



*Fairford Church at sunset*

## **South Cotswold Team Ministry**

### **St. Mary's Church Fairford – Newsletter**

#### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October – *Last Sunday of Trinity***

10.00 am Common Worship with Holy Communion

*Readings: Sally Salter            Intercessions: Alison Godsall*

*Coffee: Sarah Bottomley and Linda Atherton*

#### **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October – 10.30 am Holy Communion**

#### **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October - *Fourth Sunday before Advent***

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion

10.00 am Family Service

6.00 pm Healing Service with Holy Communion

*Coffee: Phil and Margaret Trickett*

*Online worship: Rev Caroline broadcasts 9am Morning Prayer Monday-Thursday and Saturday) on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/stmarysfairford>*

Our best wishes to **Caroline** who is recovering from Covid. She has not been at all well this week and apologises for not writing her article. She hopes to be back in action next week.

**From Heather:**

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Email address: fairfordpcc@gmail.com or [heathergorton31@gmail.com](mailto:heathergorton31@gmail.com).

My office hours are 10.00 to 1.00 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

I am also continuing to work from home so you can contact me at either the office or home (712428). The office is closed on Mondays and Michelle will be in on Fridays at 10.00 to 12.00.

Several people have come forward offering to help with **Betty Shaw's Thanksgiving Service**. As soon as I have a date I will let you have more details.

Helen Evans and Beth Bruce Gardner have both offered to run the **Christmas Gathering** in the Community Centre this year. I am very grateful to them both – it is a chance for people to get together over a light lunch. The date is Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December from 12 noon to 3.00 pm.

Do please keep sending in your articles, photos and amusing stories! **Favourite recipes or garden tips welcome - do need your input!**

**Contacts**

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**Please remember the following in your prayers:**

**Those that are ill:** Rev'd David Gray, Grace Slack,

**Those that have died:** Jonathan 'Beamer' Chambers - Funeral 1.00 pm Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November

# NOTICES

## Church Opening Hours:

The church is now open from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.

## October Services

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

10am Common Worship Holy Communion

### **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

8am BCP Holy Communion

10am Family Service

6pm Healing Service with Holy Communion

### **Thursdays: 10.30 am BCP Holy Communion**

### **Dates for the Diary**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November - 4.00 pm Remembering Service (See notice below)

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November – 10.50am Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November – 6.00pm Gloucestershire Arthritis Trust Advent Service

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December – 7.00pm Fairford and District Choral Society Concert

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December – 12.00pm Mike and Alison's Advent Party

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Gathering in the Community Centre 12 to 3.00

### **Stewards**

With much help from various people it is good that we are almost covered for visitor stewards now the church is back to being fully opened, however we have a gap of 12 noon to 2pm on a Saturday that badly needs a volunteer or maybe two volunteers who could cover an hour each and would be pleased to hear from anyone who can help. It really is good being there and helping visitors and no knowledge is needed and Saturdays are becoming very busy once again.

## Working for wellbeing has arrived!



We are delighted to say we've had a huge success with our Talking Café held at Fairford community centre every Wednesday 1030am to 12pm. The Community Wellbeing coordinator is here to signpost and support you with any issues you may be experiencing within the community. We have a dedicated helpline Monday to Friday with limited hours but you will always receive a call back if you leave a message. Please contact Mary Ann on 07555738138 or email on [coordinator@working4wellbeing.org.uk](mailto:coordinator@working4wellbeing.org.uk)

We are excited to announce that we have some upcoming projects including Walking for Wellbeing - a gentle walk with refreshments by one of our volunteers. We will also be having craft evenings 'I felt fantastic' and Lynn Batemans 'What's your story?' You do not have to be an expert in either as it is for beginners. There is also get back to Active - a new partnership with local fitness teams and groups willing to put on free confidence building workouts.

Please contact the Wellbeing Coordinator (see contact info above) to book a space on any of our FREE Working for Wellbeing projects.

## Spring Bulb Project



Inspired by the glory of Spring flowers at my previous church in Lancashire, (photo above), Beth Bruce-Gardner and myself will be planting small daffodil & crocus bulbs in the grassy area at the front of St Mary's, between the noticeboard & the war memorial.

The aim is to enhance the entrance to the churchyard, for the enjoyment of all coming to the church or passing by. Also to enrich the area for pollinating insects at a time of year when nectar is scarce.

