

# ***AROUND THE SPIRE***



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**THE PARISH OF SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE  
QUEDGELEY and KINGSWAY**



# ***PARISH PROGRAMME for September...***

## **HERE ARE THE MAIN EVENTS IN THE PARISH THIS MONTH**

SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER, Holy Marriage 3.00pm

**SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER, TRINITY 14**

**Parish Eucharist (said) 9.30am**

**STJ – Service for all the Family 10.30am** with activities and refreshments

SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, Confirmation Rehearsal 10.30am

**SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, CONFIRMATION EUCHARIST 10.30am**

Celebrant & Preacher – Bishop Robert of Tewkesbury, with Reception

**SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, TRINITY 16**

**Parish Eucharist 10.30am** with activities for children and refreshments

FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER, Eucharist & Ministry of Healing 4.00pm

**SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER, TRINITY 17**

**Parish Eucharist 10.30am** with activities for children and refreshments

**SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, FEAST OF ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS**

**Holy Eucharist to mark the 50th Anniversary as a Priest**

Revd Canon Hugh Broad

**The Quire of Gloucester Cathedral 12.30pm,**

followed by Reception in the Chapter House

**SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, MICHAELMASS SUNDAY**

**Parish Eucharist 10.30am** with activities for children and refreshments

Refreshment 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.

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## ***YET ANOTHER MILESTONE!***

On Sunday, September 29th 1968 I was, together with other young men waiting nervously to process through the cloisters of Hereford Cathedral to take part in what was to be a life-changing event.

We were about to be ordained to the priesthood of the Church of God by the Bishop of Hereford!

For some reason there was a delay before we processed into the Cathedral. As I stood there I had to wonder to myself – what on earth was I doing? What was I letting myself in for? What had happened to that promising career in agriculture I had trained for?

HELP!! Was it too late to turn back?

The previous night in his private chapel, the Bishop had given us his ordination charge – an address to help us on the way as we underwent this life-changing experience. I can still recall after fifty years what he told us, as he had to me privately some four years earlier before I started my theological college training - “No doubt tonight you are asking yourself – am I good enough to be a priest? I want you to turn that question around and ask yourself – am I ordinary enough to be a priest?”

And so, that morning, after the nervous wait which seemed to be an age, came to an end – the great doors into the Cathedral swung open and Parry's great anthem 'I was glad' greeted us, and we went into that service to be made priests for the rest of our lives.

One of my treasured possessions from that day is the ordination Bible the Bishop gave me as I was ordained. For many years I used that bible every day for the recitation of the Daily Office of the Church – a duty given to every priest. It is now very dilapidated from constant use, so it stays on the shelf most days.

It reminds me also of that sacred moment when the Bishop laid his hands on me together with the large cluster of priests around him, and anointed me with Holy Oil – a priest for ever in the Church of God.

SO, as we approach that very day fifty years later, I hope to have the enormous privilege of celebrating the Holy Eucharist – the greatest privilege a priest has – in the great Cathedral of Gloucester, my home diocese where I

served before going to Spain, and where I have the honour of being an Honorary Canon.

I do hope that many who are reading this will be with me in Gloucester Cathedral on that special day to support me with your presence and your prayers.

Don't forget the date – SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29th at 12.30p.m.

Hope to see you there!

With my love and prayers.

**FATHER HUGH**    xx

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## **FROM THE REGISTERS IN JULY**

### **HOLY BAPTISM:**

8<sup>th</sup> July    Lacey Rose Witt  
15<sup>th</sup> July    Chloe Anne Buckley (adult)  
              Lily May Shears  
22<sup>nd</sup> July    Alfie James Paxton  
*"Welcome to the Lord's Family"*

### **FUNERALS:**

4<sup>th</sup> July    Peter Aspden (75)  
10<sup>th</sup> July    Gina Williams (72)  
26<sup>th</sup> July    Edward Holloway (81)  
*"Rest Eternal grant to them O Lord"*

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# ***From the Rector***

## ***Dear Parishioners and Friends,***

When you consider the recent natural disasters that have visited parts of our world, the fires of Spain and America along with the earthquakes of Indonesia, the brutal and senseless taking of human life by careless driving resulting in the death of adults and children, gun, knife and now acid crime or the murder of a full of life, mid-wife, we can be forgiven for wondering what kind of world we live in.

