

April 2019

imagination **A time to play**

A different way to explore Lent

Children in 190 Church of England schools across the Diocese have been given wooden spoons to decorate, Lego™ to make traffic lights and welcome signs to colour, as part of our Lent course 2019, Shapes for Living. They've been looking at what it means to have a rule of life, and some of the activities and disciplines that were practised by Benedictine monks. It's not too late to get involved—find out more and download activities for adults, for schools and for families at www.gloucester.anglican.org/your-ministry/shapes-for-living



Wild and Fit

There was a great turn out for the Wild and Fit event in the Cathedral at the beginning of March. Lots of happy and healthy people making connections and having fun. Sign up to our diocesan mailing, the Bulletin, at <https://bit.ly/2RzdnKo> to be first to find out about events, stories and opportunities.

Thy Kingdom Come, the global wave of prayer

30 May to 9 June

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are asking Christians across the globe to join them in a global wave of prayer for the Church between Pentecost and Ascension. There are lots of ways to take part: Find out more at www.thykingdomcome.global

Win £50 for your charity

Be in with a chance to win £50 for a charity of your choice, by sharing your views on sports in your community in our online survey (and do a good deed at the same time). It takes around 10 minutes and the draw will take place on 3 June 2019. So spread a little kindness and take part in the survey online at <http://bit.ly/churchsport>



Every day faith—share your story

We would like to invite you to share your everyday faith story in a short video. Whether you are a mum, builder, administrator, doctor or are retired, the aim is to create two minute long videos of people sharing how they live out their faith every day. Each video will be linked to our LIFE vision and Thy Kingdom Come. All films will be promoted through the diocesan website and social media and also made available for you to share on your own online platforms. Please contact Sam Cavender scavender@glosdioc.org.uk or call 01452 835527.

Events and training

Brunch and bounce

Saturday 6 April, 9.30am to 11.30am at Gloucester Cathedral Chapter House

A fun and relaxed get-together, open to all, with a bouncy castle and crafts for the children, plus coffee, pastries and the weekend papers.

Eggsplore Easter

Saturday 6 to Monday 22 April at Gloucester Cathedral

Do you know what happened on the very first Easter Day? Come and explore this amazing building to find the answer. £1 per copy from the gift shop and exchange the completed trail for a tiny egg (subject to availability). More info www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk

Catalyst: Your Voice, Central, with Revive. For young people aged 11-18.

Saturday 27 April, 7.30pm to 9.30pm, Kingfisher Church, Gloucester, GL1 4NJ

Connect, worship, have your say. Have your voice heard about your faith and what really matters. More information from andy@therock.uk.com 01242 700700.

Cheltenham Jazz Festival

4 to 6 May, Montpellier Gardens, Cheltenham

Come along and make some music with the diocesan team at the Cheltenham Jazz Festival. You can try out our giant windchime, make a drum and find your own rhythm, think about what makes your heart sing and having encounters and conversations about the big things in life. If you're interested in volunteering to help, contact Emma on eanderson@glosdioc.org.uk For more information on the festivals visit www.cheltenhamfestivals.com

Faith in the Arts showcase

Sunday 12 May, 3pm to 6pm at Discover Decrypt, Southgate Street, Gloucester GL1 1TP

Do the arts bring people into your church? Does the local choir or drama club rehearse there? Do you host art exhibitions—or would you like to? If so, this event is for you. Designed to bring together artists and church communities, this will be an opportunity to share experience and learn from each other. Talks, discussion and interactive arts sessions. Free—book at christianartsfestival.org

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