



The Parish of
West Cheltenham

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1st March 2024

NOTICESHEET

THIS SUNDAY:

10.30AM

ST MARK'S

SPEAKER: SARAH ORWIN-HENDERSON
ACTS 6:1-7
HOLY COMMUNION

10.30AM

ST BARNABAS

SPEAKER: ROD PATERSON
ACTS 8:1-17

10.40AM

ST AIDAN & ST SILAS

FELLOWSHIP

3.30PM

MESSY CHURCH

AT ST MARK'S

PRACTICAL. SACRIFICIAL.
RISKY.



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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.



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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...

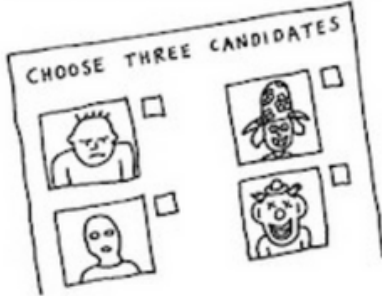
**VIEW OUR CHURCHES AS HOME
HAVE BEEN BAPTISED
ARE OVER 16**

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

THE ELECTORAL ROLL

REASONS TO JOIN IT

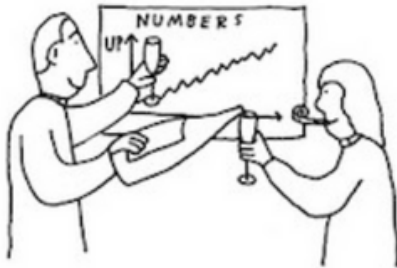
① YOU WILL DECIDE WHO SHOULD BE ON THE P.C.C. AND DEANERY SYNOD



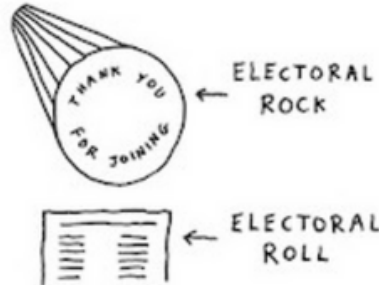
② YOU CAN PLAY A FULL PART IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



③ IT WILL BOOST THE MORALE OF THE CLERGY



④ THERE MAY BE A THANK YOU PRESENT - SEASIDE CONFECTIONARY PERHAPS



⑤ YOUR NAME WILL BE EXHIBITED IN CHURCH FOR 14 DAYS



CartoonChurch.com

another reason to join...
vote at the
annual meeting!

SUNDAY 21ST APRIL
10.30AM
ST MARK'S CHURCH

COMMISSIONING HELEN!

Huge congratulations to Helen Wolfendale who had her commissioning service as an Anna Chaplain last week at Holy Apostles, Charlton Kings.

Anna Chaplaincy is a ministry undertaken by volunteers in communities to provide support to older people in their own homes, sheltered housing or care homes.

For more details on local Anna Chaplaincy, please [**CLICK HERE**](#)

Join us as we pray for Helen as she continues in her ministry to older people.

MESSY CHURCH UPDATE

Messy Church has been meeting faithfully each month for many years.

Those who attend will recognise the huge demand on the team to set up crafts, activities, food etc each month. So to allow a season of rest, the decision has been taken that Messy Church will gather only during term-time in 2024:

3rd March
5th May
7th July
6th October
1st December

Pop the dates in the diary - we can't wait to see you!

DID YOU KNOW?!
Messy Church is for everyone!

FABRIC TONIGHT!

Don't forget!! Tonight is the latest Fabric Youth Worship Night, with young people from across Cheltenham coming together for a night of praise and worship.

7pm at Trinity Cheltenham.
Contact Josh Vallance if needed on 07512070464

So what exactly is



CHRIST-CENTRED

Messy Church is a church that helps people encounter Jesus as Lord and Saviour.



ALL-AGE

Messy Church is for everyone. Every element aims to be relevant and accessible to all ages.



CREATIVITY

Messy Church reflects the creativity of God in its imaginative hands-on approach to being church together.




HOSPITALITY

Messy Church is outward-facing, welcoming everybody to enjoy the hospitality and unconditional love of God.



CELEBRATION

Celebration involves marking significant events. Messy Church reflects a God of joy who wants people to have life in all its fullness.

See you there! 

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

11am 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

Easter
2024
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COMMUNITY
*Passion
Play*

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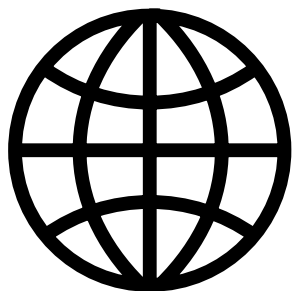
So far we have a cast of around 40, multiple schools, churches and organisations involved as well as tech support, stewarding and more!

The whole budget for the play covers staging, PA equipment, publicity, props and costumes, assorted licences from the council, health and safety measures and even hiring a donkey!

If you can afford to give anything towards the play – sharing the real Easter story in West Cheltenham this March, please contribute via the link below:

[CLICK HERE](#)

WAYS TO GIVE



REGULARLY

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



ONE OFF

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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