

**SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

**\* TEAM NOTICES \***

**LENT COURSE – TUESDAYS - 7.30 pm at St Nicolas Church**  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> March and 7<sup>th</sup> April**

**‘Lifting the Lid’** – Six Bible Studies exploring God’s heart for Mental Health  
Father Nick says this is a new course focusing on individual mental health and well being linked to well known passages in the bible. It covers areas such as self esteem, depression, addiction and coping with the pressures of living in a modern world. You do not need to attend every time, or you can choose to attend the complete course. The subject matter for each week will be put in the Pew Sheet. Each session should last approximately one and a half hours.

**WOMEN'S REFLECTION EVENING**

Reflection

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February: 7.30 pm - 9.30pm.**

8 Boulton Road Cheltenham, GL50 4RZ

**PALM CROSSES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY**

If you would like to return Palm Crosses to your respective churches for this year’s Ash, please do so on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February** and **16<sup>th</sup> February** Thank you.



**TEAM SERVICES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY - 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

1030 Said Imposition of Ashes and Eucharist

*St Nicolas*

1800 Sung Imposition of Ashes and Eucharist

*St Mary’s*

1900 Said Imposition of Ashes and Eucharist

*St Lawrence*

1930 Sung Imposition of Ashes and Eucharist

*All Saints*

**RACE TO THE TOWER WITH THE ROCK - Saturday 18th July 2020**

This year the Rock celebrates its 10th Anniversary. As part of the celebrations a team of walkers and a team of runners are taking on the RACE TO THE TOWER 26 mile marathon challenge. Are you a walker or runner who would like to join the team and fundraise for the Rock? Contact Andy Macauly [andy@therock.uk.com](mailto:andy@therock.uk.com) 01242 700700 for further information and register at [www.racetothetower.com](http://www.racetothetower.com) under 'Team Rock'.



## **NORTH CHELTENHAM FELLOWSHIP/FRIENDSHIP GROUP**

This group will meet fortnightly on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February** at 7.30 pm at St Nicolas Church. The next meeting is **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020**. The group won't meet during Lent due to the Lent Course which will take place weekly on a Tuesday as above. Anyone is welcome to attend this group. Contact **Ian on 07771 792865**.

**\* ST MARYS \***

## **EXPLORING CELTIC SPIRITUALITY**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.00 pm at St Mary's Church.**

Exploring Celtic Spirituality with Mary Bowden. Quiet, informal worship, reflection and conversation on the theme of Celtic Saints.

**Rev Mary Bowden, [marybowden753@gmail.com](mailto:marybowden753@gmail.com), 07921 315894**

## **FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S PRESENT 'WHO DUMPED HUMPTY?'**

**Murder Mystery Play 6.15 pm, Saturday, March 28th 2020**, in the WI Hall, Prestbury, Cheltenham GL52 3DF.



Tickets (£20 each) include a Welcome Drink and Supper Available from:

David Lyle [shawgreenlyle@hotmail.com](mailto:shawgreenlyle@hotmail.com) (570453); Helen Egger 573035; or via members of the cast. All welcome.

**BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!**

**CAST INCLUDES:** , Helen Egger, Steve Murton, David Price, Jerry Porter, Diane Lyle, John and Anne Pritchard, Gill Cartwright, Henry Moss-Blundell.

If you are not yet on our emailing list, please send your current email address to us at: [friendsofstmarys@prestbury.net](mailto:friendsofstmarys@prestbury.net)

**BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP NOTES** The next subscription year for these starts in May 2020. Please let me know if you would like to start receiving these notes to accompany daily bible reading, or if you wish to cancel your existing subscription. I need to know before **February 14th** please, and am happy to provide further information. [wendy.price@prestbury.net](mailto:wendy.price@prestbury.net)

**\* ST NICOLAS \***

## **UP-COMING EVENTS AT ST NICOLAS**

We shall be holding our regular Quiz Evening on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. This is always an enjoyable evening, no pressure!

Then on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**, Linda Marsh is organising a Plant Sale, so keep watching over any tender cuttings if you would like to bring them along to the sale.

We plan to stage another Evening of Entertainment in June (date to be finalised) Please let **Janet (528543)** know if you could offer an item for the show, music, drama, spoken word,.....

