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Please contact Fr Philip through the relevant Parish Office; Items for the Newsletter need to be in WORD not PDF. Thank you.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CIRENCESTER St Peter's parish is looking for someone to represent them on the CTIC. If you are interested in representing us, please let the parish office know. Thank you

CAFOD There will be Cafod Christmas cards for sale after Mass, £4.95 for a pack of 20. There are a few Advent calendars, also £4.95 each. (St Michael's Church)

HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS Cirencester Foodbank wants to recruit a part-time participation and engagement worker on a two-year fixed term contract, to support us as we develop our engagement with people with personal experience of poverty. Cirencester Foodbank was founded in 2012 and provided over 4,000 three-day emergency food supplies to people in crisis in the last year. We serve the southern portion of the Cotswold District, through a hybrid model of deliveries and support centres. We are looking for a self-motivated individual to join our team in a new role as participation and engagement worker, working 15 hours per week. You will work closely with the Head of the Foodbank and Foodbank operations manager, as well as working alongside our partner support agencies, where possible. The closing date for receipt of applications is 28th November 2022. It is anticipated interviews will take place week commencing 5th December 2022.

'ACHIEVE AFRICA' CHRISTMAS LUNCH Achieve Africa is happy to inform everyone that we have resumed the much loved Christmas Lunch. It is on Saturday, 3rd December from 12:30 till 4:30pm. Full Christmas meal will be provided. It is best to get a ticket ahead of time, but there will be tickets available on the door. Price £10.00 Please, come with friends and family to support the disabled and disadvantaged children in Africa this Christmas. For further details, please contact Fr. Issy in Swindon.

**THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER, WE REMEMBER FAMILY, FRIENDS,
PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS, WHO HAVE DIED IN THE
LAST YEAR, AS WELL AS THOSE LONGER DEAD**



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SOLEMNITY OF O.L.J.C. THE UNIVERSAL KING (Last Sunday of the Church Year) –

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Sat 19th Nov 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's (Godafreda Caravana RIP)
Sun 20th Nov 9.00am Mass & FHC in St Michael's (Pro Populis)
11.00am Mass & FHC in St Peter's (Betty & Douglas Jolliffe RIP)

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Mon 21st Nov The Presentation of the B.V.M.
FR PHILIP'S DAY OFF PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Tue 22nd Nov St Cecilia, Patroness of Music
9.30am Mass in St Peter's (Parish Musicians)
Wed 23rd Nov Pope St Clement I
10.00am Mass in St Michael's (Dead List)
Thu 24th Nov Sts Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions
9.30am Mass in St Peter's (Dead List)
Fri 25th Nov St Catherine of Alexandria
9.30am Mass in St Peter's
12.00noon Funeral of Kathleen Murray in St Peter's
Sat 26th Nov Our Lady on Saturday
9.30am Mass in St Peter's

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A

Sat 26th Nov 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's
Sun 27th Nov 9.00am Mass in St Michael's (Pro Populis)
11.00am Mass in St Peter's

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: CONFESSIONS

In St Peter's: Saturday 5.15pm to 5.45pm
In St Michael's: Wednesday 10.45am to 11.15am & by Appointment;
please ring to arrange. Thank you

WELCOME We welcome parishioners, visitors especially the families of those receiving their First Holy Communion today, to our celebration of Mass.

SECOND COLLECTION will be taken this weekend for the Clergy Training Fund
Gift Aid envelopes are available

MASS PROPERS FOR CHRIST THE KING (Year C)

Entrance Antiphon How worthy is the Lamb Who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To Him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading 2 Samuel 5: 1-3 *They anointed David King of Israel*

Responsorial Psalm I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house'.

Second Reading Colossians 1: 12-20 *He has created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that He loves*

Alleluia: Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessings on Him Who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Holy Gospel: Gospel: Luke 23: 35-43, *Lord, remember me when you come into Your Kingdom*

Communion Antiphon: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Next Sunday we will celebrate the first Sunday of Advent which starts the Church's new year and will see us move into Year A Sunday Readings and Year II of Weekday readings. The Sunday Gospels for Year A were written by St Matthew the teacher.

