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PARISH NEWSLETTER: Could you please send any items for the Parish Newsletter to Elaine in St Michael's Parish Office by Wednesday @12.00noon.

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

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 Catherine Elliott for more information. Alternatively, please give us your name and telephone number and one of us will get back to you shortly.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES 2023 These are available in the porch for £6.00 each; please give the money to Elaine or in her absence the duty Sacristan.

THE ADVENT PRESERVATION SOCIETY The world around us would have us believe that the season of Christmass is already in full swing. Their version has no Christ and no Mass!! The lights in the streets are to invite us to late night shopping and spending. The world around us says that buying presents rather than giving them is what it is all about. The Christmas Season began for some in September and for many more as soon as Halloween was over on the 1st November. It will all be over as soon as His Majesty the King makes his annual broadcast on the afternoon of December 25th. They do not preserve Advent and they don't keep Christmass at Christmastide. Advent runs up to it getting dark on Christmas Eve. Christmass runs from then until the Sunday after Epiphany and has a major outpost 40 days after the 25th December on Candlemass, 2nd February, when we take the Crib down.



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ADVENT II – YEAR A

Sat 3rd Dec 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's (Priscillano Zerda RIP)
Sun 4th Dec 9.00am Mass in St Michael's (Pro Populis)
11.00am Mass in St Peter's (St Osmund's, Salisbury)

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Mon 5th Dec Advent Feria
FR PHILIP'S DAY OFF PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tue 6th Dec St Nicholas of Myra
9.30am Mass in St Peter's

Wed 7th Dec St Ambrose of Milan
10.00am Mass in St Michael's (Dead List)
Coffee & Cake with the Flower Arrangers in Tetbury
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE B.V.M. (Solemnity)
Principal Patron of Clifton Diocese
9.30am Mass in St Peter's
Coffee & Cake with the Flower Arrangers in Cirencester
8.00pm Taize Service in St Michael's

Fri 9th Dec Advent Feria
9.30am Mass in St Peter's

Sat 10th Dec Advent Feria
9.30am Mass in St Peter's (Hilaria Zerda RIP)

ADVENT III – YEAR A Gaudete Sunday (WEAR SOMETHING PINK!)

Sat 10th Dec 6.00pm Vigil Mass in St Peter's
Sun 11th Dec 9.00am Mass in St Michael's (Pro Populis)
11.00am Mass in St Peter's

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

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND WILL BE TAKEN FOR THE
POOR MISSIONS OF THE DIOCESE.
GIFT AID ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE**

MASS PROPERS FOR ADVENT II (Year A)

Entrance Antiphon: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of His voice heard in the joy of your heart.

First Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10 *The Prophet foresees a new Eden.*

Responsorial Psalm: In His days, justice shall flourish and peace to the moon fails.

Second Reading: Romans 15: 4-9 *All the Scriptures are meant to teach us about Christ*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make His paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of the Lord. Alleluia

Holy Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12 *Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand*

Communion Antiphon Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God

ADVENT II This is a season of expectation and waiting with hope. "Advent" means "arrival" or "coming," and it prompts us to pause each day in December and remember why Jesus came/comes/will come again and why we should come to Him. The Advent wreath is originally a German custom. Its sole purpose is for counting the Sundays before Christmas arrives and it is made out of evergreens. Advent candles shine brightly in the midst of darkness, symbolizing and reminding us that Jesus came as Light into our dark world. The circle reminds us of God's unending love and the eternal life He makes possible. Attending Church during Advent we can sit in silence, away the commercial world in which we live in.

TAIZE IN TETBURY After a period of absence due to COVID, we are pleased to announce that there will be a Taizé Service in St Michael's Church, Tetbury on Thursday 8th December @ 8.00pm. All are most welcome. Sue and Robin

TABLE TOP SALE. Come into the hall directly after mass at St Michael's Church. You might find some Christmas gifts. If you, have produce, to sell or would like to make a cake; all will be welcomed

Fr. Philip and all our parishioners wish you a blessed Advent season, a happy and peaceful Christmas, and a New Year, filled with God's Blessings, Peace, Happiness, Health, and Fortune



TETBURY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL St Michael's will be represented this year at Tetbury Tree Feast in St. Saviour's church once again. The tree will be erected on Monday, if you want to be part of this and make it your tree please spare a couple of minutes after Mass, today and go into the hall to write a message that you can hang on our tree, tags will be available for your personal message, be it a message re a loved one, a quote from scripture, a line from your favourite carol, or

just a simple wish for peace. Thank you. Please visit St Saviour's, after Monday to see 'our tree' and the other trees on display. We need to keep St Michaels visible in the town and therefore it is important to continue with this town tradition, that was originally instigated by the Late Kevin Healy. We will need volunteers to carry this forward next year; please speak to Elaine or email the parish office. Thank you for your co-operation.

ST MICHAEL'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE Parish Raffle – Goodies for a hamper, other prizes appreciated too; tickets continue to be on sale at 50p per ticket until the draw takes place, on Sunday 18th December after morning Mass. Please support your parish in 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

- **Thursday 15th December** Tetbury Festive Lunch; **Please note change of date.** Help appreciated. There is a list in the porch for names for those willing to help and those who wish to attend.
- **Wednesday 21st December** CHRISTMAS "BIG CLEAN" IN ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH Dusting & Polishing, Mopping and Hoovering, Brass Cleaning, Tidying and Final Decorations. Refreshments will be served.
- **Thursday 22nd December** CHRISTMAS "BIG CLEAN" IN ST PETER'S CHURCH
- Dusting & Polishing, Mopping and Hoovering, Brass Cleaning, Tidying and Final Decorations. Refreshments will be served.
- **Masses fulfilling the Christmass Obligation –**

Saturday 24th Dec.	5.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass in St Peter's
	9.00pm Mass of Christmas Night in St Michael's
Sunday 25th 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 ON THE USUAL DAYS