More details of these 'happenings' to follow in due course.

**\* ALL SAINTS \***

**PARISH VISIT AND CONFIRMATION BY BISHOP JONATHAN OF EBBSFLEET Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 10.30 am**

Bishop Jonathan will be spending the weekend in our Parish. Anyone who would like to be confirmed (from any of our churches) please contact Father Robert. Details of confirmation preparation will follow shortly.

**\* ST MARY MAGDALENE \***

**BURNS NIGHT Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February – 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm, Village Hall, Uckington GL51 9SR** Haggis, Tatties and Neeps washed down with whisky or wine. Music, dancing, tartan and a piper for the Haggis. Please do join us to celebrate Scotland's National Poet. Entry Price inc. food is £15 (veggie option available). Ticket only, payment in advance please. Tickets will be at all churches from Sunday. All proceeds will be donated to Christian Aid. Contact: **Ian 07771 792865**

**JUMBLE SALE Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2.00 pm. Village Hall, Uckington GL51 9SR** Back by popular demand! Please donate and please come along to this sought-after event. Donations gladly accepted from Saturday 10.00 am onwards, or as agreed. Contact **Verina Morgan** on **01242 234480** for further details.

**\* OTHER NOTICES \***

"Stephen Gaukroger, Emeritus Professor of History of Philosophy and History of Science at the University of Sydney is coming to Cheltenham on the 9th and 10th May. Born in Oldham, Lancashire he studied Philosophy at Birkbeck College, University of London and later completed a PhD at Darwin College, Cambridge in the Department of History and Philosophy of Science. Gas Green Baptist Church have invited us to participate in his talks. More information and a booking form is available on [www.gasgreen.org.uk/stephen-gaukroger-booking](http://www.gasgreen.org.uk/stephen-gaukroger-booking)"

**GOTHERINGTON SINGERS**, a well-established choir of female singers, is seeking to appoint a Musical Director to start in Spring 2020. We are looking for a committed, enthusiastic and inspiring leader to take this friendly choir forward. Please contact [The Chairman](mailto:The_Chairman) for further information and job description. 01242 317276 or email [sall.newbury@gmail.com](mailto:sall.newbury@gmail.com) You can check us out on our website [www.gotheringtonsingers.co.uk](http://www.gotheringtonsingers.co.uk) . Applications to be returned by 17 February 2020. Interviews will be held during the week commencing 24 February.

## THIS WEEK'S ADDITIONAL EVENTS

### MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

1215 Said Eucharist  
1945 Gotherington Singers' Rehearsal

*Scholastica, abbess, c. 543*

*St Mary's*  
*St Nicolas*

### TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

1030-1200 Coffee Drop In  
1030-1200 Chatterbox  
1900 Holy Communion  
1930 Friendship and Fellowship Group

*St Mary's*  
*St Lawrence*  
*St Lawrence*  
*St Nicolas*

### WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

0945 Bible Study  
1930 All Saints PCC

*320 Prestbury Road*  
*All Saints*

### THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

1930 Celebrate! Band practice

*St Mary's*

### FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

*Valentine, martyr at Rome, c. 269*  
*Cyril and Methodius, missionaries, 869 and 885*

### SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

1000-1500 Russian Orthodox Divine Liturgy  
1730 Said Eucharist

*Sigfrid, bishop, 1045*  
*Thomas Bray, priest, founder of SPCK and SPG, 1730*

*All Saints*  
*St Mary's*

### SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

1430 Baptism of Rosie Smith

**ST VALENTINE**

*St Lawrence*

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**Baptisms (Christenings) & Weddings** may be arranged at the Team Office on 01242 244373 (opening hours as above)

### PRAYER LISTS AT ALL CHURCHES

If you would like to be prayed for by name on the service sheet, or know of someone who would like to be prayed for, or needs to be prayed for, please contact Kate at the office, either by email, [admin@northchelt.org.uk](mailto:admin@northchelt.org.uk) or by telephone on 01242 244373. You can of course, speak to any of the clergy or wardens at your church who will contact Kate on your behalf. We only ever put someone's first name on the prayer list, Any names added to the prayer list will then remain on the list for a period of three months. After that time the name will be removed, UNLESS you have contacted Kate or a member of clergy to ask to stay on for another three month period.