

Events and training

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Jubilee Jazz evening with fish and chips

St David's Moreton in Marsh, 7pm

The Hot Fingers group will be playing music from the swing era of the 20s and 30s. For more information

email mjrees39@mail.com

Jubilee parade, celebration service and Big Jubilee Lunch

Sunday 5 June, starting at The Triangle, Cinderford at 10.30am

A free family-friendly event filled with celebration, food and drink, local entertainment, a service to celebrate The Queen's life of service, then a picnic on the lawn at St Stephen's, with opportunities to buy food and drink (or bring your own) plus crafts and games.

www.cinderford-churches.org.uk

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Jubilee Tea Dance

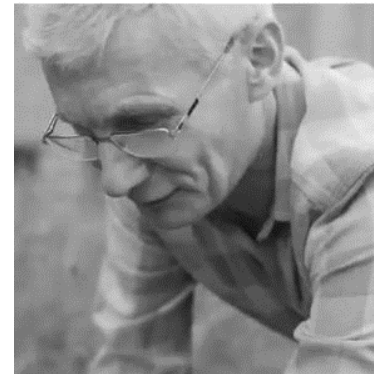
Sunday 5 June at 3 pm at Discover De Crypt, Gloucester

Live music from the Tea Dance Band and expert dance tutors from Gloster Swing Dance. There'll be Fairtrade tea with homemade cakes served on a vintage tea service. <https://discoverdecrypt.org.uk/event/the-jubilee-tea-dance/>

Service of Thanksgiving to mark The Queen's extraordinary life of service and faith Gloucester Cathedral Monday 6 June at 5.30pm

The service will gather up all the community celebrations of the half term and Jubilee Weekend providing an opportunity to reflect on this remarkable moment in our history. <https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/the-queen-s-platinum-jubilee>

Cliffords Mesne Counts on Nature



What are you doing for your #EcoChurchInAnHour this week?

Churches Count on Nature runs from 4 to 12 June and is a time when churches are encouraged to open their burial grounds to the public and encourage people to appreciate and record the nature they find there.

Taking part involves popping along to your local churchyard to identify and register the wildlife and plants that they find there onto the Beautiful Burial Ground Portal at <https://burialgrounds.nbnatlas.org/>.

St Peter's Church at Clifford's Mesne is managing its churchyard for wildlife, people and environmental benefits and is working towards its silver Eco Church Award. (Watch the video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=aN0977vvS-E)

Churchwarden Nell Credland spoke about the difficulties in balancing opinions in the local community between those who like the grass in the churchyard to be mown short and those who prefer it to be managed for wildflowers.

Local volunteer Simon Barker enjoys using his skills for the site. He said, "I am a professional ecologist, a nature conservation advisor for the National Trust, but what I'm doing here is ... entirely voluntary as an interested member of the local community and someone who appreciates having this fantastic resource almost literally on their doorstep."

“97 per cent of old meadows and grasslands have been lost over the last 60 to 70 years, so I think collectively churchyards do add up to a really valuable resource for biodiversity and for carbon storage.”

Under Simon’s guidance, the PCC changed the mowing regime to allow more time and space for wildflowers to grow. It’s naturally very free draining and infertile soil which helps the diversity of plants, with over 100 species now having been recorded in the churchyard. They have also noticed a marked difference in the diversity of insects in the churchyard.”

Take part with your church – find out more at caringforgodsacre.org.uk/resources-for-love-your-burial-ground-churches-count-on-nature-week and sign up for Eco Church In An Hour at gloucester.anglican.org/eco-church-in-an-hour/

Thy Kingdom Come, 26 May to 5 June

Pray for five people you know

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. Christians are encouraged to choose five people to pray for every day for the 11 days.

Remind yourself of the people you are praying for by writing their names on smooth stones, tying knots in a cord or putting their names on Post-It notes and sticking them around your home.

You could pray while you brush your teeth, while you’re on the train or while you enjoy a cup of tea first thing in the morning. Connect with the five people you choose – perhaps invite them out for a drink, send them a card to let them know you’re thinking of them or even ask them to church.

Find out more at www.thykingdomcome.global

Messy Church Goes Wild

Introducing a fantastic new offering from Messy Church, in partnership with the Diocese of Gloucester.

Pack a picnic and book your place as Messy Church Goes Wild brings you all the best in intergenerational fun, at the Christian Adventure Centre in Viney Hill, 17 September, 11am to 4pm.



Using mostly the outdoor space at Viney Hill, activities will focus on exploring nature, and what we learn about God from noticing creation.

A fun and engaging day for all involved, both families and those engaged in running Messy Churches. Experience ideas and activities to inspire you to try them out in your own patch. Leaders can how they can try this in their own community, in an optional half-hour leaders’ information session.

Messy Church Goes Wild is the movement within Messy Church which aims to encourage Messy Churches to meet God outdoors, love the natural world, experience a sense of awe and wonder there, and be more eco-aware in all we do for the good of the planet.

Come as a family, or a Messy Church group with leaders. Book your free space here by the end of June <https://bit.ly/3MSDepj>