TETBURY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL For, a number of years, St Michael's has taken part in this annual tradition, in St Saviours church. We are looking for a couple of volunteers to take on this role. The festival normally takes place from early December to early January. We have a tree that was donated that we use along with lights etc. The role will involve taking the tree and decorations to the church and removing again after the festival finishes. It would be great if we can continue with this town tradition. To volunteer or for more information, please contact the parish office as soon as possible, thank you Elaine.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. Please remember to pray for the children of both parishes who are receiving their FHC today. The children will be presented with their certificates during Advent; Sunday 11th December in both churches. Thank you to Fr Philip for preparing them for this important step.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS There will be a get together with coffee and cake after the 10.00am Mass on Wednesday 6th December in St Michael's and after the 9.30am Mass on Thursday 7th December, with Fr Philip as a thank you to those who make our churches look lovely each week. At which we will discuss the way ahead for Christmas decorations.

INVITE To celebrate the start of Advent you are invited by the owner Alison for free coffees and cake at Llamas in Pyjamas coffee shop 4 Long Street Tetbury following mass on Sunday 27th November. We look forward to welcoming you.

ST MICHAEL'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE Parish Raffle – Goodies for a hamper, other prizes appreciated too; tickets will be on sale at 50p per ticket from Sunday 27th November.

Help for the above would be appreciated, please. Thank you. Please support your parish in its continuing building of its parish life. Proceeds of the above will be donated to parish funds, Mary's Meals and CenterPoint UK Homeless Charity. Any questions on the above, please speak to Elaine. God Bless

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- **Sundays 4th 11th December** Table Top Sales in St Michael's after the 9.00am Mass. Help appreciated.
- **Wed. 6th Dec. @ Tetbury & Thu. 7th Dec. @ Cirencester - Meeting after Morning Masses 'Coffee & Cake with Thanks'** for flower arrangers (will also discuss Christmas flowers)
- **Thursday 15th December** Tetbury Festive Lunch; **Please note change of date.** Help appreciated.
- **Wednesday 21st December** CHRISTMAS "BIG CLEAN" IN ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH
- **Thursday 22nd December** CHRISTMAS "BIG CLEAN" IN ST PETER'S CHURCH
- **Christmas Masses –**

Saturday 24 th Dec.	5.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass in St Peter's
	9.00pm Mass of Christmas Night in St Michael's
Sunday 25 th Dec.	9.00am Mass of Dawn of Christmas in St Michael's
	11.00am Mass of Christmas Day in St Peter's

ALL MASSES 26TH TO 31ST DECEMBER 2022 WILL BE AT NOON IN BOTH CHURCHES

THE NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE LIST The chief form of prayer for the dead is the Mass.

1. Purple pages will be available from Next Sunday for the names of departed loved ones.
2. Holy Souls Envelope for purple page and a mass offering. These envelopes for can be handed in to the sacristy or given to Father at the door.

The November Dead List will be on the altar for all masses all month. We aim to offer a Mass for the dead every other day to allow for other intentions [and if we have sufficient requests, there will also be one mass a month for the rest of the year.]

VOLUNTEERS FOR 'LISTENING AND BEFRIENDING SERVICE' @ ST. MICHAEL'S NEEDED Following our discussions earlier this year, we shall be launching a telephone befriending listening service in the New Year for parishioners. We are now looking for some additional volunteers to make the service to parishioners sustainable over the longer term. The duties are not onerous. The basic requirements are to be a good listener, discrete and organised in handling this commitment (which is unlikely, estimate, to consume more than a couple of hours a week of anyone's time). The normal statutory checks will apply. If you are interested in helping with this important, new initiative, please speak to Maggie Marum or Catharine Elliott for more information. Alternatively, please give us your name and telephone number and one of us will get back to you shortly.