



News from Pip and Jim's

Sunday 6 June: 10am All Age Communion

Led By Rev. Nick Davies.

Sunday 6 June: 6pm Immerse

Led by Rev. Simon Witcombe.

The 10.00am service will be livestreamed here:

www.facebook.com/pipandjims

Livestreaming: Should you not wish for yourself or family members to feature, please contact Cate in the office. 01242 522658

Prayer for the Week:

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal
nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen.

Hymns Today

448: I come with joy a child of God

365: Let us Build a House

656: He's got the whole world in his hands

Readings Today

Mark 3. 20-end

Upcoming Services

Sunday 13 June: 10am Holy Communion

Led by Revd Nick Davies. Preacher Revd Nick Davies.
and

Sunday 13 June: 6pm Choral Evensong

Led by Rev. Nick Davies.

Midweek (Wednesday) Holy Communion

P&J Holy Communion at 12.00 noon

Morning Prayer

Weekdays at 9.00am, livestreamed on Facebook
at www.facebook.com/pipandjims

Private Prayer

St. Philip & St. James: Monday-Friday 9am-12noon

Emmanuel: Tuesday: 10am-12noon

St. Christopher's: Wednesday, 2-4pm

St. Peter's: Wednesday: 11.00am-12noon

Reflecting on next week's Gospel Reading

Below you will find the Gospel reading for next week. You are invited to take some time to reflect on the reading and consider what God might be saying to you...

- *Find yourself a quality moment, not always easy!*
- *Pray for God to speak to you through the reading.*
- *Read it once and underline a word or sentence that strikes you*
- *Read it again and ask yourself what God might be saying to you?*
- *Read it once more and ask what God might be saying to Pip and Jims?*
- *Finish with a prayer*

Mark 4. 26-34

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Continue the conversation with friends and family during the week and at Church next Sunday!

Events, News & Notices

Immerse – Sacred Space

The Immerse creative group is delighted that we will be having our first Immerse service back in the church on **Sunday 6th June at 6.00pm**. We will be exploring seven sacred spaces in the church, following on from Nick's sermon at the opening services. As we think about each space, we will reflect on how we find spaces like this in our wider lives. **Immerse** is a creative and reflective evening service lasting about 45 minutes which takes place every couple of months.

Sunday 13 June 10.00am Holy Communion

As we remain under COVID restrictions, we need to limit the number of places to all our services to 85 and use a booking system to capture data to comply with the Government requirement. To book a place at the Sunday 10.00am service please **use the following link**:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sunday-13-june-2021-10am-holy-communion-tickets-157767959213>

Booking will open at 9.00am on Monday 7 June 2021 and close at 12noon on Friday 11 June 2021. If you are unable to book online or have any additional access requirements, please contact Cate (via telephone only) at the P&J office 01242 522658

Eco Congregation

Please note that as an Eco congregation we are committed to reducing the amount of paper used, so we will not be issuing hard copies of this Newsletter at Sunday services. We will also be reducing the number of hard copy Orders of Service we produce at Sunday services in the hope that these can be viewed via a 'phone or tablet. Thank you, **Peter**

Wi-fi facility in the Church

We are pleased to announce that the facility of a 'Guest Wi-fi' is now available. The password, all lower case, is: pipandjim.

Your Help Needed....

Ecclesiastical Insurance has launched its 2021 Movement for Good Awards awarding £1000 to charities receiving the greatest number of nominations. Please help by nominating Pip and Jims. It's a very simple process. Just visit movementforgood.com, click Nominate, enter our Charity number 1134837 and your details and the job is done. Please encourage your friends to nominate us as well: the more nominations the merrier! Many thanks. **Peter**

Foodbank

Items needed this week include; fruit juice, tinned rice pudding, custard, vegetables and fish. Instant mash potato. Washing up liquid, toothpaste. Please do bring donations **to church**.



Thank you for all your donation!

Fan Bishop

Guidance on stacking chairs

When we have lines of two or more chairs they are joined together at the base and care is needed to lift them apart before stacking them. Please do not stack the chairs more than three high. If there is Evensong, the front three rows can be left out in the nave. Thank you so much for your help with this.

Clair Chilvers: Reordering Board Member

New to Pip and Jims?

