

Events and training

More details for all these events at www.gloucester.anglican.org/events/2018-01

Musica Deo Sacra

Monday 30 July to Sunday 5 August
Tewkesbury Abbey

A festival celebrating music in the liturgy. Singers from the cathedral, collegiate and recital choirs come together in Tewkesbury Abbey each year for this memorable week, singing some of the finest music written over the centuries, in a liturgical setting. Download the leaflet here <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zZixUxRCVxwSvS-3fHmW79DX4D38MNT/view>

Vaughan Williams Festival

Friday 24 August to Monday 27 August, All Saints', Down Ampney
A series of 10 concerts, lectures and events over the course of the August Bank Holiday weekend. More info at vaughanwilliamsfestival.com

Purls of wisdom, knitted bible

Saturday 25 August to Saturday 1 September, 10am to 4pm (Sundays 1pm to 4pm), Christ Church, Chalford, GL6 8PP

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33 scenes from the bible, brought to life with hand-knitted people and animals. Free entry, donations to support the work of Christ Church. Refreshments. 01453 883907, jcox3907@aol.com

Stuart Townend and band: The courage tour, 2018

Saturday 29 September, 7pm for 7.30pm at Cirencester Baptist Church
An evening with Stuart, the author of the songs *In Christ Alone*, *The Lord's My Shepherd*, *All My Days*, *How Deep the Father's Love*. Advance tickets £12. More information at Cirencester-Baptist.org/stuarttownend 01285 643510 and booking at arkevent.co.uk/stuarttownendcirencester

It's your call: CPAS

Friday 2 to Sunday 4 November, BMS International Mission Centre, Birmingham, B29 6QX
Are you wondering what God wants you to do with your life? This weekend for 18-30s in Birmingham will help you to explore the possibilities, connect with God, his call and others. Cost is £95 per person including course fees and accommodation. Students and unemployed £65. More information and booking at cpas.org.uk/itsyourcall

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#say1thing

Bishop Rachel launched a week-long social media campaign last month, encouraging people to share one thing that they value in others, which is not about physical appearance. #say1thing is part of the wider #liedentity campaign, which raises awareness of body image anxiety in young people.

Bishop Rachel is sharing with young people the message that who you are, is more than how you look. She said, "On social media, young people face a barrage of insults about what they look like and they face huge anxiety about the pictures they post, hoping for likes and then often having to deal with terrible insults. We are living in a society where our value is being determined by what we look like, rather than who we are from the inside out." Keep the campaign going and #say1thing about your friends.



Mega Messy Church

Sunday 16 September, 2pm to 5pm

Messy Church meets Viney Hill Christian Adventure Centre. A fun and exciting afternoon for leaders, parents and children. Opportunities to participate in the Viney Hill adventure activities alongside regular Messy Church games, crafts, experiments, celebration and refreshments.

Experience a whole new way of being messy and being church. Adventure activities are supervised by the highly qualified and experienced Viney Hill instructors. To book visit eventbrite.co.uk/e/catalyst-youth-ministry-gathering-tickets-46796455458

Catalyst

22 September, All Saints Academy, Cheltenham GL51 0WH

An inspiring youth ministry gathering for all involved or looking to be involved in youth ministry across the Diocese of Gloucester. It's open to all denominations and organisations and aims to motivate, equip, build connections and inform, to be a catalyst and a connecting point so that even more young people are inspired to explore and grow in the Christian faith.

Bishop Rachel and Naomi Allen, XL Ministries Director, will be the key note speakers and the workshops will include supporting additional needs and diversity, supporting the transition to secondary, managing youth work, discipling and even getting started in youth ministry. It's a packed morning (9.30am to 1pm) filled with workshops and an afternoon with opportunities to network and connect through sports activities. More info and booking eventbrite.co.uk/e/catalyst-youth-ministry-gathering-tickets-46796455458



Church and school partnership brings joy to all ages

Children from Hempsted Primary School have been signing up to go to a Wednesday service at their local church, St Swithun's. There is a very active worship group at the school with around 60 members, and a long-term partnership has

developed between church and school.

Once a month, four or five different children come along to the communion service, take part in it and learn more about what goes on in church. They are very much a part of the congregation, welcoming, giving out the books, reading the Gospel, praying, helping to lay the altar and receiving communion or a blessing.

Mary Gould, who is a pastoral assistant, said the congregation loves having the children along. She said, "We all think it is a great way forward and there is a lot of enthusiasm on both sides. It gives us youth, enthusiasm and often children can bring a different perspective... It's a joyous occasion."



Foundations in theology, mission and ministry

A new year old Foundations course is starting this September at Cuddeston: Gloucester and Hereford (formerly WEMTC). An opportunity to grow, step out of your comfort zone and let God challenge you in new ways. Is God calling you into greater public involvement in the life of your church, to serve your local

congregation, live out your faith in the world and serve your local community? People finishing the course are really enthusiastic about the Bible and are confident in theology. They are also offered an individual conversation about where they feel God might be calling them, as part of the course.

Bishop Robert said, "If you are someone wanting to explore faith and possibly what God may be calling you to in your life but nervous of more formal study this is the course for you, a chance to explore the scriptures, worship, spirituality and more."

www.gloucester.anglican.org/2017/foundations-in-theology-ministry-and-mission-2



Ordinations and celebrations

Congratulations to all the new priests and deacons ordained at Gloucester Cathedral. In two days of inspiring, joyous celebrations we welcomed seven brand new priests and six new deacons.

You can see the photos and download them here www.gloucester.anglican.org/2018/ordinations-2018