE

THE PARISH OF
SAINT JAMES
THE APOSTLE
QUEDGELEY and
KINGSWAY

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PARISH PROGRAMME for November...

HERE ARE THE MAIN EVENTS IN THE PARISH THIS MONTH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4th –

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.

Annual BEREAVEMENT SERVICE 4.00pm - A special service held annually on the Sunday nearest to ALL SOULS DAY (November 2nd). Come along to remember with Thanksgiving your loved ones who se earthly lives have ended. Service followed by refreshments.

SUNDAYS, NOVEMBER 11th and 18th

Parish Eucharist, 10.30am with activities for children and refreshments

SATURDAY 24th November - Our ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR, 1.30pm
– at Quedgeley Community Centre.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25th. FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Parish Eucharist, 10.30am with activities for children and refreshments

Each Wednesday – Holy Eucharist at St James – 10.00am and at 7.30pm

Refreshments and social time after all Sunday morning services

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 September MAGAZINE - to Father Hugh no later than Sunday 11th November.

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

Editorial for November –

“Lord, teach us to pray!”

Most Christians are familiar with this phrase – it comes of course as a cry from the disciples of Jesus – that he would show them how to pray. His reply was to give them the 'Our Father' – The Lord's Prayer – see St Luke's Gospel chapter 11.

Christians down the ages of all types and traditions have been faced with this challenge that of seeking ways and means of praying.

As your Editor, I listen carefully in the course of conversations of various groups of people, and one subject which often comes up is that of PRAYING – of how we say our prayers! It's a question we cannot dodge because as I often say –

PRAYER IS THE HEARTBEAT OF THE CHRISTIAN!

HELP! Yes indeed, if we are honest we all feel that we need help in order to pray as we should (and I certainly include myself in this!). As a Christian community we do need to be a -

PRAYING COMMUNITY. The offering up of Prayer should be high on our agenda if we are true to our calling to be a Christian community.

'Yes', I can hear you saying, 'but how?'

THE HOW THE WHEN AND THE WHERE!

I will be seeking to share with you, our readers, these aspects of Prayer in our life as those who seek to be true disciples in our own age.

SO – WATCH THIS SPACE FOR

HOW; WHEN; WHERE;

God Bless you all who read this!



Raffle tickets drawn at Christmas Fayre Quedgeley Community Centre 4pm 24th November

FATHER HUGH, your Editor

A Letter from Canon John

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The first signs of winter are upon us and perhaps this is a good time to remind ourselves that the month of November is also known as the month of Remembrance and Reflection.

This year is particularly significant as it is the 100th anniversary of the ending of the First World War. Woodrow Wilson, American President coined the phrase 'The war to end all wars'. Unfortunately, it didn't and in 1939 the country was at war once again with Germany. However, this became a civilian's war where the fighting was not just confined to a battle field but to the towns and cities of Europe. Young people of several generations spent most of their early twenties and latter teenage years fighting for their country. Some never returned.

This year, to mark the ending of the First World War (or Great War as it is sometimes referred to) public places are being asked to erect a silhouette of a soldier known as 'there but not there Tommy'. In Saint James' Churchyard, I am proud to say and thanks to Quedgeley Town Council a "Tommy" now firmly stands beside the war memorial.

In many parts of the world today there is still conflict; wars are still being fought and human life being sacrificed. As a church we pray constantly for those countries, that peace will once again return.

On Remembrance Sunday here at Saint James' we shall be holding our act of remembrance with the wider town community at the war memorial. We will again remember all those who gave their lives for their country - and who still continue to serve this country in our armed forces home and abroad.

Finally, I would just like to thank all those who sent me prayers and good wishes on the appointment of my becoming an Honorary Canon at Gloucester Cathedral. As I have said I see this appointment as recognition for the whole parish of Quedgeley and Kingsway and not just for myself.

With every blessing and let us remember the fallen of conflict and pray for peace.

