

CONTACT US

Parish Priest – Fr Philip Thomas
Parish Administrator–Elaine Wright
ST PETER'S RC CHURCH,
Telephone 01285 652087
Website: www.stpeterscirencester.org
Email: cirencester.stpeter@cliftondiocese.com
ST MICHAEL'S RC CHURCH
Telephone: 01666 502367
Website: www.stmichaelstetbury.org.uk
Email: tetbury.stmichael@cliftondiocese.com
Contact Fr. Philip via the relevant Parish Office

FROM THE CLIFTON DIOCESE DEPT. OF ADULT EDUCATION & EVANGELISATION **Called**

to be a People of Hope The Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation seeks to serve our diocesan community at all levels in living out this invitation, serving the Church's mission to evangelise and to proclaim the Gospel. We are committed to encouraging parishes in all they do

to welcome others into the life of their community as well as nurturing the faith and prayer of those who seek to understand their faith in a deeper, richer way

Clifton Evangelist' our first departmental newsletter. As a new venture we would like it to serve the Diocese of Clifton community as effectively as possible. Our aim is that it is both a source of information and formation, engaging you, the people of our diocese, in sharing and growing in our capacity to be faith-filled people, serving the wider community and proclaiming the Gospel. We ask for your help to ensure that our newsletter speaks to the interests and needs of our diocese: What did we do well in Volume I? What didn't we do well in Volume I? What should we add or take away in Volume II? Please email your thoughts to: adult.education@cliftondiocese. "I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unflinchingly each day". Evangelii Gaudium 3

ST PETER'S NEEDS YOU ON A ROTA!! The Pandemic is not going to beat us or close us down. We need to start the counting rota again. Other rotas will follow. Counting the church collections takes place in pairs, on a Tuesday Morning after Mass. If you are a past member of this group or now find yourself with some free time, please come and join us. We really need your help. Leave a message with Fr. Philip, Lina or Pinky. Thank You,

BACK IN STOCK - "THE DIARY OF GOD" BY JOHN HUNTRISS This blue paperback, published by Clifton Diocese is back in stock at £5 a copy, teaching us about Sacred Scripture by following the readings at Daily Mass. .

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS: We would like to inform you that each parish AGM will take place during March (dates to be announced) after the Parish Financial Returns have been completed and previously discussed at the Parish Finance Committees. If there is something you wish to discuss, please email the appropriate Parish Office, thank you



BULLETIN FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)



St Peter's church
7 St Peter's Road
Cirencester
Gloucestershire
GL7 1RE

St Michael's church,
Silver Street
Tetbury
Gloucestershire
GL8 8DH



SUNDAY V 'THROUGH THE YEAR (Year C) & Platinum Anniversary of the Queen's Accession

- Sat 5th Feb 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's Hall (Pro Populis)
 Sun 6th Feb 9.00am Sunday Mass in St Michael's (King George VI RIP)
9.45am for 10.00am Cirencester Synodal Way Listening Session.
10.00am till 10.30am Tetbury Synodal Way Listening Session.
 11.00am Sunday Mass in 11.00am in St Peter's Hall (in thanksgiving for Queen Elizabeth II)
 Mon 7th Feb Feria in Week II
Fr. P's Day Off – Parish Office Closed
 Tues 8th Feb Feria
 9.30am Mass in St St Peters's
 Wed 9thFeb St Teillo
 10.00am Mass in St Michael's
 Thur 10th Feb St Scholastica, Virgin
 9.30am Mass (Julia B.Caravana RIP)
 Fri 11th Feb Our Lady of Lourdes - World Day of Prayer for the Sick
 9.30am Mass in St Peter's (Companions of Malta)
Our Lady on Saturday
 Sat 12th Feb 10.00am Mass in St Michael's



SUNDAY VI 'THROUGH THE YEAR (Year C)

- Sat 12th Feb 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's Hall (Pro Populis)
 Sun 13th Feb 9.00am Sunday Mass in St Michael's
 11.00am Sunday Mass in 11.00am in St Peter's Hall

