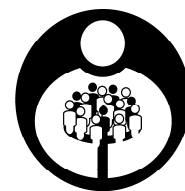


# Update



The Parish of Cogges

St. Mary's Church Cogges

*making Christ known by word and deed...*

**Week beginning Sunday 8th November 2009**  
**(3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent)**



**Welcome**  
**To Everyone Worshipping**  
**With Us Today!**

If you are new to the church we'd like to get to know you and help you to find out more about us. **If you would like to find out Who's Who in the Church look in the Green book on the Shelf by the door.** Please fill in a welcome card from the shelf by the main church door and hand it to one of the clergy. Please also sign the visitor's book on the table at the door.

If you would like to Gift Aid your giving today, there are envelopes available on the shelf by the church door or from Jen Osman t. 704577.

## Today

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9.30am Holy Communion, St James
- 11.00 am Confirmation, St Mary's
- 4.00 pm Jigsaw
- 4.00pm Remembrance Service
- 7.30pm Connect



**Readings Today**  
**Hebrews 9: 24 – end.**  
**Mark 1: 14 – 20**

In the week ahead :



## Monday

7.00pm Alpha in church

## Tuesday

10.30am Admin Meeting, The House  
2.00pm Toddler Group, St Mary's

## Wednesday

9-9.45am Blake Assembly

## Thursday

10.00 am Prayer meeting, The Office



## Next Week

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9.30am Church Breakfast, St James
- 11.00 am Family Baptism, St Mary's
- 4.00 pm Jigsaw
- 7.30pm Deeper



**LOOK!**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Nov 8<sup>th</sup> Confirmation during 11am service.
- Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 4pm - Remembrance Service, St Mary's
- Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> 3.30 pm Lower Windrush Choral Society
- Dec 4<sup>th</sup> Create for Christmas
- Dec 5<sup>th</sup> Create for Kids
- Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Mini Messiah, 1.30 pm at St Mary's. Admission free.
- Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 7 pm Carol Service, St Mary's
- Dec 20<sup>th</sup> Nativity Tableau during morning Service, St Mary's
- Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 4pm Crib Service
- Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Teaching Weekend with Rev John Soper

## Songs of Praise

The showing of Songs of Praise filmed at High Street Methodist Church is on TV next Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

## PRAYER FOCUS FOR NOVEMBER

**Remembering Past and Present**



Praying Parents Dates at 9.15am in The Priory  
9<sup>th</sup> November  
23<sup>rd</sup> November  
7<sup>th</sup> December

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## OUR MINISTERS

Andrew Sweeney and Andrew Pritchard have their day off on Friday



In order to protect Miri's off duty days please be aware that her working days are as follows:

**Sunday and Tuesday to Thursday**



### Penny Joyce Visit

Penny Joyce will be coming to speak to the Harper Pastorate on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. If you would like to come you would be very welcome-but please let us know beforehand for the catering! Penny will also be going to the Madley Park Pastorate on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November. *Jane Harper 772443*



**Operation Mobilisation:** Claire Warner is working on the ship "Logos Hope". Please return the Smarties tubes refilled with 5p and 1p coins on November 15<sup>th</sup>, our next family service, when we shall make a trail of coins from the Church to the hall. Let us see how many we can collect. Perhaps the trail could go to the hall and back!!! This will be a lovely surprise for Claire. With thanks, Sue Spankie and Ruth Lockwood.

### DELIVERY

There are still some Shoe Box leaflets and letters for delivery at the back of the Church. Please will you take some? Thank you



**Torchlight Winter Walk.** An opportunity for Dad's to spend quality time with their kids enjoying the great outdoors. Bring your kids on a fun walk along the River Windrush – in the dark! Last year there were 40 of us and we had a great time. Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – meet at the Priory Paddock at 4.15 returning for BBQ sausage rolls and a campfire at 6.00. Food £2 for Dad's and £1 for kids (pay on the night). Please register online at <http://winterwalk.eventbrite.com/> by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov so that we can order enough food. Suitable for school age children up to and including yr 8. Don't forget your Wellies and a Torch. Paul Ledden 779021 [paul.ledden@o2.com](mailto:paul.ledden@o2.com) or James Webster 700910 [james@james-webster.co.uk](mailto:james@james-webster.co.uk)



Christian Aid catalogues for alternative gifts are available today.

### Wanted -

Minstrels for carols at

Jigsaw Christingle

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 4.00 p.m.

If you have an instrument - come and play

If you have a voice - come and sing.

Please contact Cyril Tennant 778977

Healing Service: 'Finding Peace in the Storm'

Sunday 22nd November, 7.30pm

A gentle, reflective service

with traditional and more modern hymns and music.

Plus bible readings, comment, testimony and prayer for healing of body, mind and spirit.

Invitations available by the church door.



Please collect a St Mary's Church Purpose and Value Card if you do not have one, they are available at the back of the Church.

### Ladies Pudding Evening

Thursday 12 November at 8pm in Cogges Church

Centre. Simply a fun, social evening with a selection of puddings, wines and soft drinks. There is no charge for this evening but you may like to bring a raffle prize (all proceeds to charity) Invite your friends and neighbours.

*Lisa Benson*

### Sunday 22nd November

Lower Windrush Choral Society present a

A Teatime Concert for St. Cecilia's Day

3:30pm in St Mary's Church, Cogges.

For tickets in advance £6, or on the door £8,

see Ken Smith or Richard Osman

Please pray for Martin Thomas as he leads a church group with World Vision to Ethiopia. Martin will be leaving this Wednesday and will be away for ten days. The group will be based in Addis Ababa and will be visiting projects run by World Vision Ethiopia, including their work with children, HIV and AIDS projects as well as spending time with local church leaders.

### The Gathering

The focus for the October gathering was children and young people's ministry.

Here are some of the things we prayed about:

Schools on Madley Park-for developing relationships with St. Mary's.

CYFA- that young people would be involved in the life and work of the church.

Youth Pastor - that we would reach our financial target.

JAM that there would be sufficient helpers.

Here's how God answered our requests:

Schools on Madley Park- Andrew Pritchard has been invited by the Head Teacher of Madley Brook to become a Governor.

Andrew Pritchard has been added to the Assembly panel at Springfield School

CYFA- Ellen Leafe, a member of CYFA led worship at 11am service last Sunday

JAM- Jam have had enough helpers every Sunday Evening

Youth Pastor-We can fund a Youth Pastor for four years and 8 months. At present we have shortfall of £6700.

We give thanks to God for how he has heard and answered our prayers.

At last week's Gathering we prayed for the church and its relationship with the community and the town.

As we waited on God we were drawn to the words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, that we already are the light of the world and we must not hide the light.

The light must be seen.

Also a picture was shared of a dam with a large crack appearing in the middle of the reinforced concrete. The water was starting to escape and find its way into the valley.

Might this have been a picture of the lives of Christians when they try to live independently from God. We guard our hearts for fear of losing control and it is only when the cracks begin to appear that God can fulfil His purposes in us and through us. The next Gathering is on Epiphany – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.