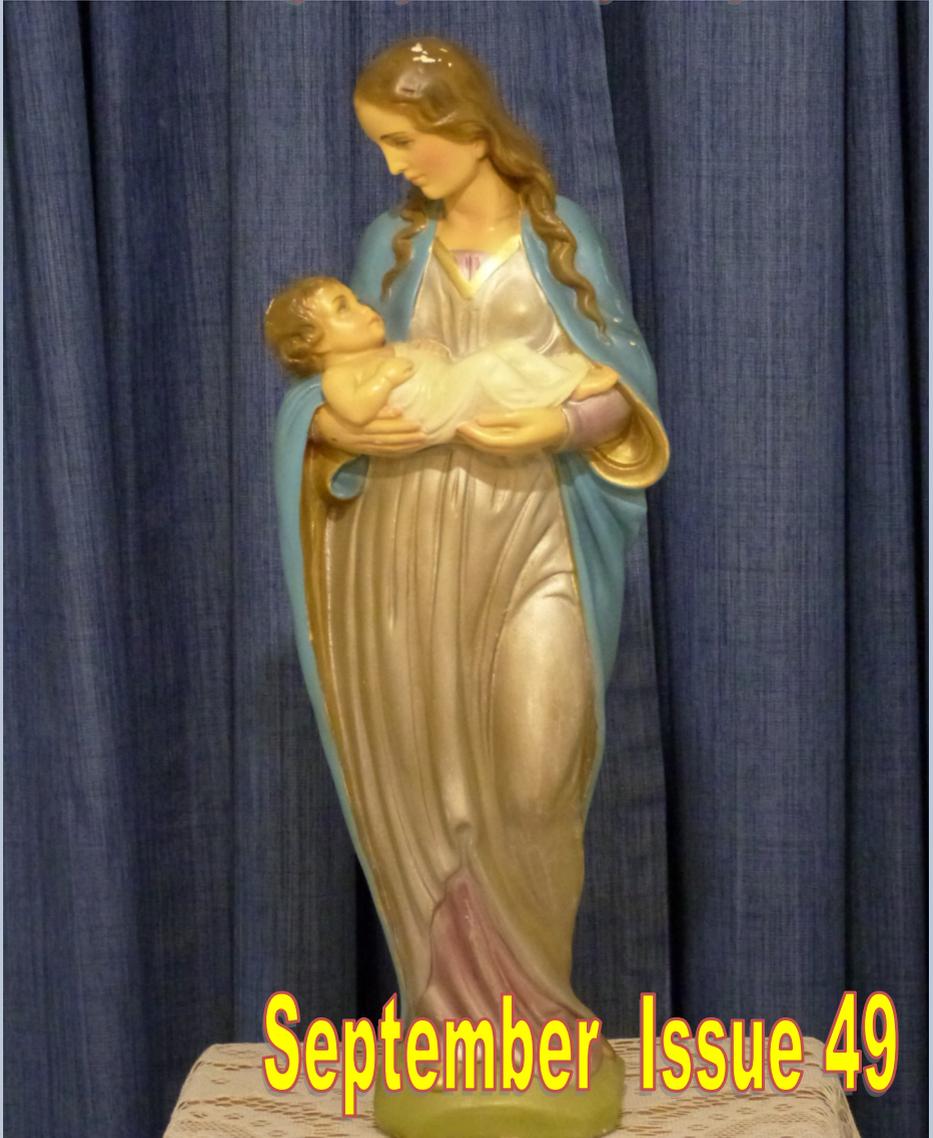


**Around the Spire**  
**Saint James' & Saint Mary Magdalene**  
**Quedgeley & Kingsway**



**September Issue 49**

## CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

### SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> TRINITY 11

PARISH EUCHARIST (said) 9.30a.m.  
S.T.J. FAMILY SERVICE 10.30a.m.  
With craft activities, stories, hymns and  
songs; special refreshments.

SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> EDUCATION SUNDAY  
PARISH EUCHARIST &  
HOLY BAPTISM 10.30a.m.  
HOLY BAPTISM 1.00p.m.



**RECTORY GARDEN PARTY**  
from 1.00 p.m.

SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> HOLY CROSS DAY  
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.30a.m.  
HOLY BAPTISM 1.00p.m.

SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> HOLY MARRIAGE 2.00.p.m.

SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE  
PARISH EUCHARIST 1030a.m.

25TH – 27TH DIOCESAN CLERGY CONFERENCE

SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS  
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.30a.m.