Our plan is to start small (1,000 bulbs) and allow them to naturalise and spread over the years (by late mowing), with the possibility of adding to, or including other areas in future. As we have been able to bulk buy the bulbs, the price has been kept to a minimum (£120).

If anyone would like to help with the planting, we are proposing the morning of Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October, starting at 9.30 am. Please get in touch. Beth promises to bring cake!

Janet Edwards  
(meandhim2uk@yahoo.co.uk)

## Prayer Requests

Our Prayer Team is still fully active, praying for the needs of individuals and our wider community. If you have a prayer request for the team, please email Rev Denise on [denisehyde15@gmail.com](mailto:denisehyde15@gmail.com).

## **ONLINE PRAYER AND WORSHIP**

### **Suggestion from Rev'd Denise to help you in your prayer life.**

Over the past weeks I have found the 'Lectio 365' App (which is available to be downloaded for free on both Android and Apple platforms) helpful in my prayer times. It was devised by Pete Grieg (of 24/7 prayer) and focuses on the pattern of P.R.A.Y. (Pause, Reflect/Rejoice, Ask, Yield) as a way of entering into God's presence. Each day's devotion is about 10 minutes long and can be either read or listened to and is a great way to start or end the day.

### **Prayers from St Mary's**

Caroline's Morning Prayer every day except Friday and Sunday from 9.00 am, and Evening Prayer at 6pm on Sunday:

[www.facebook.com/stmarysfairford](http://www.facebook.com/stmarysfairford)

### **Services from Gloucester Cathedral**

Gloucester Cathedral has been offering high quality online services across this period of lockdown, and continues to do so. You can find their services on their YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/DioceseofGloucester/videos>

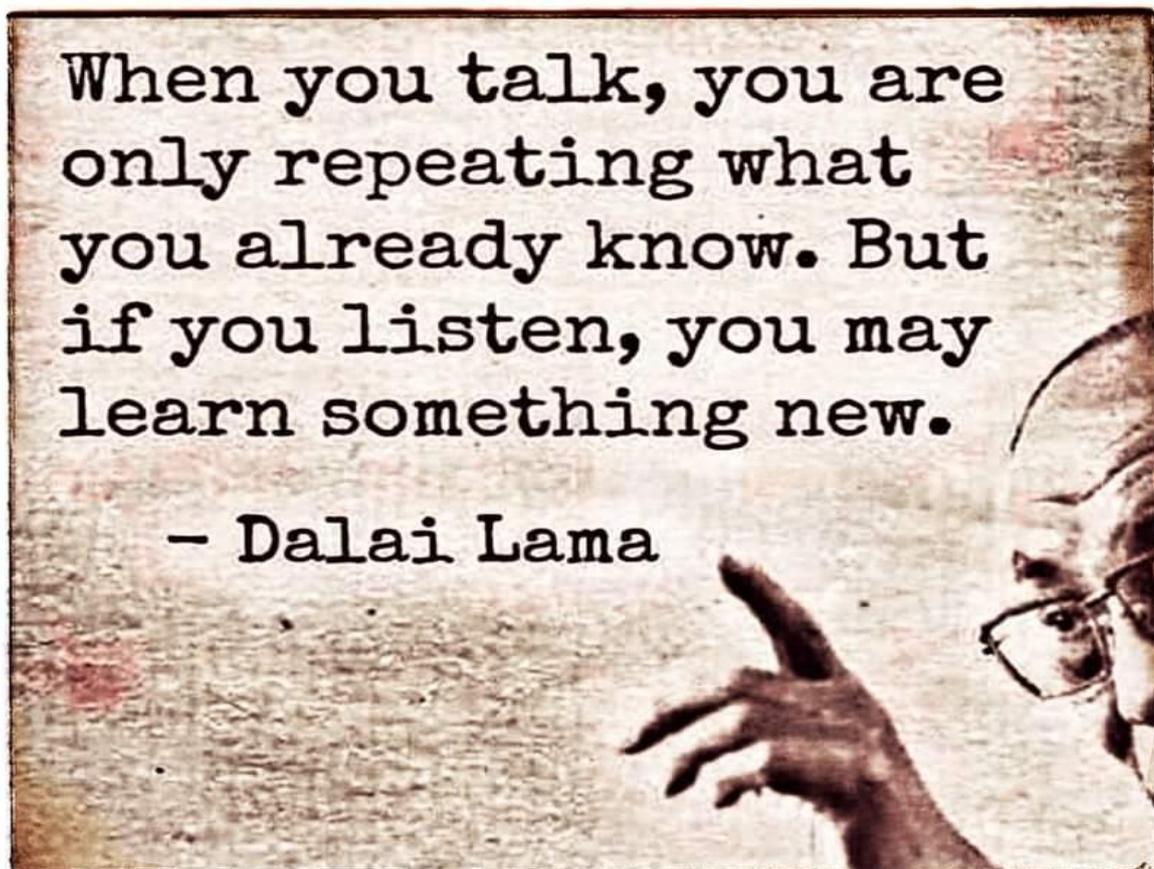
### **Daily Hope from the Church of England**