CONFESSIONS ARE BY APPOINTMENT AT THE MOMENT. PLEASE RING TO ARRANGE

A WARM WELCOME We welcome visitors and newcomers to join our 'regulars'. Do join us for coffee and refreshments after 11.00am Mass in St Peter's

NEW TO THE PARISH? Please fill in a registration form and take an active part in our two welcoming Parishes

SUPPORTING YOUNGER ADULT CATHOLICS 18-30 As a pair of parishes, we stongly believe, that we exist where God has put us for everyone. That said, the best way to talk about and live the Catholic Faith varies for the various ages and groups within our numbers. **Fr. Philip therefore proposes to take any pariohioner aged 18 to 30 from either parish for a drink the Wheatsheaf Pub in Cirencester on Sunday 6th February at 7.00pm, to enjoy each other's company and talk about how we appropriately support this age group going forward.**



PRAYER FOR H.M. THE QUEEN AT THE END OF SUNDAY MASS THIS WEEKEND

V/ O Lord, save Elizabeth our Queen.

R/ And hear us in the day when we call upon You.

Let us pray.

O Almighty God, in Your mercy You have called Your servant Elizabeth our Queen, to rule over this kingdom.

We ask that she may also receive from You an increase of all virtues. Fittingly adorned with these, may she be able to shun all evil-doing, and, finally, being well pleasing before You, together with the royal family, come to You, Who are the Way, the Truth and the Life. Through Chirst Our Lord. **Amen**

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- **Ash Wednesday**, First day of Lent - Fasting and Abstinence
2nd March: Mass and Distribution of Ashes will be: St Michael's Church @10.00am; St Peter's Church @ 6.00pm
- **Saturday 5th March** 11.00am Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion, Clifton Cathedral. Those to be baptised are Elected by the Bishop and he meets those to be received at Easter.
- **Sundown Thursday 14th April to Sundown Sunday 17th April** THE EASTER TRIDUUM



PRAYER FOR THE EPISCOPAL SYNOD 2023 We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. **Amen**

A PRAYER FOR THOSE AT MASS Gather around, for the table is spread, welcome the food and rest! Wide is our circle, with Christ at the head, He is the Honoured Guest. Learn of His love, grow in His grace, pray for the peace He gives; here at His meal, here in this place, know that His spirit lives! Once He was known in the Breaking of Bread, shared with a chosen few; multitudes gathered and by Him were fed, so, will He feed us too.

PICKING UP PARISH LIFE AND MOVING FORWARD IN THESE VIRUS-AFFECTED TIMES As a pair of parishes, we stongly believe, that we exist where God has put us for everyone. That said, the best way to talk about and live the Catholic Faith varies for the various ages and groups within our numbers. Fr. Philip now makes two proposals.

1. **A Getting To Know You AGAIN Party in St Michael's Hall on Sunday 20th February Noon to 2.00pm AND A Getting To Know You AGAIN Party in St Peter's Hall on Sunday 27th February Noon to 2.00pm.** Bring a plate of something to share and just chat with other folk. The parishes will provide sticky labels to write names on, so that you don't have to introduce yourself again to any one you haven't seen so far during the Pandemic.
2. **At the Parish AGMs in March to renew the Pastoral Council,** which have been unable to meet under lockdown regulations. These AGMs will take place during March (dates to be announced) after the Parish Financial Returns have been completed and previously discussed at the Parish Finance Committees. If there is something you wish to discuss, please email the appropriate Parish Office, thank you.

CAFOD'S WALK AGAINST HUNGER LENT CHALLENGE There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. This Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give hunger its marching orders Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, get sponsored and you'll conquer your 200km target in time for Easter – and help people around the world to live free from hunger. To take part, go to cafod.org.uk/walk. If anyone would like to join me, Mary Dignan, and create a Team to Walk for Hunger during Lent I would be delighted! Please see me after Mass or email:mary.dignan81@gmail.com
We do not individually need to walk 200k in Lent, we can share it.



