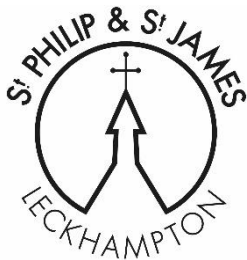


# Church Calendar Spring 2020



# A pilgrim people...

***This year we are on the move, worshipping in different spaces and finding new ways of doing things and that can feel a little odd. We are creatures of habit and this year we are leaving our habits behind.***

Interestingly, however, the Bible is filled with stories of God's people being on the move. Abraham and his family leaving Ur, Moses fleeing from Pharaoh, Joshua entering the Promised Land and the exiles in Babylon wondering how they could sing the Lord's song in a foreign land.

The New Testament, too, is a story of a people on the move. From the Holy Family travelling to Bethlehem and fleeing to Egypt, through to the call of the first disciples to leave their nets and follow Jesus, through to the commission of the apostles sent into all the world to tell of the Good News of the risen Christ. Jesus famously said that he is 'The way, the truth and the life' and it may well be that we find it easier to follow him as a pilgrim people than a static congregation. We shall see!

In the year ahead, I would want to encourage you to find ways of supporting one another through community groups, home groups, CAMELOT and other social opportunities. I would also want to encourage you to live out our slogan of looking to 'see Christ in the world and be Christ in the world'. We may well be surprised by what we find...

*Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

*Heb 10.22-25*

# January

## **5<sup>th</sup> January: Feast of the Epiphany**

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) at Pip and Jims.

10am Holy Communion, guest Preacher Archdeacon of Cheltenham.

This will be our final service in the building before reordering. Drinks afterwards.

## **12<sup>th</sup> January: The Baptism of Christ**

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) at St Stephen's, Tivoli.

10am We will gather at St Peter's, Leckhampton on Church Road to join with them for worship.

6pm Choral Evensong at St Stephen's, Tivoli

## **19<sup>th</sup> January: Epiphany 2**

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) at St Stephen's, Tivoli.

10.30am We will join with friends at Bethesda Methodist Church as we celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

4.30pm Messy Church and tea at St James' School, Merestones Road

## **26<sup>th</sup> January: Epiphany 3**

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) at St Stephen's, Tivoli.

10am Holy Communion at Cheltenham College with JAM groups for children.

6pm Choral Evensong at St Stephen's, Tivoli

# February

## **2<sup>nd</sup> February: Candlemas**

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) at St Stephen's, Tivoli.

10am All-age Communion service St James' School, Merestones Road with the baptism of Lyra Cerys Davies

6pm 'Immerse' An informal time of prayer and reflection at St Stephen's, Tivoli.

## **9<sup>th</sup> February: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) at St Stephen's, Tivoli.

10am Holy Communion at Cheltenham College with JAM groups for children.

6pm Choral Evensong at St Stephen's, Tivoli

## **16<sup>th</sup> February: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) at St Stephen's, Tivoli.

10am Holy Communion at Cheltenham College

4.30pm Messy Church and tea at St James' School, Merestones Road

## **23<sup>rd</sup> February: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday before Lent**

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) at St Stephen's, Tivoli.

10am Holy Communion at Cheltenham College

6pm Choral Evensong at St Stephen's, Tivoli

## **26<sup>th</sup> February: Ash Wednesday**

10.30 Holy Communion and imposition of ashes at St Stephen's, Tivoli

7.30pm Sung Holy Communion and imposition of ashes at St Stephen's, Tivoli

# March

## **1<sup>st</sup> March: Lent 1**

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) at St Stephen's, Tivoli.

10am All-age Communion service St James' School, Merestones Road

6pm 'Immerse' An informal time of prayer and reflection at St Stephen's, Tivoli.

## **8<sup>th</sup> March: Lent 2**

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) at St Stephen's, Tivoli.

10am Holy Communion at Cheltenham College with JAM groups for children.

6pm Sung Compline at St Stephen's, Tivoli

## **15<sup>th</sup> March: Lent 3**

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) at St Stephen's, Tivoli.

10am Holy Communion at Cheltenham College

## **22<sup>nd</sup> March: Mothering Sunday**

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) at St Stephen's, Tivoli.

10am All-age Communion service St James' School, Merestones Road

6pm Sung Compline at St Stephen's, Tivoli

## **29<sup>th</sup> March: Passion Sunday**

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) at St Stephen's, Tivoli.

10am Holy Communion at Cheltenham College with JAM groups for children.

# April

## **5<sup>th</sup> April: Palm Sunday**

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) at St Stephen's, Tivoli.  
10am All-age Communion service St James' School, Merestones Road  
6pm Tenebrae. A choral service of light and dark as we enter Holy Week, St Stephen's, Tivoli

## **9<sup>th</sup> April: Maundy Thursday**

7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper, St Peter's, Leckhampton

## **10<sup>th</sup> April: Good Friday**

10am Children's workshop at St James' School, Merestones Road  
2pm Liturgy of Good Friday at St Stephen's, Tivoli

## **11<sup>th</sup> April: Holy Saturday**

8pm Vigil and first Communion of Easter at St Peter's, Leckhampton

## **12<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Day**

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) at St Stephen's, Tivoli.  
10am Holy Communion at Cheltenham College

## **19<sup>th</sup> April: Low Sunday**

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) at St Stephen's, Tivoli.  
10am Holy Communion at Emmanuel, Naunton Park

## **26<sup>th</sup> April: Easter 3**

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) at St Stephen's, Tivoli.  
10am Holy Communion at Cheltenham College with JAM groups for children.  
6pm Choral Evensong at St Stephen's, Tivoli

# May

## **3<sup>rd</sup> May: Feast of St Philip and St James'**

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) at St Stephen's, Tivoli.