**Children's area available and refreshments at all Sunday services. All those who are Baptised (Christened) are most welcome to receive Holy Communion at all our Eucharist services. For news of activities, groups and weekday services. Please see our Weekly Newsletter, copies in church each Sunday.**

## *Your Editor Fr. Hugh Broad*



### **WHY ARE YOU READING THIS?**

**Greetings to all our readers!**

**This month's issue marks the fourth anniversary of "Around the Spire"**

We started then with 100 copies a month printed in duplicator fashion with no pictures! The fact that you have in your hands issue number 49 with lots of pictures is due to the vision and help of so many people and the generosity of our Printers -ALPHA whose premises are in our parish.

It is a great pleasure to me to serve as your Editor: you are now reading the parish magazine with a circulation of 300+ each month.

At present 65 copies are delivered by one of our team – and thanks are due to them!

I estimate that around 100 copies go to the regular church members and copies go to families we come into contact with in various ways through, for example, Baptism families, those who suffer Bereavement, and so many other ways

What we do NOT do is any door to door deliveries as these are often counter productive anyway.

### **SO NOW, WHAT DO YOU GET OUT OF IT?**

Hopefully some inspiration; guidelines; news and views and these obviously from a Christian stand point.

### **SO COULD THERE BE ANYTHING ELSE?**

The Church family based at St James Church here in Quedgeley is, like any other parish, made up of families and individuals – some 100 adults and on some occasions, lots of children.

## **BUT WHERE MIGHT YOU FIT IN TO ALL THIS?**

I often say to people I meet, that the Church in a parish is just like any other organisation you might belong to, or support!

That is, it will only mean much to you if you get involved; just as it is with any pastime or hobby which may be of interest to you.

Well, the church is just like that in many respects.

We would not survive for long if we did not have an army of volunteers who give willingly of their time and energy – and in doing so get a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction.

## **SO WHAT ARE THE WAYS OF DOING THIS?**

The short answer to this question is that there are so many ways of responding to the needs and there follows a list which give some idea! This is by no means a complete list but it can give you some idea!

They are in alphabetical order.

ALTAR SERVERS

BAPTISM MINISTRY TEAM

BELL RINGING

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

CHURCH CLEANING

CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGING

HELP WITH CHATTERBOX - with small children and parents

HELP WITH CHIT CHAT - with senior citizens

READING LESSONS IN CHURCH

MAGAZINE DELIVERY

MUSICIANS

INVOLVEMENT WITH OUR SCHOOLS 'OPEN THE BOOK'

REFRESHMENT HELPERS

WELCOME TO CHURCH AND PARISH

Well there you are – anything take your fancy? If so, do contact one of the clergy who will put you in touch with the appropriate person.

I do hope to produce a little information about these groups and contact details.

**SO NOW – OVER TO YOU!!**

*FATHER HUGH - YOUR EDITOR!*



### **FROM THE REGISTERS IN JULY**

#### **HOLY BAPTISM**

14TH MAISIE AMELIA KENT  
21ST SOFIA SUTTON

**“WELCOME INTO THE LORD'S FAMILY”**



#### **FUNERALS & CREMATIONS**

12TH EILEEN POPE  
14TH DAVID WILLIAMS

**“ REST ETERNAL GRANT TO THEM O LORD”**

# *On the record - with the Rector*



## **From Seamus the Rector's (Canon's) Dog**

Hello to all my four and two legged friends out there!

I thought I'd take some time with my paws on the computer keyboard to say 'Hi' to you all while the "**Man in Black**" is not about.

As the Rector's companion, I see a lot of people coming and going at the Rectory. If I'm lucky and the "Boss" forgets to close the study door, I even get to say a personal 'hello', though I am reliably if somewhat surprisingly informed that not everybody likes me jumping up for a belly tickle.



I hope you are enjoying the lovely weather. I spend a lot of time in the garden these days on my bed in the sunshine keeping a wary eye on my Bonio and Denta stick, in case my friend the cat from next door mistakes them for his own. I can cool down and have a drink when needed. We never go walking when it's too hot, and the car is out of bounds in this weather as I tend to overheat very quickly.

I had a lovely time with my Granny and Grandad in Pembrokeshire in August. There were plenty of early walks on the beach, and we often had a splash in the sea. Hope you all had a lovely summer at home or away. See you soon. Love and licks

**Seamus XXX**

**Woof! Woof!**



## **A NEW APPROACH TO BAPTISM**

### **COMMISSIONING OF A MINISTRY TEAM**

On the last Sunday of July, the Patronal Festival of our Parish Church, dedicated to St James and St Mary Magdalene, an important new venture was launched.