A good option for worship if you can't access the internet. It is a free phone number where you have the option of the prayer for today, hymn for today and reflections. Telephone 0800 804 8044 Sent by Andrena Miles.

### **Remembering Service - Sunday 7th November at 4pm**

This is a simple, quiet service during which the names of those who have died during the past year from this parish will be read out before God. If you would like to add names of your loved ones who have died, to this list please contact Rev'd Caroline or Rev'd Denise. Contact details - [denisehyde15@gmail.com](mailto:denisehyde15@gmail.com) or phone 01285 713285.

**All are welcome to attend this service**



From Alison Hobson

**Re-opening of the Schools  
(Canon Carbonell was an Infants School Manager)**

The managers of our Day Schools hope that parents will remember to send their children to School on Monday September 8<sup>th</sup>. The holidays have been longer than usual by a week, the King's Week\*; and the Teachers will be anxious to make up for lost time. They can only do this with any hope of success if their scholars are regular in attendance and work with a hearty good will. The attendance at Farmor's Endowed Schools during the past year has been excellent and the good reports which the School have earned are to a great extent due to this fact. The attendance at the Infants School has not been quite so good. Perhaps this is to be expected, for a little thing will keep a child away from School. The mothers do not like to send them in the rain or snow, and generally 'cosset' them more than they do their elder brothers and sisters. But still the managers of the Infants School are inclined to think that the little ones often stay away or are kept at home when they might be sent. Parents, please make a note of this.

\*King's Week – an extra week awarded due to the delayed coronation of Edward VII on August 9th

From the Parish News September 1902

This has been sent in by **Bob Dibble** who collects Sayings and Poems – I will be printing some of these in future newsletters.

### *Logs to Burn*

Beech-wood fires burn bright and clear  
If the logs are kept a year:  
Store your Beech for Christmastide,  
With new-cut Holly laid beside.  
Chestnut's only good, they say,  
If for years 'tis stored away;  
Birch and Firwood burn too fast.  
Blaze too bright and do no last;  
Flames from Larch will shoot up high,  
Dangerously the sparks will fly.  
But Ashwood green and Ashwood brown  
Are fit for a Queen with a golden crown.  
Oaken logs, if dry and old,  
Keep away the winter's cold;  
Poplar gives a bitter smoke,  
Fills your eyes and makes you choke;  
Elm-wood burns like churchyard mould,  
E'en the very flames are cold.  
Hawthorn bakes the sweetest bread  
So it is in Ireland said;  
Apple-wood will scent the room.  
Pear-wood smells like flowers in bloom,  
But Ashwood green and Ashwood dry  
A King may warm his slippers by.

### *The Westonbirt Arboretum at its best*





This recipe is Nigella Lawson's speedy ice cream.

## **NO CHURN COFFEE ICE CREAM**

Makes: approx. 800ml / 1 1/2 pint

- 300 millilitres double cream
- 175 grams condensed milk
- 2 tablespoons instant espresso powder
- 2 tablespoons espresso liqueur

## **METHOD**

Whisk all the ingredients together until soft peaks form, and you have a gorgeous, cafe-latte-coloured airy mixture, and then fill 2 x 500ml / 2 x 1-pint airtight containers, and freeze for 6 hours or overnight. Serve straight from the freezer.

*A brilliant recipe you can substitute the coffee for almost anything and vary the liqueur!*