Fr John

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



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## ***FROM THE REGISTERS IN SEPTEMBER***

### **HOLY BAPTISM:**

September 9<sup>th</sup> - Nirvana Annabelle Price

September 16<sup>th</sup> - Jaxina Ian Guy

*"Welcome to the Lord's Family"*

### **HOLY MATRIMONY**

September 1<sup>st</sup> - David John Garland and Britt McIntyre

September 15<sup>th</sup> – Ryan Andrew Pennell and Jade Elizabeth

Butterworth

*"THOSE WHO GOD HAS JOINED TOGETHER"*

### **FUNERAL:**

September 5<sup>th</sup> - MYRTLE NASH

September 14<sup>th</sup> - DENNIS BRISTOWE

*"Rest Eternal grant to her O Lord"*

# **St James '100 Club' Monthly Prize Draw**

*"You have to be in it to win it!"*

We have been running our monthly draw since June 2014, and have so far raised nearly £4500 towards the Restoration Fund.

How it works: Example

*"Monthly Income £100.*

***£50 is given towards Saint James Church restoration project.***

*£50 Prize Fund. Split 70/30 First prize £35, second prize £15.*

*The actual amounts will vary dependent on the numbers entered for the month"*

Only **£6 each number** per period of six months

To be returned 18th November, annually, to enable inclusion in the following Six Monthly draws. Draw sets run from December to May, and June to November.

## **NEW MEMBERS ARE VERY WELCOME TO JOIN**

Please see the Rules and complete an application form – box by church door.

We are now collecting money for entries for December 2018 to May 2019 draws. Please give the envelope with your name and the money to Ann or Lesley by 18th November. Thank you.

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HANDBELLS at Christmas... Can You Help to Ring?

In previous years members of the congregation have rung Christmas Carols to the residents of The Lawns, Chestnut Court, and Queen Anne's Court using the St James' Handbells. It has been proposed that we do similar this year together with accompanying the annual Christmas Carol-singing at Tesco and other places. No previous experience is needed! Please pass your name to Fr John if you are interested in finding out more about what this involves, then we can meet and take this forward.

Many thanks...

Saint James CHATTERBOX

...time for fun!



www.quedgeyleychurch.org.uk

Parent, Baby and Toddler 'Drop –in' St. James Church Quedgeley **Every Tuesday 9.30am - 11.00am**

Our sessions are busy, but fun; we have a different craft activity each week and a range of sweet, savoury and healthy snacks for parents and youngsters. The cheese sandwiches seem to go down particularly well!

Chatterbox, Chit Chat and Saint James Church linked up with Tesco, Q Club and GCH and held a Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support at the church on 28th September.



We raised just over £716.00.

A BIG THANK YOU to Theresa Fisher from Tesco, Lin Norman, Tricia Cook, Deb Llewellyn, Helen Browning, Kevin Dawes, and everyone else who helped on the morning. It was a huge success. Also to Fr. John for allowing us the use of the church and once again, help with moving the furniture! To everyone who supported us many, many, thanks!

Keep up with our events and activities by visiting our Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/StJamesChatterbox/>

SAINT JAMES' CHURCH AT WORK AND PLAY...





SAINT JAMES CHIT-CHAT

Relax and meet new friends !



EVERY THURSDAY AT SAINT JAMES CHURCH
QUEDGELEY 10.00AM - 12NOON FOR THE NOT
SO YOUNG BUT YOUNG AT HEART!

We've had a very busy month welcoming some new faces and saying a sad farewell, to those who have been with us for a while, as they move to live closer to their families.

We congratulated our own Fr, Hugh at one of the Chit Chat sessions on celebrating 50 years as a priest. He works very hard for his parishioners in Quedgeley. Chit Chat presented him with a pair of red wine glasses engraved for the occasion and of course a bottle of red to go in them!

We shall also be preparing for our Birthday Party - Chit Chat 5years old! Please come and join us on a Thursday. Don't forget our Christmas Fayre on 24th November at the Quedgeley Community Centre. We'd love to see you!

If you would like more information on Chit Chat then please visit our website www.quedgeleychurch.org.uk We are also on Twitter – so join us there @StChatter1

Give us a ring on 01452 721062 if you'd like more information.

