

15th March 2024

NOTICESHEET

SUNDAY:

10.30AM

ST MARK'S

SPEAKER: PHIL SOUTHAM
ACTS 8:26-40

10.30AM

ST BARNABAS

SPEAKER: PAUL EWINS
ACTS 4:32-37

10.40AM

ST AIDAN & ST SILAS

FELLOWSHIP



The Parish of
West Cheltenham

ANNUAL MEETING:

SUNDAY 21ST APRIL
10.30AM
ST MARK'S CHURCH



Join the



The Parish of
West Cheltenham

Electoral Roll

THE ELECTORAL ROLL IS THE OFFICIAL
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP LIST.

PLEASE CHECK THAT YOU ARE ON IT!
(CURRENT LISTS ARE DISPLAYED IN EACH CHURCH)

IF YOU...

**VIEW OUR CHURCHES AS HOME
HAVE BEEN BAPTISED
ARE OVER 16**

THEN **[CLICK HERE](#)** TO COMPLETE THE FORM ONLINE,
OR PICK ONE UP IN CHURCH!



BUILDING THE TOMB

Can you help build the tomb for the Passion Play?

Construction will begin on Sunday 17th March at 1pm!

Meet on St Aidan's Land - please bring spades, gloves, pliers and anything else you think might be helpful.

Parking available on St Aidan's Close.

Speak to Mick Potter if you'd like more info, or just turn up on the day!

We also need newspaper donations for paper mache - please bring to church on Sunday and we will arrange collection next week!

EASTER ART REFLECTIONS

Great friend of West Cheltenham, Margaret Cooling, is running an Easter art presentation with reflections at St Matthews, Cheltenham:

*Art and Reflections on
Good Friday, Holy Saturday
and Easter Sunday*

*St Matthew's Church
Tuesday 26th March
7.30pm*

*Exploring insights into the Easter story by artists from
different times and cultures.*

Free Event, open to all!



PIONEER PRAYER EVENING

For your diary - the monthly Pioneer Prayer evening is coming up on Thursday.

All Saints Academy Chapel
7.30-8.30pm
Thursday 21st March

See you there!





EASTER

FROM DEATH TO LIFE...

MAUNDY THURSDAY

28th March - 7.30pm

Communion

St Barnabas

GOOD FRIDAY

29th March - 2pm

Community Passion Play

Starting at Hester's Way Park

EASTER SUNDAY

31st March

Usual 10.30am celebrations

across West Cheltenham

then 3pm

Celebration on St Aidan's Land

WEST CHELTENHAM COMMUNITY



GOOD FRIDAY

A DRAMATIC RETELLING OF THE EASTER STORY

29TH MARCH AT 2PM

FOLLOW THE ROUTE:

2PM HESTER'S WAY PARK, GL51 0GH

2.30PM LISTENING STONES, GL51 0GH

3PM GLOSCOL, GL51 7SJ

3.30PM OASIS CENTRE, GL51 7SY

4PM EDINBURGH PLACE SHOPS, GL51 7SA*

4.30PM ST AIDAN'S CHURCH LAND, GL51 0HL

NO COST.

IT'S ALREADY BEEN PAID.

**HOT CROSS BUNS &
MEET THE DONKEY AT THE END!**

TIMINGS ARE APPROXIMATE.

*IF YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT ACCESSIBILITY AND ONLY WISH TO ATTEND ONE SCENE,
EDINBURGH PLACE WOULD BE OUR RECOMMENDATION.

DRIVING? CORONATION SQUARE CAR PARK, GL51 7RG IS A SHORT DISTANCE FROM ALL LOCATIONS.

WWW.WESTCHELTPASSIONPLAY.ORG.UK



WEST CHELTENHAM COMMUNITY



EASTER SUNDAY

31ST MARCH AT 3PM
ST AIDAN'S CHURCH LAND

LIVE MUSIC
& EASTER EGG HUNT

NO COST.
IT'S ALREADY BEEN PAID.

ALL WELCOME!



Easter
2024
WEST CHELTENHAM



www.westcheltpassionplay.org.uk



COMMUNITY
*Passion
Play*

#wccpp24



STEWARDS & STAGE HANDS!

The route is planned, rehearsals are well under way, the props and costumes are being made.

To deliver this amazing witness though, we need 30-40 stewards around the route to point people in the right direction and ensure everyone is kept safe.

If you don't fancy acting, but would love to be involved, this is the perfect way to do so! You will only be needed for the dress rehearsal on the 24th March, and on the 29th for the play.

CHOIR & ORCHESTRA!

It's not too late to join the party!

Discovered your inner voice, or want to release your musical promise?? Join the choir or orchestra!