In this large parish, the Sacrament of Holy Baptism features high in the work and witness of the life of the church here. We realise that we have a responsibility as the members of the Church, to ensure we do all we can to help and assist every family involved to make this ceremony the joyful and memorable occasion it should be.

To this end we have been able to form a group of members of the parish who will be alongside the family at this great time in their lives. Two members of this Baptismal group will get to know each of these families by visiting them in their homes and taking a full part in the service itself.

They will join the priest and parents and godparents in the making of the sign of the Cross in Holy oil and in other ways.

After the day of the Baptism itself, the members of the Team will visit the family at home to deliver the Baptism Certificate and cards for the Godparent's. They will seek to ensure the family know of all that goes on in the parish as we seek to reach out and welcome them as members of our Christian family through our worship and activities.

Those commissioned by Fr Hugh as the first members of the Team were:

ANN BRIDGES  
ELAINE COULLING  
MARY ELLIS  
VIV GARLAND  
VAL HARRIS  
SYLVIA RIPLEY  
ANDREW WAKELEY  
Fr MICHAEL GARLAND IS ALSO A MEMBER.

WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO ADD TO THIS TEAM IN THE  
NEAR FUTURE.

## **New Baptism Ministry Team**



**IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!**

**OPERATION SHOEBOX**



For some years people from St James Church have been generous in their support for this annual appeal to give a little Christmas Cheer to children who have so little to be cheerful about!

So PLEASE DO SUPPORT this appeal this year which is so easy to do but means such a great deal.

This is what you need to do:

Get an empty medium size shoebox and decorate it to look just like a Christmas box.

In it put some goodies for a boy or girl age range 2-4;5-9; 10-14. Label the outside of the box with your choice.

Gifts which these children will love to receive – toys, but not war type; stationery, notebooks, etc.

Hygiene items – toothbrush, soap, flannel, hairbrush, comb.

Hat. Gloves, scarf, sweets, torch etc.

When complete please bring your shoebox to St James Church by November 18

Our organiser, Di Allen can give you further information if you need it – Tel 01452 721565

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## “POSTSCRIPT TO POST-ITS!”

Remember that your magazine a few months ago had a post-it sticker attached?



This invited our readers to express views on the work and witness of the Church and return it anonymously if preferred.

In fact the response was not very good – just 22 out of a circulation of over 300! Several folk told me afterwards that they had intended to do so – 'but had not got around to it'.

So – for those who did respond – the brief responses were, with one exception very positive.

The person in question stated that he/she did not find our worship at all helpful for a variety of reasons. By contrast several expressed the opposite, stating that they found the worship very stimulating and atmosphere uplifting with a friendly congregation!

Ah well, shows you can't win 'em all!

Other comments made referred to the importance of St James as the beacon of Christ at the heart of the community and a lovely church to visit at any time to pray or just be quiet.

Great satisfaction that normally the church is open every day.

There were some questions asked, and these I will deal with – or perhaps ask one of my colleagues to do so!

**FR HUGH**

***Please note – copy for possible inclusion in the OCTOBER edition of this magazine should reach the Editor, Fr. Hugh Broad by WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER at the latest. email address: [hugh.broad@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hugh.broad@yahoo.co.uk)***

# Chatterbox Sports Day



## "Times & Seasons" - Saints in September

**2<sup>nd</sup>: The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea** – The Church in Papua New Guinea was enriched by martyrdom twice in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. James Chalmers, Oliver Tomkins, and a group of companions, were sent there by the London Missionary Society and were killed in 1901. Forty years later, during the second world war, New Guinea was occupied by the Imperial Japanese army and the Christian community was severely persecuted. Among those who died were two English priests, seven Australian priests, and two Papuan evangelists, all of whom remained with their people after the invasion and all of whom were beheaded.

**3<sup>rd</sup>: Gregory the Great, Bishop & Teacher of the Faith** – the son of a Roman senator, Gregory was destined for a life in politics and in 573 was made prefect of the city of Rome. Following the death of his father, he resigned his office, sold his inheritance, and became a monk. In 579 he was sent by the Pope to be his representative to the Patriarch in Constantinople. After a seven-year tour of duty he returned to Rome and was elected Pope in 590. He initiated the mission to England, sending Augustine and forty monks from his own monastery to re-establish the Church in the south of England. Gregory wrote many pastoral letters to his flock, and styled himself as "Servant of the servants of God" - a title which typified his personality and his ministry.



