

*8th March 2024*

# NOTICESHEET

## MOTHERING SUNDAY:

9AM

### **ST AIDAN & ST SILAS**

**SPEAKER: ROD PATERSON  
HOLY COMMUNION**

10.30AM

### **ST MARK'S**

**SPEAKER: ROD PATERSON  
ACTS 8:1-17**

10.30AM

### **ST BARNABAS**

**SPEAKER: PHIL SOUTHAM  
ACTS 8:26-40**



# MOTHER'S DAY

ON MOTHER'S DAY WE SAY THANK YOU TO OUR MOTHERS



AND MAKE A BIT OF AN EFFORT, PERHAPS BY  
TIDYING OUR ROOMS A BIT

# 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](mailto:dlong@glosdioc.org.uk)

**[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE PROFILE](#)**





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# ANNUAL MEETING:

SUNDAY 21ST APRIL  
10.30AM  
ST MARK'S CHURCH



*Join the*



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# *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!

Easter  
**2024**  
WEST CHELTENHAM



[www.westcheltpassionplay.org.uk](http://www.westcheltpassionplay.org.uk)



COMMUNITY

*Passion  
Play*

#wccpp24

# CAN YOU STEWARD?

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.

**Contact Janice:**

[janice.hamilton@westchelt.org.uk](mailto:janice.hamilton@westchelt.org.uk)

07749130323

MORE THINGS IN  
HEAVEN AND EARTH:  
**SHAKESPEARE,  
RELIGION & RACE**

**SPEAKERS INCLUDE:**

**PROF ANTHONY REDDIE**  
University of Oxford

**PROF EWAN FERNIE**  
Shakespeare Institute,  
Stratford-upon-Avon

**REV DR ALYCIA TIMMIS**  
New York University

**REV PROF PAUL FIDDES**  
University of Oxford

**+ MORE TO COME**

Talks, panel discussion  
and a liturgy based on  
**A MIDSUMMER  
NIGHT'S DREAM**

**SATURDAY 20 APRIL,  
10.30AM-6PM**

**St Philip & St James Church, Grafton Road,  
Leckhampton, Cheltenham GL50 2DL**

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# 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.

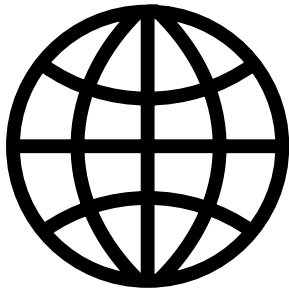
Help us to be wise and generous in how we use your  
gifts to extend Your Kingdom here in West  
Cheltenham, both now and into the future.

In the name of Jesus,

*Amen*



# 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](mailto:safeguarding@westchelt.org.uk)