



*The Parish of
S. Philip & S. James
Up Hatherley*



Parish Magazine

August 2026



The Assumption

*S. Philip and S. James Parish Church,
Cold Pool Lane, Up Hatherley, Cheltenham, GL51 6HX.*

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Sat 1st	Saint Alphonsus Liguori
SUN 2nd	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon 3rd	Feria
Tue 4th	Saint John Mary Vianney
Wed 5th	Feria
Thur 6th	TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
Fri 7th	Feria
Sat 8th	Saint Dominic
SUN 9th	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon 10th	SAINT LAURENCE
Tue 11th	Saint Clare
Wed 12th	Feria
Thur 13th	Feria
Fri 14th	Saint Maximillian Kolbe
Sat 15th	Feria
SUN 16th	ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Mon 17th	Feria
Tue 18th	Feria
Wed 19th	Feria
Thur 20th	Saint Bernard
Fri 21st	Saint Pius X
Sat 22nd	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
SUN 23rd	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon 24th	SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, Apostle
Tue 25th	Feria
Wed 26th	Feria
Thur 27th	Saint Monica
Fri 28th	Saint Augustine
Sat 29th	The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist
SUN 30th	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon 31st	Feria

SUNDAYS: 10:00 Parish Mass

WEEKDAYS: Said Mass on Thursdays is suspended during the vacancy.

For times of other services please see the church noticeboard or
visit our parish website.

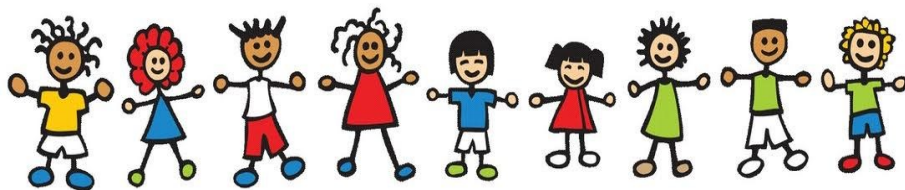
The church is open daily for Private Prayer and closes at 15.00 (3pm).

The Years Mind



Every day the Church remembers and prays for the souls of those whose anniversary of death falls during the month. Below are those who we remember this month.

- 1st Alan George Hiscox.*
- 2nd Clara Parratt, Nicholas Greenwood.
Diana Rosalind Waters.*
- 4th Margery Rose Hutton, Frederick Jarratt,
Garin Coulon.*
- 5th Margaret Jones.*
- 6th James Edgar Brooke, Kenneth John Catchpole.*
- 7th Louise Kate Hodder.*
- 8th Stuart Evans.*
- 10th Muriel Lilian Dallimore.*
- 11th Lillian Frances Couchman, Ruth Robinson.*
- 13th Daron John Staton,
Janet Elizabeth Margaret Loveday.*
- 14th Dale Weldon Blackwell (Pr), Sue Brooke,
David Francis James Searle.*
- 15th Arthur Edward Coleman.*
- 17th Marjorie Grace Smith.*
- 18th Elsie Lillian Joyce Webb.*
- 19th James Albert Batt, Edith Purnell Challenger,
Mary Williams, Graham Richard Darbyshire.*
- 20th Francis Charles Lewis, Daniella King.*
- 21st Raymond Cyril Taylor, Godfrey Francis King,
Kathleen Florence Chew.*
- 22nd Walter Stephen Elliott.*
- 23rd Herta Emelie Anna Maria Wadsworth.*
- 25th Emily Chasteauneuf, Evelyn Pearson, Iris Owen.*
- 30th Anne Elizabeth Froggatt.*
- 31st Godfrey Francis King, David Diamond (Pr),
Stephen Dowson, Marion Horswell.*



'STARTERS'

Our Sunday morning children's group

meets on the 2nd & 4th Sundays

at 10:00 in the Church Centre.

Worship & activities before joining
the adults in Church
for the rest of the Mass.