Jackie

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# HIGHLIGHTS OF FIFTY YEARS!

Quite a number of people have been asking me recently in the wake of my fifty years of priesthood celebrations, what the highlights of this half a century have been.

In the week following the event, Richard Atkins asked me to pick on one such highlight in an interview I did with him for Radio Gloucestershire. Put on the spot my response was – that moment when the Bishop of Hereford placed his hands on my head to make me a Priest in the Church of God.



This set me off thinking what other highlights there have been over these years, and these are just some that come to mind.

*The Sunday after I became a priest when I celebrated what was known as my First Mass and I uttered the words of the Consecration Prayer over the Bread and the Wine of the Eucharist*

*The visit of the Princess Royal for the opening of St Thomas Cantilupe Primary School where I became Chairman of Governors.*

*The visit of the late Princess Margaret to perform the Opening Ceremony of St Barnabas Church and centre in the parish in Hereford where I was Vicar.*

*My marriage to Jackie and Nuptial Mass at All Saints Hereford, and the birth of our twins, Lucy and Hannah a few years later*

*The visit of the Princess Royal for the opening of the new Matson Neighbourhood Centre when I was parish priest there.*

*My eight years on General Synod, particularly when, as a central member of what was then called the Crown Appointments Commission, we were invited to Tea at 10 Downing Street when the Prime Minister of the day wanted to hear of our thoughts on the next Archbishop of Canterbury. n.b. We did not tell him!*

*My appointment as an Honorary Canon of Gloucester Cathedral.*

*To be in the procession at the Enthronement of Rowan Williams in Canterbury Cathedral.*

*Our ten years in Spain in the Diocese in Europe where I had the privilege of being Area Dean, Assistant Director of Ordinands and Honorary Canon of Gibraltar Cathedral.*

*AND LAST – but not least – that wonderful Eucharist in Gloucester Cathedral on the Feast of St Michael & All Angels this year to celebrate these fifty years!*

For all this, and so much more, I constantly thank God and all those around me who have made this service possible.

FR HUGH

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Snippets...

Before the age of the computer, a website was a spider's home.
A memory was something that faded with age,
And a mouse was a small furry creature with whiskers and a long tail.
Lovell

If...

...I gained the world, but had no Saviour, would my gain be worth the life-long strife?
Are all earthly pleasures worth comparing, for a moment with a Christ-filled life?

Words by Anna Olander. Submitted by Lovell Cornwall

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# **OPERATION SHOEBOX**

## **- OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL!**

Time once again to launch our annual appeal for your help in being involved with this much-needed help for children in many places who will not have the sort of Christmas that we would want for our own children and families – BUT in this way you can make such a difference!

Here is what you need to do!

- Get an empty medium sized shoebox and wrap the box and lid with decorated paper.
- Decide if your gift is for a boy or girl, and the age range (2-4; 5-9; 10-14) and put a label on the outside – these will be available in church.
- Fill the box with a variety of new gifts that a child will love; you can add a photo or message too if you wish.
- Include a donation of £5 to cover the costs of getting it to the child in need.
- Secure your box with an elastic band and bring it to St James Church between November 1st and 18th.

Gift suggestions – toys for the age range but no war-type please as some boxes go to very sensitive countries! School supplies, stationery, notebooks etc. Hygiene items – toothbrush and paste; wrapped soap, flannel. Brush and comb, hat, gloves, scarf, sunglasses, sweets, torch. etc..

THANK YOU VERY MUCH IN ANTICIPATION!

Di Allen – organiser.

Tel: 01452 721565

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“Sits Vac...”

If you would like to take part as one of our Bible-readers in church, please contact me (because Fr John has charged me with the task of compiling the rota of readers!)

Fr. Ian

“Times and Seasons”: Saints in November

1st: All Saints – From the earliest days, the Church has recognised as its foundation stones those heroes of the faith whose lives have excited others to holiness and have assumed a communion with the Church on earth and the Church in heaven. Celebrating the feast of All Saints began in the 4th century and was originally observed on the Sunday after the feast of Pentecost, acknowledging the power of the Holy Spirit in his empowering of the first Apostles and martyrs for the faith. It was moved to 1st November in the 8th century when a chapel in St Peter's in Rome was dedicated to All Saints.