Come to our Welcome Evening! June 24th 7-9pm

If you have joined our congregation in the past couple of years, please join us for a drink and a chat about all the things which we offer. More details will follow, please let one of the Churchwardens know if you are able to come along. We look forward to getting to know you better. **Peter and Hazel**

VOICES RECHOIRED

If you like singing for fun, come and join this new community choir which Russell our Director of Music will be leading when Covid-restrictions are eased. **No choir experience or ability to read music is needed.** The choir will meet in church on Thursday afternoons, and sing a wide selection of light music. The weekly sub will be £3. More information will be provided when we are able to confirm a starting date, but to help us to plan could you please contact Ginnie Paget: madwomanintheattic47@hotmail.co.uk 01242 570656 to register your interest.

Parish Giving

We do not take a collection during the service. We ask everyone to consider making a donation using the Gift Aid envelopes, leaving it in the plate at the back of the church. Each week we need to raise £3,500 to fund our work, or about £15 per person. To make a regular donation, please speak to Nick, our team Rector.

Church Times Article

Please see this article in today's Church Times which is an account of our reordering journey, written by Rev. Nick Davies.

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2021/4-june/comment/opinion/outward-sign-of-the-hope-of-glory>

Mindfulness course

“We don’t want to go back to the way things were” is a common thought as we emerge from lockdown. Mindfulness is a practice that helps us become less driven, more compassionate and more spacious in our lives. Mindfulness is used widely in the NHS, schools and the workplace and has developed out of scientific research. Ian Bussell and John Horan will be leading a 6 week course at the newly re-ordered Pip and Jim’s church, Grafton Road. Starting 9 June 9-11am. Click [here](#) for the booking form or email Ian on ibussell@glosdioc.org.uk

Tackling the digital divide in Cheltenham

NCLB campaign to refurbish unwanted laptops for schools that need them to support pupils. Since February we have donated 42 refurbished laptops to schools including Hesters Way, Pittville, All Saints Academy, Battledown and Christchurch. This is a great start in tackling the digital divide in Cheltenham, but we need to do more. See how to donate at: <https://nclbcheltenham.org.uk/laptops-for-learning>

Sunday Fun-day 18 July

Please hold the date for a day of celebrations of our reordered space. We are planning a BBQ and bouncy castle to help us all celebrate and enjoy our new space. Do mark your diary and let the Churchwardens or Nick know of any ideas that you may have and if you are able to help on the day. Further details coming soon!

Church Walk

Our first post-lockdown walk will take place on **Friday 18 June 2021 at 10.00am**. The walk will start at Guiting Power Village Hall car park (GL54 5TX). It is a circular route of 4.5 miles. The terrain is tracks, quiet lanes and woodland: there are no sharp gradients or styles. We plan to have a picnic lunch after the walk. The walk will be led by John and Gilly Ward to book please email: chiefjw198@aol.com 07734102202

60 mile run

I’m running 60 miles to celebrate my 60th birthday, and to raise money for Vaccinaid. As you may have guessed, I’m not doing it all in one go... I’m hoping to raise enough to give 500 people in poorer countries a Covid jab. If anyone would like to sponsor me, here’s the link: <https://www.vaccinaid.org/60-miles-at-60-for-500-jobs> And if anyone would like to run a leg with me, that would be lovely too! I’m doing 3 miles at a time at the moment, and I don’t go very fast... Many thanks **Simon Witcombe**

Kids and Youth mornings!

We’re happy to announce our return of children and youth work on Sunday morning. Anyone in school years 4 and up is very welcome to join Hanna and Kay for snacks, games and faith discussions during the Sunday services on 27th June and 25th July! We look forward to testing just how soundproof the memorial chapel is now. **Hanna Stürcken | Church Partnership Youth Worker Youth for Christ Gloucestershire**

For Your Prayers

-For those who have died: Christine Buckman who died on 11th May. Funeral service to take place on Thursday 10th June 2021 at 11am at Cheltenham Crematorium, Oak Chapel.

Contact Details – Pip & Jim’s

Parish Office (Monday – Friday, 9.00am – 1.00pm)
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Pip and Jim's Weekly Diary W/B Monday 7 June 2021

Event Date	Contact	Event	Location	Start Time	End Time
Monday 07 June 2021	Nick Davies	Morning Prayer	Memorial Chapel	09:00	10:00
Monday 07 June 2021	Nick Davies	Weekly Staff Meeting	South Meeting Room - Raven	09:00	13:00
Wednesday 09 June 2021	Nick Davies	Midweek Communion	Nave	11:45	12:45
Friday 11 June 2021	Russell Burton	Choir Rehearsal	Nave	19:00	22:00
Friday 11 June 2021	Nick Davies	Church Events	Whole Church	12:00	18:00