10am All-age Communion service St James' School, Merestones Road

6pm 'Immerse' An informal time of prayer and reflection at St Stephen's, Tivoli.

## **10<sup>th</sup> May: Easter 5**

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) at St Stephen's, Tivoli.

10am Holy Communion at Cheltenham College with JAM groups for children.

6pm Choral Evensong at St Stephen's, Tivoli

## **17<sup>th</sup> May: Easter 6**

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) at St Stephen's, Tivoli.

10.30am Morning Worship at the Church in Warden Hill

4.30pm Messy Church and tea at St James' School, Merestones Road

## **21<sup>st</sup> May: Ascension Day**

7.30pm Team Eucharist, venue to be confirmed

## **24<sup>th</sup> May: Sunday after Ascension**

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) at St Stephen's, Tivoli.

10am Holy Communion at Cheltenham College

## **31<sup>st</sup> May: Feast of Pentecost**

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) at St Stephen's, Tivoli.

10am Holy Communion at Cheltenham College.

6pm Choral Evensong at St Stephen's, Tivoli

# June

## **7<sup>th</sup> June: Trinity Sunday**

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) at St Stephen's, Tivoli.  
10am Confirmation with Bishop Robert at Emmanuel, Naunton Park.  
6pm 'Immerse' An informal time of prayer and reflection at St Stephen's, Tivoli.

## **14<sup>th</sup> June: Trinity 1**

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) at St Stephen's, Tivoli.  
10am Holy Communion at Cheltenham College with JAM groups for children.  
6pm Choral Evensong at St Stephen's, Tivoli

## **21<sup>st</sup> June: Trinity 2**

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) at St Stephen's, Tivoli.  
10.30am Morning Worship at the Church in Warden Hill  
4.30pm Messy Church and tea at St James' School, Merestones Road

## **28<sup>th</sup> June: Trinity 3**

8am Holy Communion (traditional language) at St Stephen's, Tivoli.  
Timing (tbc) Ordination at Gloucester Cathedral of Jade Scholes  
6pm Choral Evensong at St Stephen's, Tivoli



# Confirmation

As you will see from our Calendar we will be having a South Cheltenham team confirmation on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June** at Emmanuel, Naunton Park.

Confirmation is an opportunity for people of any age to take another step in faith and to pray that God's Holy Spirit will strengthen us in our discipleship.

To this end we will be running both an adult and a young people's course in the Spring. The adult course will take place at St Peter's Cottages and will be led by clergy from across the team. The meetings will be 7.30-9.00pm and will take place on **29<sup>th</sup> April, 6<sup>th</sup> May, 20<sup>th</sup> May, 27<sup>th</sup> May, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 10<sup>th</sup> June**. The course is open to anyone who wishes to have a space to explore faith and ask questions- whether or not you plan to be confirmed. To find out more email Nick [nickduffdavies@gmail.com](mailto:nickduffdavies@gmail.com).

The young people's course will be run by our youth worker Hanna Stürcken. If you think that your child may want to take part, please email her: [hanna@yfcgloucestershire.co.uk](mailto:hanna@yfcgloucestershire.co.uk).



## **Midweek Activities**

### **Midweek Eucharist**

Every Wednesday 12 noon: Midweek Eucharist at Bethesda, followed by CAMELOT lunches on the following dates...

### **CAMELOT Lunches**

At Bethesda Methodist Church 12.30pm on the following Wednesdays: 15<sup>th</sup> January, 5<sup>th</sup> February, 19<sup>th</sup> February, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 6<sup>th</sup> May, 20<sup>th</sup> May, 10<sup>th</sup> June, 24<sup>th</sup> June.

### **'Little Pips', our Friday toddler group**

We will continue to run our Friday toddler group in the Hall at Bethesda from 09.45-11.45am during term time.

## **Staying in touch**

### **Community Groups...**

As part of preparations for our year out, we have established a network of small 'community groups' meeting in people's homes for an hour once a month for friendships, reflection and prayer. These are great opportunities to keep in touch, build friendships and explore faith. Groups are meeting at different times throughout the week. Some meet in people's homes, others meet on the Bath Road. To find out more contact Hannah in the office.

### **Need a lift?**

We co-ordinate lift sharing for services, ring Hannah in the office to find out more.

### **Staying in touch...**

We can email you our weekly newssheet, so you don't miss a thing. Email the office to get added to the distribution list.

# South Cheltenham Team of Churches

We are a member of the South Cheltenham Team of Churches which work together to enable effective ministry and mission across the area:

Emmanuel: [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/19660/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/19660/)

St Peter's: [www.stpeters-leckhampton.org.uk](http://www.stpeters-leckhampton.org.uk)

The Church In Warden Hill: [www.tciwh.org.uk](http://www.tciwh.org.uk)

St Stephen's: [www.saintstephenscheltenham.org.uk](http://www.saintstephenscheltenham.org.uk)

We also work closely with our friends at:

Cheltenham Network Church: [www.cnc.church](http://www.cnc.church)

Bethesda Methodist Church: <https://wp.bethesda-church.org.uk>

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## Stepping Stones Appeal

***Our Reordering will create a much-needed open space with meeting rooms which will be available for use by the whole community in Cheltenham.***

A key element of the development will be the installation of an English limestone floor over heating elements and we would like to invite you to sponsor a stone in that floor. For just £25 you can have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to bring new life to the community church. All sponsors will receive a certificate showing the location of their stone(s) and they, or a nominated loved one, will be listed in a commemorative book to be kept in the church.

To order your stone(s), please contact Hannah in the office and help us pave the way into our new space...

