



News and Notices

Week of 19th September

Sunday 19th September
10am Holy Communion

16th Sunday after Trinity

President: Rev. Nick Davies

Sermon: Interview with Pete Verry, Cheltenham Foodbank

Readings:

Isaiah 55.1-5

John 6.1-14

Hymns:

652 Guide me O thou great redeemer

561 How shall we sing salvations song (Kingsfold)

604 Brother, Sister, Let me serve you

394 Tell out my soul

Anthem Ave Verum - Elgar

This morning we are delighted to welcome Pete Verry of Cheltenham Foodbank to our service. Pete will be giving us an update on their work in our sermon slot this morning.

Live Streaming

We are not currently live streaming our Sunday services, however, we will keep this under review should there be any change to Coronavirus restrictions and people's ability to join us in person.

Morning Prayer will continue to be livestreamed every weekday at 9am and people may join if they wish.

Upcoming Services:

Morning Prayer

This service is at 9.00am every weekday and rotates around the parish.

Please feel free to either attend in person or livestream it in your homes.

Monday	Pip and Jims
Tuesday	St Christopher's
Wednesday	Emmanuel
Thursday	St Peter's
Friday	Online only

Livestreamed at: www.facebook.com/pipandjims

Wednesday - Midweek Holy Communion

Holy Communion at Pip & Jims, 12.00 noon
In the Memorial Chapel

Sunday 26th September

10am Holy Communion at Pip & Jims

Social Distancing on Sunday Mornings

We are now regularly welcoming 120 or more to our 10am service. The Choir will also be processing from the west doors and processing out during our final hymn. Please be aware that if you arrive on the dot of ten you may have to wait until they have processed.

With all of this in mind, we will be laying out more chairs.

We are keen to provide socially distanced seating for those who want it, so please speak to one of the stewards if you wish to move.

News & Notices:

Partnership with St. Andrew's Ramallah

Fadi Diab has recently informed us that one of his parishioners, Layan Nasir, is due to go on trial in an Israeli military court and Nick has suggested that as many of us as possible write on her behalf to Cheltenham MP Alex Chalk at

alex.chalk.mp@parliament.uk

The girl's aunt, Abeer Nasir, invited Roger and Daphne Symon to dinner when they were in Ramallah a couple of years ago. Layan's Father has pleaded:

"We, Layan Nasir's family, call upon activists, and people of conscience, to stand in solidarity with Palestinian students, and to put pressure on Israeli authorities to release our daughter Layan Nasir from prison." She has now been released but is due for trial on 5th October.

The suggested text is available [here](#) or from the office. It would have more effect if you vary the wording of the letter (e.g. with one or two thoughts of your own). The actions called for in the final paragraph have been recommended by Sir Vincent Fean, former Consul-General in Jerusalem, whom many of you heard speaking in Cheltenham College two years ago. If you have any queries about the suggested wording, please get in touch with Mike Scott-Baumann at

mikeandalisonsb@gmail.com

Labyrinth Walking Taster Evening

As you may know, we now have a labyrinth floor mat. We are keen to start using this across the South Cheltenham area and offering it to our wider community as an opportunity to engage in a meditative and spiritual exercise. As a starting point, Nick and Liz Mitchell are offering a taster evening for those who would like to know more about labyrinth walking and to experience it for themselves. This will take place at Pip and Jim's on Monday 18th October at 8pm. We hope from this to be able to recruit a small team of those who might be interested in taking this forward but the evening is very much open to all, regardless of future commitments! To book your place, please email Liz fizzmitchell@gmail.com

CAMELOT Sunday Lunch on 26 September.

We're celebrating and saying goodbye to Summer with a choice of Oven Baked Salmon or Roast Pork and apple sauce, both with accompanying vegetables. The vegetarian option will be a Mediterranean Vegetable Bake. Summer Pudding or White Chocolate and Ginger Cheesecake will round off the meal. The price is £7.50 to be paid on the day. Book your place by ringing Christine on 515192 and leaving your name, menu choice and a note of any allergies.