QUEEN ELIZABETH This weekend we remember Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second of England and First of Scotland as she commorates her Platinnum Jubilee. We send our best wishes and congratulations. We remember too the soul of her father his late majesty King George VI; it is seventy years since He passed away in His sleep at Sandrigham House. May he rest in peace, Amen.

MASS PROPER FOR THE FOURTH ORDINARY SUNDAY

Introit Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

First Reading Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8 *'Here I am: send me'*

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord of Hosts seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of Hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

Resp. Psalm: Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 *I, Paul, preached what the others preach, and you all believed*

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia.



Holy Gospel: Luke 5:1-11 *They left everything and followed Him*

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon’s – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, ‘Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.’ ‘Master,’ Simon replied, ‘we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.’ And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, ‘Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.’ For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon’s partners. But Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.’ Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for His mercy, His wonders for the children of men, for He satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

THE SYNODAL WAY - PREPARING 2021 TO 2023 FOR THE EPISCOPAL SYNOD IN ROME.

This is a listening process, intended to benefit the Church at every level of its existence and not just to feed into the Bishops attending the meeting in Rome. This is not about discussions or letting off steam. We are supposed to be contributing what we believe God wants for His Church. We are to listen to what others believe that is. We don’t just journey with the successors of the Apostles but with one another. We need to submit our reports to Bishop Declan and the diocesan synod tem by 28th February 2022. Some matters which come up with be purely local for swift resolution, but the majority may also strike chords in other parishes. The Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales offers this help to make things a bit easier.

- The Journeying Companions Look at who forms the community which is journeying together? Who are on the peripheries who we need to reach out to? Who do we know who no longer walk with us, who used to and now we don’t see? How do we engage with the covid curious? What is our welcome like?
- Listening Do we listen to each other? How do we best do this – people to people, clergy to clergy, bishops to bishops and each to each other? How do we make our listening “a



listening of the heart” not just of the issues and subjects at hand? How do we listen to the signs of the times outside the Church and respond to them?

- Speaking Out What is the communication like in our group/parish/diocese? Do we have the freedom, truth and charity to speak with parrhesia and prudence? What defines our speaking – when we speak, what to say, how to say it? How am I living out my prophetic vocation given at baptism?
- Celebrating Does the liturgy of the Church inspire a deeper encounter with the risen Lord? How does my prayer – both individually and in community – affect my discernment of my participation in the mission of the Church? Is the Eucharist the centre of my, and my community’s life? What flows from the Sunday (or daily) Eucharist out of the Church into the world from our communities? What do I give thanks to God for in prayer? What do I seek from him?
- Co-responsibility in the Mission Who do I understand the mission of the Church both in my own life and participation, and in the local church and the universal church? How is what we are doing relate to the Great Commission of Jesus (Matt 28:18- 20)? What formation do I need to be more committed to the mission of the Church? what impact is our local community making in the area – do we make a difference. Dialogue in Church and Society How do we understand dialogue in and outside of the Church? Do we see dialogue as a unique contribution that the Church can make to the world? How do we address the challenges that dialogue brings about? How do we begin to dialogue with others?
- With the other Christian Denominations What is our relationship with the other denominations like? Do we listen to each other as we journey on our pilgrim way? What enriches us from the other traditions? What do we offer them from ours?
- Authority and Participation How is authority exercised in our communities? What are the organs of co-responsibility that allows for the expression of our baptismal consecration as priest, prophet and king? How do the lay faithful collaborate effectively in the life of the local church? What are the fruits of this collaboration, and what are the obstacles and challenges?

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER This will be held this year on **Friday**

4th March 2022 @ 2.00pm in St Michael’s Church. The theme of the service is Hope; after the past two years this is appropriate as we move foward. “I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU” 2022 is a special year for World Day of Prayer in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. This year, Christian women of these countries prepared the World Day of Prayer service. It has been both challenging and rewarding to write about the three countries that make up our area: our landscape, people and culture all shaped by our history. Services take place all over the world so we are all united in prayer, readings and hymn. We hope that due to the service being held in our church we hope that parishioners; men, women, the young and young at heart of all churches but especially our Parrishioners will support us. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

