

July 2018

engagement **Living out Christ's love and hope**

Sharing and community at the heart of Cheltenham Festivals

This autumn marks the growth of an exciting partnership between the Diocese of Gloucester and Cheltenham Festivals. We're going to be running the families tent at the Literature, Jazz and Science Festivals. The idea is to create a colourful, informal and fun environment in the heart of the festival village where children and families can gather and get creative with ideas and words, with a theme developed by us. This is a fantastic opportunity for the Church to showcase the best community engagement work, to network with other organisations and to engage with thousands of families living across our Diocese.

We are looking for friendly volunteers to help us manage the family tent. This would involve helping children and young people do arts and crafts and engaging their parents and guardians in conversation. If you'd like to find out more, please contact Lucy Taylor ltaylor@glosdioc.org.uk



Car wash app to help spot signs of slavery

Drivers are being encouraged to join a huge information-gathering campaign launched by the CofE and the Catholic Church in England and Wales aimed at eradicating modern slavery in hand car washes.

The Safe Car Wash app can be downloaded for free (www.theclewerinitiative.org/safecarwash). Users can open the app when they are at the car wash and are taken through a series of indicators of modern slavery. They range from practical details—such as whether workers have suitable protective clothing—to behavioural clues, such as whether they appear withdrawn. If the answers indicate a high likelihood, users will be directed to the Modern Slavery Helpline.



Get a grant for your wildlife garden

Would you like to set up a wildlife garden for your church? A new environment fund has been set up, based on diocesan staff's mileage contributions with support from Ecotricity and Gaia Energy.

Every church in the Diocese can apply for a grant of up to £250 for plans that improve their churchyard. Any innovative ideas and new approaches are very welcome. We will give priority to applications that have made a start towards attaining an Arocha EcoChurch Award (<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk>) and have a long term plan for sustainability. Find out more from the diocesan website www.gloucester.anglican.org/2018/grant-aid-for-wildlife-gardens



There but not there

Transparent figures of soldiers will be on display across the country this November, to mark 100 years since the end of the First World War. It is a project to highlight the absence of the people who lost their lives in the war. We are encouraging churches and schools to buy table-top sized Tommy figure models, to represent the name of some of the 888,246 British and Commonwealth fallen of the First World War. Money raised by the project will go to charities such as Help for Heroes, Walking with the Wounded and The Royal Foundation. To find out more visit www.therebutnotthere.org.uk

Ready to lead?

Is there someone in your congregation who has the potential to be a worship leader? A person of prayer, who attends regularly and has the respect of others? Or is this you? The Leading Worship Course starts on 13 September and is preparation to lead Services of the Word. To find out more, contact the course co-

Events and training

More details for all these events at www.gloucester.anglican.org/events/

Wordfest at Gloucester Cathedral

Friday 6 to Sunday 8 July

A celebration of the written, spoken and sung word, including talks, poetry, music, comedy, storytelling and crafts. Talent from people including Dan Cruickshank, Rachel Joyce, Johnny Coppin and Helen Pankhurst. Lots of free family and community events, including live music, games, workshops and buskers. Get the full programme at www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk

Sacred Music Festival, Stroud

Friday 6 July, 6pm to 11pm at St Lawrence Church, Stroud and Sunday 7 July, 9.30pm to 11pm

Venues include The Old Town Hall, St Lawrence Church and The Shambles, Stroud.

Featuring Maya Youssef (Syria), Mosaic Youth Choir (Russian Orthodox), Nawab Khan Mantra Tour (India), etc. Music, singing, workshops, food... sacredmusicfestival.org.uk

Growing Messy Leaders

Saturday 7 July, 10am to 4pm

This hands on, fun, fast moving and action packed day for Messy Church team members of all ages is a time to discover more about leadership, teamwork and reflective practice. £10 including lunch. Book by emailing nkent@glosdioc.org.uk

Home for good

Sunday 15 July, 4.30pm to 5.30pm

Trinity Cheltenham

Home for Good seeks to raise awareness of the need for foster and adoptive parents, encourages families to provide loving homes for the children in care, and equips the Church to offer welcoming communities for them. Book at trinitycheltenham.com/micahconversations/

Celebrate! World Music and Food

Thursday 19 July, 7pm, Amberley Parish Rooms

One of a series of recitals involving refugee professional musicians and celebrating international music and food. Profits to Bristol Hospitality Network. Tickets £12 from Canon Mike Tucker, 01453 873352.

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