Meeting on Wednesday evenings at St Barnabas – contact janice.hamilton@westchelt.org.uk, or just turn up from 7pm!



POSTER PUTTER-UPPERS!

As the big day draws near, we're looking for people who can help in the final push to spread the word!

If you can put up some posters around West Cheltenham, around where you live, or even just in your window, please let us know!

You can print the previous two pages, or ask the office to, and pop them in your window today!



PRACTICAL. SACRIFICIAL.
RISKY.



The Parish of
West Cheltenham

Lent

PRACTISING GENEROSITY

This series of Sunday talks for Lent is inspired by the zeal of the early Christian church as described in the book of Acts, looking at...

THE GENEROSITY OF JESUS

in spite of pain & suffering

THE GENEROSITY OF THE EARLY CHURCH

in spite of persecution

OUR OWN GENEROUS RESPONSE

in spite of ourselves

The first disciples were shaped by their profound encounters with Jesus. Those who had known Jesus face to face, and seen him crucified, resurrected and return to his Father's side in heaven.

Now, inspired by the Holy Spirit, their love for God meant they not only endured floggings, arrest, death threats and worse, but actively rejoiced because their suffering was a direct result of their devotion (Acts 5:41). So maybe our prayer this Lent is that we hear God's call to practical, sacrificial, even risky generosity in the name of Jesus.

PRAYER DURING LENT

***They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and to prayer (Acts 2:42)***

*Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.*

PERSONAL PRAYER

Lectio365 app: Morning and Evening prayer

[CLICK HERE](#)

Lectio for Families

[CLICK HERE](#)

PRAYING TOGETHER

Tuesday's

9am at St Mark's

12pm at St B's

Wednesday's

9am at St Aidan's Site

(or Coronation Cafe if bad weather!)

PARISH PRAYER

Father God,

Give us the grace to work together in unity and
obedience.

To be a Parish that is outward looking and inclusive,
making disciples of others.

Thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit and all that
you provide for us.

Help us to be wise and generous in how we use your
gifts to extend Your Kingdom here in West
Cheltenham, both now and into the future.

In the name of Jesus,

Amen



WE'RE RECRUITING!

Associate Rector WEST CHELTENHAM with responsibility for St Barnabas Church

Are you are passionate about bringing the good news of Jesus to life in ways non-Christians can understand?

Are you someone who loves engaging with young people and families from all walks of life?

You will be working as part of an enthusiastic and collaborative team in one of the most diverse parts of Cheltenham, exercising leadership in one of its three worshipping communities. With an existing parish of 30,000 and significant development plans (including a nationally recognised 'cyber park' close to GCHQ) we are looking for someone who can help us rise to the challenge of furthering our vision of 'people and places buzzing with the extraordinary presence of Jesus'. The role would suit someone looking for a first post following curacy, or someone bringing previous leadership experience.

For an informal discussion about the role contact the Rector, Rod Paterson, on 07853 632675.

Full details and an application form can be found at <http://www.gloucester.anglican.org/about/vacancies/>

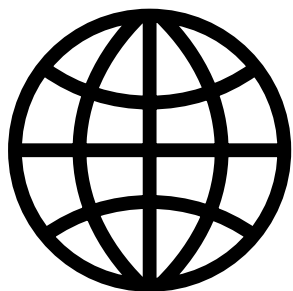
Closing date for applications: Monday 22 April 2024 at 10am
Interviews to be held in Cheltenham on Wednesday
15 May 2024

Completed applications should be sent to Debbie Long, PA to the Archdeacon of Cheltenham at dlong@glosdioc.org.uk

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE PROFILE](#)



WAYS TO GIVE



REGULARLY

For Direct Debit and Regular Giving, get set up with the Parish Giving Scheme [HERE](#).



ONE OFF

Scan with your phone or click this code to go to our online giving page.



PASTORAL CARE

contacts

Each congregation has a primary contact to provide pastoral support as needed.

- St. Aidan & St. Silas** - Pippa O'Connell
- St. Barnabas** - Pauline Carter
- St. Mark's Weds 10am** - Peter Sibley
- St. Mark's Sunday 10.30am** - Mike & Kristina

If you are aware of someone who needs additional help, please contact

Rod Paterson - 07853 632675 (day off Thursday)

Janice Hamilton - 07749130323 (day off Thursday or Friday)

Josh Denley (Office) - 07990 264554 (days off Saturday & Sunday)

Josh Vallance (Youth Worker) - 07512 070464 (days off Friday & Saturday)

Parish Safeguarding Officer - 01242 655650 - safeguarding@westchelt.org.uk