There can seem to be no end to the suffering humanity visits upon humanity, what we are capable of doing to each other.

Despair gives way to fear and fear can lead to isolation and the feeling of being alone and helpless. We cannot turn back the clock on these sad things, but we can play our part in putting on a brave face and having hope for the future.

Whatever the suffering or the pain, I believe we will find God there in the midst of it with tears in his eyes and love and compassion in his heart.

It's a small thing perhaps but we can make a difference in a world that seems indifferent. That is by finding the courage to say THANK YOU! So that the heartlessness in some parts of our country and the world can be challenged indeed countered by our determination for good.

I invite you to the Harvest Festival to say thank you to God for the blessings we receive from in both creation and in our own lives. I also invite you to come along and bring a gift of Harvest Thanks Giving with a non-perishable gift of food to be blessed and sent on the Gloucester Food Bank helping and supporting those less fortunate than ourselves in our own city and community.

The invitation at the top of this letter is to YOU I hope you can accept it and in your own way bare witness to the hope and prayer that we remain undaunted in a world that seems to have lost its way.

Sometimes people say to me that this is a God forsaken world – my answer is that God has not forsaken the world – but sadly parts of the world have forsaken God.

Harvest gives us the chance to reaffirm that hope and prayer with the ability and courage to say thank you to him for his many mercies in a world sometimes filled with darkness but into which only he can fill with light.

With blessings and a Harvest prayer and hope,

***Fr John.***

Rector of Quedgeley and Kingsway.

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Hello God,  
I'm ready for school.  
Feet in shoes.  
Hair in a band.  
Gym kit in a bag.  
Lunch in a box.  
Tissue in a pocket.  
Pencils in a case.  
Myself in a uniform.  
But where shall I put you?  
Where will you fit ?  
Here, right here in my heart  
exactly where I need you.  
Now I'm really ready for school.



# Saint James CHATTERBOX

*...time for fun!*



[www.quedgeleychurch.org.uk](http://www.quedgeleychurch.org.uk)

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

September sees us back in business at Chatterbox. As autumn approaches and the days get shorter we have some great craft activities in store.

We welcome parents/carers and pre-school children. There are refreshments available and always lots going on!

We are taking a break during August and back again in September.

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

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



# THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



## THE GIFT OF THE SPIRIT

On the 9th September Robert, Bishop of Tewkesbury will be visiting Saint James parish church to administer the sacrament of Confirmation. This year we have ten confirmation candidates, and I ask you to pray for them as they prepare for this important day in their Christian lives.

At our Baptism or Christening we became Christians in the full sense of the word.

Our Confirmation is the time when we take upon ourselves the full responsibility of being and living the Christian life.

Confirmation is simply that which its sacramental names implies!

**I confirm for myself that which was promised on my behalf at my own Baptism.**

I thought that this would be a good time to reflect on Confirmation and what it means.

What is the Sacrament Confirmation?

Confirmation is the laying on of Hands by the Bishop

Confirmation is the sacrament by which Christians receive a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit.



Through Confirmation, the Holy Spirit gives us the increased ability to practice our Christian faith in every aspect of our lives and to witness Jesus Christ in every situation.

The effects of Confirmation are as follows:



An increased portion of the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, knowledge, right judgment, understanding, courage, piety, and fear of the Lord

A deepening and strengthening of the grace received at Baptism, which is considered the presence of God in the soul

A more intimate relationship with Jesus Christ and a closer bond with the Church and worshipping community

The ability to take a greater, more mature role in the Church's mission of living the Christian faith daily and witnessing to Christ everywhere

A special mark, or character, on the soul that can never be erased

Each person's ability to embrace these effects depends on his or her openness to the sacrament and willingness to accept it as God's personal gift.