2nd: Commemoration of All Souls In Christ all the faithful, both living and departed, are bound together in a communion of prayer. This is the purpose of the celebration on this day. Since its foundation, Christians have recognised that the Church, the chosen people of God, is at its most perfect when it recognises its unity in God's redeeming love with all those who have said, and who say now, and who will say in the fullness of time, “Jesus is Lord”.

3rd: Richard Hooker, Anglican priest & scholar Born in Exeter in 1554, Richard, in his formative years, came under the guidance of the then Bishop of Salisbury. After studying at Oxford he was ordained and served the Church in London. He was a strong advocate of the Anglican tradition, the “middle way” between puritanism and papalism. He showed in his writings that the Church of England was firmly rooted in both Scripture and tradition, affirming its continuity with the pre-Reformation Church, but both catholic and reformed. Richard died near Canterbury in 1600.

6th: William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury Born in Exeter in 1881, William's father was Bishop of Exeter and later Archbishop of Canterbury. William excelled in his academic studies, becoming a philosopher and theologian of note. At the age of forty he became a bishop and within ten years was Archbishop of York. He was heavily involved in the ecumenical movement within the various Christian denominations and was well-known for his concern for social issues, contributing significantly to the debate which led to the foundation of the welfare state. He became Archbishop of Canterbury in 1942.

11th: Martin of Tours, Bishop Martin was born in 316AD in the Roman province we now know as Hungary. He was a Christian and also an officer in the Roman army. He found these two roles conflicted, and under the influence of Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, he founded the first monastery in France, in Bishop Hilary's

province. This religious house became a centre for missionary work in the local countryside – a new venture, when all other such centres were town-based. In 372 Martin was elected Bishop of Tours, but continued to live his monastic lifestyle, stressing the importance of a ministry to all people. He died in office in 397.

16th: Margaret of Scotland Margaret was born in 1046, the daughter of the Anglo-Saxon royal house of England. She lived in exile in Hungary during the reign of Danish kings in England. After the Norman conquest, when her royal person was still a threat to the new monarchy, she was welcomed to the royal court of Scotland, eventually marrying king Malcolm III. Her Christian faith had a great influence, not only on her husband and the court, but across the land. She instituted several church reforms and founded many monasteries, churches, and pilgrim hostels. She was a woman of prayer, well-known for her good works, and seems to have been an influence for good on many who came in contact. She died in 1093.

19th: Hilda, Abbess of Whitby Hilda was born into the royal house of Northumbria in 614AD. She was baptised at the age of 12 by Paulinus, the first Bishop of York, and later became an influential lay leader of the Church. Aidan of Lindisfarne persuaded her to be a Religious and she subsequently established a monastery at Whitby. The house became a centre of Christian study and in 664 was the venue for the great Synod of Whitby, where Hilda became, along with Wilfrid of Hexham, one of the great reconcilers between the Roman and Celtic traditions of the Church in Britain. She died on 17th November, 680AD.

30th: Andrew the Apostle, Patron Saint of Scotland It is in John's gospel that we discover most about Andrew. He was a Galilean fisherman, mending his nets, when Jesus called him (and his brother, Peter) to follow him – which he promptly did, remaining with Jesus until the end. He was present at the feeding of the 5,000, and later introduced a group of Greeks to Jesus. Tradition tells us that Andrew undertook several missionary journeys, eventually being martyred on an X-shaped cross. He is a patron saint of Greece and his connection with Scotland stems from a vision of his X-shaped cross appearing in the blue skies over Bannockburn before the famous victory. It is also said that his remains were brought to Scotland in the 8th century.

To be continued... Fr. Ian

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## **EXTENDED CHURCH OFFICE, in the vestry**

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

WEDNESDAY: 5.30 – 6.30pm

SATURDAY: 9.00 – 10.00am

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