

Events and training

Saturday 4 March

Let your inner self grow strong:

A quiet day for Lent

Christ the King Roman Catholic Church Parish Hall, Thornbury, BS35 1HA, 10am to 3pm

A Spirituality Network for Gloucestershire event, led by Sr Anna O'Connor SP. £10. To reserve a place contact the Revd Canon Michael Cozens on mgcozens86@btinternet.com or 01453 546459 www.snfglos.org.uk

Saturday, 18 and Sunday 19 March

Kempley Daffodil weekend

Kempley Village Hall, 10.30am to 5pm for refreshments. Guided walks at 10.45am, 11am and 2pm and a free daff and ride bus every 30 minutes. Homemade refreshments, plant stall and raffle. Donations and proceeds to St Edwards Church Fabric Fund and Kempley Village Hall Restoration Fund. www.daffs.org.uk

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Thursday 23 March

Preventing Prison Suicides

University of Gloucestershire, Francis Close Hall, GL50 4AZ, room TC001. Positive Justice Gloucestershire meeting with Lorraine Atkinson, Senior Policy Officer for the Howard League for Penal Reform. Free. Free parking after 5pm. All welcome. www.pjglos.org.uk or 01453 759438.

Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 April

Crosslight: Riding Lights Theatre Passion Play

A communal experience of theatre and worship. The disciple chose to lead, is in pieces. Crosslight draws us into the dramatic events of Christ's Passion and into the experience of one disciple who failed, despite everything he believed so passionately. Tickets £10 for adults, £5 for under 16s, from Ruth on 01531 670196.

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Living as adventurous followers of Jesus Christ

Enabling people to discover new depths to prayer and spiritual growth, individually and together.

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During the many conversations that took place around the Diocese last summer, the theme of prayer and longing for God was immensely strong: 'We'd like to know more of God', 'I would love to be able to pray more, and more deeply', 'Help us to find the "One thing necessary"'.

When Jesus is at the home of Martha and Mary (Luke 10:38-42) Martha is busily cooking and serving, Mary sits at Jesus' feet. Both sisters are very close friends of Jesus – this is his 'home from home' and he spends a good deal of time in their company. On this occasion, in his love for Martha, he tells her she is distracted by many things, and that Mary has chosen the better part – she has found the one thing necessary.

This priority is at the very heart of our life together in this Diocese. It is about keeping company with Jesus just as he longs to keep company with us. It is about making our hearts and lives and communities his 'home from home' just as he invites us to find our home in him. It is about recognising the distractions and being still for long enough to find that God is here, right here, in the heart of it all. And that is the adventure.

Archdeacon of Gloucester, **The Ven Jackie Searle**

Pray with a Bishop this Lent



Bishop Rachel and Bishop Robert will each be praying in three churches across the Diocese of Gloucester. Following on from last year's Ascension Day prayers at Gloucester Cathedral, and as part of the LIFE vision, you are invited to join them at whichever church and date suits you for a mixture of active, creative, and reflective prayer stations, reading from scripture, and concluding with a time of prayer with the Bishop.

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The bishops will be at the following churches on the following dates:

Date	The Bishop of Gloucester, the Rt Revd Rachel Treweek	The Bishop of Tewkesbury, the Rt Revd Robert Springett
Sunday 5 March		6pm, St John the Baptist, Wickwar Road, Chipping Sodbury BS37 6BQ
Sunday 12 March	3pm at Badgeworth, Holy Trinity, GL51 4UL	
Sunday 19 March	6pm at Christ Church, Cheltenham, Malvern Road, Cheltenham, GL50 2NN	6pm at Ruardean, St John the Baptist, High Street, Ruardean, GL17 9US
Sunday 26 March	6pm at Holy Trinity, Trinity Road, Stroud, GL5 2HX	6pm at Blockley, St Peter and St Paul, The Square, Blockley, GL56 9ES.



Thy Kingdom Come: Join the global wave of prayer

From 25 May to 4 June, Christian communities and families around the world will be joining together to pray that their friends and neighbours come to know Jesus.

You, your family and your church can pledge to pray and add your prayer light to a map of the world.

There are resources for churches, individuals, families and young people that will help to focus your prayer and inspire you. Visit www.thykingdomcome.global to find out more. #Pledge2Pray