### Who Can Receive Confirmation?

Any young person or Adult who have shown a commitment to the life of the church and that they will accept to the best of their ability the Christian faith professed by the Church of England and commit to practicing it at all times.

A faithfulness towards prayer and regular attendance and receiving of the Holy Communion (the Bread and the Wine – the Body and the Blood of Christ) at the celebration of the Eucharist (Thanksgiving)

Any baptized person, of a faithful mind and who is disposed to the increased outpouring of the Holy Spirit that the sacrament of confirmation provides.

Anyone who intends to keep a faithful Christian witness and to gather for worship with the faithful congregation who are his or hers brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ

*Fr John.*

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## HELP if we Can

We have been very lucky to recruit 2 more members to our Executive Committee and they have immediately taken up their duties with enthusiasm.

So our programme for the next month or two is:

Visit to the Gloucester Crematorium on Thursday 6th September at 6.30pm. You need to book for this.

Our AGM is on Sunday 9th September in Tesco Quedgeley Meeting Rooms (by kind permission).

Visit to the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas near Lichfield in Staffordshire on Thursday 13th September. Coach filling.

The Airborne Forces Arnhem memorial Service is on Sunday 16th September at 6.15pm at Swindon Village in Cheltenham. Want a lift or share your car?

Our Annual Quiz Night is in Quedgeley Community Centre on Saturday 13th October at 7.15pm. Teams of 4.

Visit to the Police Control Room on Sunday 14th October at 6.15pm. Limited numbers.

Trafalgar Dinner in Quedgeley Community Centre on Saturday 20th October and the Trafalgar Day Service is in St.James' Parish Church, Quedgeley at 2.15pm on Sunday 21st October. You need to book for the dinner.

*Steve Smith (bulldog.smith@btinternet.com)*

# 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!**

Chit Chat continues to remain busy and we welcome new faces each week. We are only just around the corner from Tesco, so if you feel like a cup of coffee or a quick bite to eat pop round. We are open from 10.00am -12noon every Thursday. Looking forward to seeing you!

If you would like more information on Chit Chat then please visit our website [www.quedgeleychurch.org.uk](http://www.quedgeleychurch.org.uk)

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

Jackie



*One of our Chit-Chatters won the first prize at the Summer Fayre.*

*Fr. John presenting the prize*

# *The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation*

At the beginning of July members of Saint James congregation travelled to Coventry City and Cathedral on a Day Pilgrimage. It was a wonderful day away and although the cathedral itself challenged some of the pilgrims – being so modern and different from our own Cathedral here in Gloucester - all were struck at the courage to build something new and expressing hope after the devastation of war.

One of the most important revelations that came out of the rebuilding of the new Cathedral after the bombing during world war two was the inspired desire to pray for peace was one of hope and forgiveness.

Every day at 12 noon the following prayer is offered at Coventry Cathedral, I think as we reflect on the world of today and its present pain and suffering would be to make this litany for reconciliation part of our own private prayers for humanity.



*The Cross of Nails*

*All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.*

For the hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,  
**FATHER FORGIVE**

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,  
**FATHER FORGIVE**

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,  
**FATHER FORGIVE**

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,  
**FATHER FORGIVE**



Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,  
**FATHER FORGIVE**

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,  
**FATHER FORGIVE**

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,  
**FATHER FORGIVE**

*Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

It can be offered to God, any day or time of the week and shows that we care about our world and the human family to which we all belong.

I commended this litany prayer to you.

***Fr John.***

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# *Invitation to Harvest Festival*



*At Saint James On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October  
at 10.30am*

## ***“Times and Seasons”*: Saints in September**

**Giles of Provence** (1st Sept): A hermit, who died in 710. He founded a monastery at the place now called Saint-Giles en Provence, which became an important place on the pilgrimage routes to Compostela and Israel. He cared for the wounded and those crippled by disease, particularly leprosy. Leprosy sufferers were not allowed to enter towns and villages and congregated outside, where churches built to meet their needs were regularly dedicated to St Giles.