**8<sup>th</sup>: The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary** – this festival in honour of the birth of the mother of our Lord, on a date calculated to be nine months after the feast of the Conception of Mary, is celebrated in both the Eastern and Western Churches and it acknowledges the preparation by God of his people to receive their Saviour and Lord, putting "heaven in ordinary" and showing that mortal flesh can be the bearer of Christ to the world.



**13<sup>th</sup>: John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople** - John was born in Antioch in 347. His brilliant preaching earned him the surname “Chrysostom” - literally, “golden-mouthed”. He is honoured as one of the four Greek Doctors of the Early Church. A self-effacing character, he tried to refuse his election as patriarch of Constantinople – without success! He set about a reform of the Church, reminding everyone of the poverty experienced by Christ and the first disciples. The Roman emperor and his wife took exception to John's teaching and had him sent into exile. He died in September 407 with his final testimony “Glory to Christ in everything!”

**14<sup>th</sup>: Holy Cross Day** – Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, was a Christian. Early in the 4<sup>th</sup> century she took part in a major pilgrimage to Jerusalem and was involved in overseeing excavations when it is said that she was shown a wooden cross, which many in the region believed to be the Cross of Christ. A basilica was built on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and dedicated on this day in 335. On her return, her report so impressed Constantine that the order was issued that the sign of the Cross was to be adopted, not only by the Roman army, but by all as the superior emblem of Christians, along with the motto “In this sign, conquer”.



**16<sup>th</sup>: Ninian, Bishop of Galloway** – Ninian was the son of a Cumbrian chieftain who had converted to Christianity. Ninian was sent to Rome to be educated and was also prepared for ordination. He eventually returned to Britain and set up a community at Candida Casa, in what is now the county of Dumfries & Galloway, and from where his monks travelled south into Cumbria and north as far as Sterling and Perth. Ninian died in the year 432. (St Ninian's Cathedral in Perth is well worth a visit.)

**21<sup>st</sup>: Matthew the Apostle & Evangelist** – Mark & Luke call him “Levi” but agree with Matthew's own account that he was indeed a tax-collector whom Jesus called to follow him as one of the twelve. The office of tax-collector was seen by patriotic Jews as a betrayal - “working for the enemy” - but by choosing Matthew, Jesus showed what his ministry was about. Matthew affirmed that his life would change and that he would make amends for any wrongdoing. He was forgiven & received, and in return, Matthew's gift to the Church is the eye-witness testimony behind the book which bears his name.

**29<sup>th</sup>: Michael & All Angels** – Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael are the three named biblical angels, depicted as the beloved messengers of God. Michael, which means “who is like God?”, is described as protector of Israel and leader of the armies of God ( and best known as the slayer of the dragon in the book of Revelation). He is regarded as the one who defends Christians from the devil, particularly at the hour of death. Gabriel is the announcer of good news, especially to the Blessed Virgin Mary, that she has been chosen to be the mother of the Lord. Raphael shares in the ministry of healing.

A basilica near Rome was dedicated in their honour in the 5<sup>th</sup>



century. The season of Michaelmas has, in the Church of England, traditionally been one of the festivals during which the ordination of deacons and priests take place. We congratulate our own Fr Hugh on the anniversary of his ordination at this special time.

# Open the Book



God, grant me the serenity  
To accept the things I cannot change,  
The courage to change the things I can  
And the wisdom to know the difference.



**Saint James' Chit -Chat**  
*Relax and meet new friends!*  
**Thursday Morning**  
**10.00am -12noon**  
Saint James' Church  
School Lane  
Quedgeley  
GL2 4PN

Refreshments and newspapers available.  
Selection of books and board games  
You need never be bored!



**Saint James' Church**  
**Christmas Fayre**

**Saturday**  
**23rd November**  
**Doors open 1.30pm**

Quedgeley Community Centre  
School Lane  
Quedgeley

**Lots of Stalls!**

**Refreshments**

**Bouncy Castle**

**Father Christmas**



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***Extended Church Office, in the vestry -No appointment necessary!***

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

**WEDNESDAY 5.30 –6.30pm SATURDAY 9.00—10.00am**

**Kingsway Community Centre**

**Saturday 11.00am –12noon**

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