

	January	February	March	April	May	June
Leadership	<p>Ministry Experience Scheme Open Day</p> <p>Flourish launch</p>	<p>Funerals Project starts in Forest Deanery</p>	<p>Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic survey</p>	<p>Launch email support network for churchwardens in Cheltenham Archdeaconry</p>	<p>Funerals project starting in Severn Vale</p> <p>Archdeacons' Visitations: North Cotswolds (4) / Gloucester (5) / Wotton (11) / Cirencester (12) / Severn Vale (14) / Forest South (17) / Stroud (18) / Tewkesbury (20) / Cheltenham (24)</p>	
imagination		<p>Engaging with Families (1)</p> <p>Joined up thinking (29)</p>	<p>Godly Play course (16-18)</p> <p>Little Church Resource</p>			<p>Leavers' Services (16-18)</p>
faith	<p>Your SHAPE for God's Service starts (7)</p>	<p>Loved and Liked Course</p> <p>Everyday Faith Lent challenges</p> <p>Lent Pilgrimages</p>	<p>Pause for Hope Cathedral service for people affected by cancer (19)</p>			
engagement		<p>Launch of Creative Arts Website</p> <p>Liturgy, creativity and inclusion (8)</p>	<p>Breathe (retreat for young people) (28)</p> <p>Mental Health First Aid Pilots</p>	<p>Eco Church Workshops (21, 30)</p>	<p>Cathedral Olympics (16)</p>	<p>Festival of Stars - Christian Arts Festival (13)</p> <p>Science Festival (2-7)</p>
	<p>Epiphany (6)</p> <p>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18-25)</p>	<p>Diocesan Synod (1)</p> <p>Fairtrade Fortnight (24 Feb to 8 Mar)</p> <p>Ash Wednesday (26)</p>	<p>Bishops' Pilgrimages (1-2, 8-9, 15-16 and 22-23)</p> <p>International Women's Day (8)</p> <p>Bishop's Training Day (17)</p>	<p>Chrism Eucharist (9)</p> <p>Diocesan Confirmation Service (11)</p> <p>Easter Sunday (12)</p>	<p>Vocations Sunday (17)</p> <p>Christian Aid Week (?-?)</p> <p>Dementia Awareness Week (11-17)</p> <p>Thy Kingdom Come (Ascension, 21 to Pentecost, 31)</p>	<p>Environment Sunday (7)</p> <p>Open Farm Sunday (7)</p> <p>Royal Three Counties Show (12-14)</p> <p>Refugee Week (15-21)</p> <p>Ordination of Priests (27)</p> <p>Ordination of Deacons (28)</p>

	July	August	September	October	November	December
Leadership			Launch of Ministerial Experience Scheme	Incumbents and Administrators Training Day		
imagination						
faith			Healing Quiet Day (12)	Everyday Faith Event (3)		
engagement			ABCD Tool Kit Youthscape Conference	Literature Festival (2-11) Youth celebration Art Competition/Exhibition (Oct, Nov or Dec, TBC)		
	Rural Mission Sunday (?) Diocesan Synod (1)		Creationtide (1 Sept to 4 Oct) Education Sunday (13) Annual Reader Day Service (26)	Creationtide (1 Sept to 4 Oct) Black History Month Bishop's Training Day (7) World Mental Health Day (10) Diocesan Synod (31)	Remembrance Sunday (8) Interfaith Week (10-17) Advent Sunday (29)	Christmas Day (25)

For the latest information about any of these events, please visit www.gloucester.anglican.org/news-events

Your SHAPE for God's service

SHAPE is for anyone who wants to explore their faith more deeply. It is a reflective course, which offers individuals the chance to explore who they are, their relationship with God and what gifts they already have and those they might like to develop. SHAPE is an acronym for Spiritual gifts, Heart's desire, Abilities, Personality, Experience. Over five sessions (one a month) we will explore each of these subjects together and then spend the following month reflecting and thinking about what this means for us.

Engaging with families

God's story, your story, my story. Sometimes we shy away from deeper conversations, those which require trust and signposting to outside agencies or those which our hearts tell us require a response based on our faith and experience of God. Pauline Godfrey will help us begin to develop the skills which build confidence to have meaningful conversations and help families we meet find the support they need and hear about God in the everyday. Easter resources also available at this session.

Connect day conference: Joined up thinking

Society creates a divide between primary and secondary age children which is not helpful to either the child, their family or the church. This day is about joining up our thinking to overcome the divide. You will be challenged to consider what life is like "on the other side" of the school divide - and recognise how as churches we are well positioned to connect with children, young people and their families whatever age they are or school they attend. Full of practical tips, fun interactive sessions, and thought-provoking ideas, delegates will leave the day with a renewed excitement for engaging with children across primary and secondary schools.

Liturgy, creativity and inclusion

Explore how to make the most of the flexibility within Common Worship to include everyone in our churches. This event covers both general principles and specific needs, with an overall focus on how to create worship which includes all members of our communities. We expect this event to be of particular interest to any, ordained or lay, who are preparing and leading worship.

Godly Play

Godly Play is a creative and imaginative approach to Christian nurture. A three-day accredited course is being held in Gloucester.

Little Church Resource

A video and how to guide which shares good practice and good news stories from local parishes in developing a service for under 5s and their carers.

Eco Church Workshops

Practical workshop on environmental concerns, with a focus on the Eco Church awards, for churches who want to get started or are already engaged and want to explore the next step. Host venues are churches with a story to tell, and Arthur Champion, Diocesan Environmental Officer and Cate Williams will be co-facilitating. Be inspired by what others are doing; ask questions; and share with others who are working in this area of ministry.

Festival of Stars (Christian Arts Festival)

A free one-day festival on a covered stage in music and comedy bringing together churches, schools, children's groups, WI, Cornerstone and Oakley Resource Centre and businesses in the area of Whaddon, North Cheltenham. We encourage people to take part in competitions, scratch choir, knitting and craft activity groups from the community who will meet regularly 4-5 months prior to the festival. We reach out to everyone in the community regardless of religion (or none), ethnicity, age or background especially the marginalised in North Cheltenham; those with disabilities, socially excluded, or on low incomes.

Cathedral Olympics

A celebration of faith and sport, open to families, young people and adults. There will be lots of sports to try, some mini competitions, food, and moments of reflection.

ABCD tool kit

ABCD stands for Asset Based Community Development, the assets in this case being not primarily to do with buildings or 'things' but being the people themselves, the passion and vision of the people who live in a particular place. The idea is that if you start by looking at where passion and vision is bubbling up and work to network that vision and support it, then things happen that are good for the wellbeing of that community.

Youthscape conference

National youth ministry event.

Everyday Faith event

Do you find it is easy to express your Christian belief in your working week, your meeting with friends, your shopping trips, your family life and your exercise routine? Sometimes finding the confidence and the creativity to build faith into everything we do can challenge us all. A special day of ideas, resources, activities and workshops around living out Everyday faith. Each benefice will nominate and enable eight delegates to come and bring back inspiring ideas for your setting.

Catalyst youth celebration

A diocesan-wide celebration worship for young people with food, fellowship, music, teaching and praise. More details to come.

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