**The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea** (3rd Sept): The Church in Papua New Guinea has been enriched by martyrdom twice in the 20th century. A group from the London Missionary Society was sent to the islands and met their deaths in 1901. Forty years later, during World War II, the islands were occupied by the Japanese army and the Christian population was severely persecuted. Two English priests, Vivian Redlich and John Barge, stayed with their congregation after the invasion but were betrayed and beheaded, along with seven Australians and two Papuan evangelists, Leslie Gariadi and Lucian Tapiedi.

**Gregory the Great** (3rd Sept): Gregory was born in 540. On the death of his father, he renounced his inheritance and became a monk, eventually being sent to Constantinople as the papal representative to the Eastern Patriarch. He was himself elected Pope in 590, and proved to be a shrewd administrator, diplomat, and pastor. He initiated a mission to England, sending Augustine and forty monks to re-establish the Church here. He styled himself “Servant of the servants of God” - a title which typified both his personality and his ministry.

**Charles Lowder, priest** (9th Sept): Charles was born in 1820 and during his studies at Oxford university he came under the influence of the “Oxford Movement” (also known as the Tractarians). After his ordination he moved to London in 1851 and continue to express his ministry in line with the movement's teachings, despite the fierce opposition which he faced. As a curate in Pimlico, and then as the first vicar of St Peter's London Docks, Lowder came to epitomise the 19th century Anglo-Catholic “slum priest”. He was dedicated to the poor and destitute and was tireless in his parish work; eventually his health gave way and he died on 3rd Sept 1880.

**Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage** (15th Sept): Born in 200, Cyprian was a lawyer and teacher before his conversion to Christianity. He gave away his pagan

library and set his mind to the study of the Scriptures and the writings of the first Christian commentators which were beginning to appear. He became a priest and in the year 248 was elected Bishop of Carthage by the assembled priests and laity of the area. During the reign of the Emperor Valerian, Christians were required to participate in pagan worship; Cyprian refused and was first exiled then condemned to death. He was executed in 258.

**Ninian, Bishop of Galloway** (16th Sept): Born the son of a Cumbrian chieftain who was himself a Christian. Ninan was sent to Rome where he received his Christian education. He was eventually consecrated Bishop and returned to Britain, where he set up a community of monks at Candida Casa (now Dumfries & Galloway), from where they went out on many missionary tours around Scotland, notably to Perth (where the cathedral is dedicated to his name) and Stirling. He died in the year 432.

**Edward Pusey, priest and scholar** (16th Sept): Pusey was born in 1800 and educated at Oxford, where he became a Fellow of Oriel College. He became an expert in Biblical languages and criticism, and in 1828 he was appointed Regius Professor of Hebrew in Oxford, the same year in which he was ordained. His studies in the Early Christian Fathers led him to a firm adherence to a Catholic interpretation of doctrine and made him one of the leaders of the Oxford Movement. He was significant in encouraging the revival of the Religious life within the Church of England and was a renowned preacher. He led an austere way of life and his contemporaries founded Pusey House and Library in Oxford to his memory – the House is still in use by student today and the chapel is open for daily worship. Pusey died in 1882

**Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist** (21st Sept): Matthew appears in the list of the 12 disciples of Jesus, and according to the gospel written under his name, was a tax-collector. This occupation was despised by the Jews as a betrayal to the occupying Romans, so his call to join the infant church would no doubt have been of great surprise to the first members of the group! Matthew affirmed that his life would now change because of following Jesus, and that he would make amends for any former wrongdoing; this was enough for Jesus, who had drawn someone back to God. Matthew was forgiven; he was therefore acceptable, and as therefore restored.

*To be continued... Fr. Ian*

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SATURDAY: 9.00 – 10.00am

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