There is a Baptism at 12 that day so if you are coming for the meal please arrive at 12.30 via the side ramp. Those who are staying on after coffee will gather in the Memorial Chapel.

'Summer's lease hath all too short a date'!

Alpha Christian enquirers' course

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that tackle some of life's big questions and explore the basics of the Christian faith. Alpha is designed primarily for people who aren't churchgoers. It attracts a diverse range of guests, including people of different ages and backgrounds, all with differing viewpoints. South Cheltenham churches are running Alpha on Tuesday evenings for 9 weeks at Pip and Jims starting on the 5th of October. Do think about any non-church going friends or family who might be interested in attending and invite them along. For more information get in touch with Rev Sarah Haden sarah@cnc.church or find out more at www.southcheltenham.church/alpha

Cheltenham Welcomes Refugees

Some people who are seeking asylum have been moved to Cheltenham by the UK Home Office, and we need larger men's bikes as a priority so they can get around easily without needing to use up their small weekly allowance on bus fare.

If you don't have a bike available, but have any locks or accessories going spare, they would be greatly appreciated! Please email enquiries, photos of items and specifications to chelt.refugees@gmail.com

Foodbank

We are currently in need of the following items:
Dog food, instant mash potato, toothbrushes, tinned cold meat, shampoo, ladies razors, rice, sponge puddings and custard.

The Foodbank is in need of more volunteers to take donations either on a Thursday to the Elim Church (near Waitrose) or on Fridays to the Christian City Church (close to the Nuffield Hospital and where parking is easier). Volunteers are rostered every 10 to 12 weeks. Please contact Fan Bishop either by email yfanbishop@gmail.com or tel: 528287

Upcoming Events:

<u>Weekly Events:</u>	
Knit and Natter Tuesdays, 10:00-12:00 Memorial Chapel (£2 on the day)	Every Tuesday in the Memorial Chapel. Bring your own knitting, get ideas of things to knit and wool/needles to do it with, learn to knit - or just natter.
Wednesday Lunches Wednesdays, 12:30 Nave (£4.50 on the day)	Consisting of either soup, quiche, or filled baked potato depending on the weather and the chef's mood, then cheese and biscuits, and ending with cake and cream, plus a cup of tea or coffee. All this and good fellowship too!
Voices Rechoired Thursdays, 14:30 Nave (£3 on the day)	We are open to new members and sing a wide selection of light music - no choir experience or ability to read music is needed. For more details, contact Ginnie Paget: madwomanintheattic47@hotmail.co.uk
Little Pips Fridays in term time, 9:30-11:30 Nave (£2.50 on the day)	Our popular baby and toddler group has restarted, including story time, playtime, singing and refreshments. All parents and carers welcome.
<u>Looking further ahead:</u>	
"Peace Together" Walk 21 st September 2021, 9.30am Organised by Cheltenham Interfaith to mark International Peace Day 2021.	Starting at 9:30 from the Lower High Street to Bayshill Road, Portland Street, Cambray Place, Montpelier, Lower Bath Road and onto All Saints, Whaddon Road before arriving at the Quaker Meeting House by 2pm. The walk will be followed by an exhibition with conversations and a Peace Vigil. More information at http://www.cheltenhaminterfaith.org.uk/
Fourth Thursday Coffee Club 23 rd September, 10:00-12:00 Memorial Chapel	Come by for a coffee and a chat, once a month in the Memorial Chapel.
Church Walk 24 th September, 10:00	The walk is approx. 4 miles over flattish fields and woods on the Sherborne estate. Lunch afterwards at The Old Prison cafe in Northleach. For details contact John and Audrey Spencer a27spencer@gmail.com or 07973721031
Sabeel Kairos Conference & AGM, 'A Christian Response to Israeli Apartheid' 25th September, 10:30-13:00 Online	As well as listening to practicing human rights lawyers Jonathan Kuttub and Adv. Manal Hazzan, participants will be led in worship by Garth Hewitt and Revd Dr. Stephen Sizer. We will also hear about the successes in the Investing for Peace campaign this year, and ambitious plans for 2022. Click Here , or contact the office for more information.
Cheltenham Open Studios 25 th September- 3 rd October Dove & Raven Rooms	P & J will be hosting two exhibitions as part of the 2021 Open Studios. One exhibition is by Sarah Lyons, a member of our congregation, the other is 'Same Sea, Different Boat' – a patchwork quilt that brings together responses to the pandemic.
CAMELOT Lunch 26 th September, 12:30 Gather in the Memorial Chapel	Celebrating and saying goodbye to Summer with a choice of Oven Baked Salmon or Roast Pork and apple sauce, both with accompanying vegetables. The vegetarian option is a Mediterranean Vegetable Bake. Summer Pudding or White Chocolate and Ginger Cheesecake for dessert. £7.50 paid on the day. Book by ringing Christine on 515192 and leaving your name, menu choice and a note of any allergies.
Memorial Service 28 th September, 14:30	All are welcome to the memorial service for Mary Stallard, which will be followed by a reception in Church.
Rededication by Bishop Rachel 14 th October, 19:30	Bishop Rachel will be visiting to rededicate the reordered church. So we can gauge numbers, please add your name to the list in the church or to this form .
Labyrinth Walking Taster 18 th October, 20:00	Nick and Liz Mitchell are offering a taster evening for those who would like to know more about labyrinth walking and to experience it for themselves. To book your place, please email Liz fizzmitchell@gmail.com
Church Walk 19 th October	Church walk led by Bob and Sue Allard, an easy walk at Eckington, near Pershore followed by lunch at the Bell. Details to follow.
Inaugural Gala Concert 22 nd October, 19:00	Featuring the mezzo-soprano Chloé Underwood , joined by fellow graduates from the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, performing a programme of opera arias and songs. Also featuring organ and choral music, as well as a specially commissioned anthem, being given its first performance. Tickets and programme details at: https://3choirs.org/whats-on/
Pen & Pew 'Venice Inscribed', 30 th October, 10:00-16:00 Tickets £30 including coffee, biscuits, two-course lunch and tea and cakes)	This informal study day will look at the architecture and history of Venice as seen through writers from Shakespeare to Donna Leon, Byron and Browning to Henry James and Jan Morris. All are welcome, and no prior knowledge or reading is required - though if you have a copy of The Merchant of Venice or The Aspern Papers on your shelves, they'll be well worth a second look. Please contact the office to book.

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 9.38-end

John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.' And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

Contact Details – Pip & Jim's

Parish Office

(Monday – Friday, 9.00am – 12.00 noon)

Please contact the Parish Office for any general enquiries, or visit our website: www.pipandjims.org.uk

Robyn Robinson, Church Office

Email: info@pipandjims.org.uk

Tel: 01242 522 658

www.facebook.com/pipandjims

Rev. Nick Davies, Team Rector

(Day off – Saturday)

80 Painswick Road

Email: nickduffdavies@gmail.com

Tel: 01242 321 268

Rev. John Horan

Email: jchoran@sky.com

Tel: 07759 419 970

Peter Cottingham, Churchwarden

Email: petergreendoor@aol.com

Tel: 07816 445 378

Hazel Mace, Churchwarden

Email: hmaceuk@hotmail.co.uk

Tel: 01242 529 312

Sara Turner, Assistant Treasurer

Tel: 01242 239 575

Rhys Topping, Community Engagement Officer

Monday – Friday, 8.30am – 11.30am

Should you wish to use the church for a church activity or meeting, please liaise with Rhys to check availability at bookings@pipandjims.org.uk or in the office weekdays 09:00-12:00

Parish Giving

We do not take a collection during the service. We ask everyone to consider making a donation by leaving a Gift Aid envelope 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.

Changing your giving

If you are already registered for the Parish Giving Scheme, you will have received a letter from Nick inviting you to review your level of giving.

Should you wish to change the amount that you're giving you can do so by contacting the Parish Giving Scheme by phone, email or letter with your new instructions. Their contact details are:

Phone: 0333 002 1260 Website:

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/>