Go to our website:

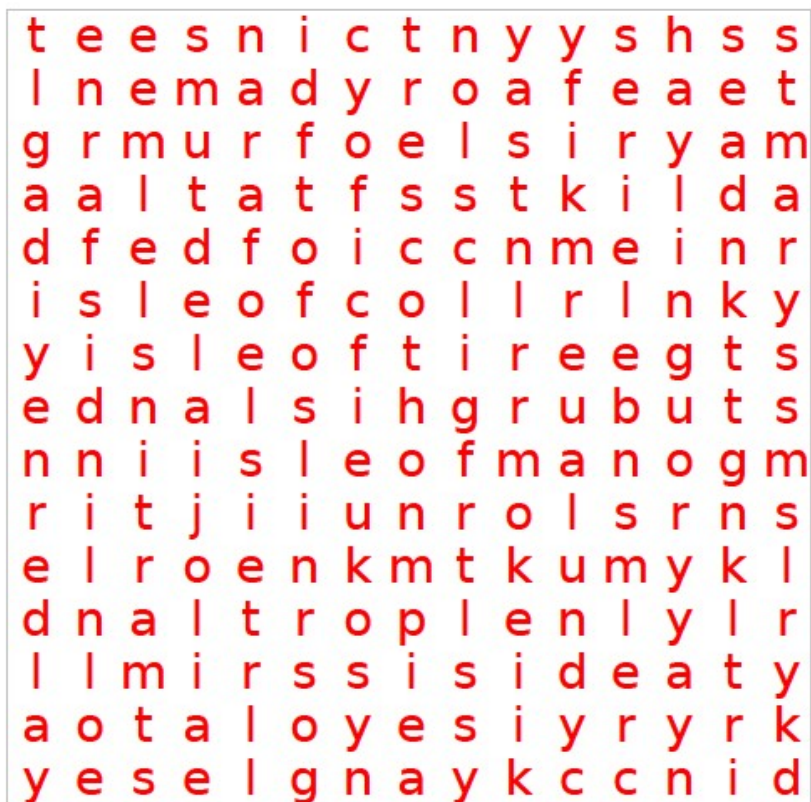
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for weekly children's activity sheets.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO
WELCOMING YOU.

Puzzle Time

UK Islands



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guernsey
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isleoftiree

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Up Hatherley Parish Council

Lakeside Community Pantry (formally Lakeside Community Project) opened in Spring 2021 and was started by Councillor Roger Whyborn, who served as Mayor (for 2 years) and Andrea Williams, who was at the time Community Champion at Morrisons. The initiative started as a result of the pandemic, then in its second year, when some local residents found themselves struggling to manage owing to the pandemic and changes in circumstances.



At the start, the project was a foodbank – held weekly in the annex at St Margaret's Hall and any household in need could register and each week could collect a range of store cupboard items and cleaning products for free. From the outset, it was clear that some of the biggest challenges were faced by working households, due to zero hours contracts, periods in between jobs and restrictions in the number of hours that could be worked.

We were well supported by Morrisons – Andrea and Jane who were the community champions – and also the managers and customers – who facilitated collections of donated items. We were also offered free potatoes by John at Lakeside Chippy. We had an excellent volunteer team which was vital because the foodbank wasn't permanent and had to be set up and packed away each week.

A couple of years later, we became a Food Pantry, so guests paid £4 and in return could have 15 items plus bread, fruit and vegetables for free. We were able to do this through the support we received from Cheltenham Borough Council and the two Parish councils – Up Hatherley and Leckhampton with Warden Hill, as well as some generous local residents who give us regular donations. Paying something for your shopping was welcomed by our guests – because it is more dignified and really helps with supplies.

In 2025, with the help of St Margaret's Hall and the Parish Councils, we finally had our own base – a converted shipping container in the car park. We still have the use of the annex on a Tuesday morning (because 2 guests at a time is the limit for our hub) but we have reduced our manual handling considerably and we have a fridge freezer so we can offer meat, cheese and yoghurt as well as being able to freeze items that are left.

We are open to guests from 11 to 12 each Tuesday and we regularly have groups from local schools to join us – to see how we work and help make up bags of fruit and vegetables. We had a great group of students from Betteridge on work experience with us and look forward to a new group joining us in September.

Finally, I was delighted to meet with Mary Apperley from St Philip and Saint James and show Mary our set up. I look forward to a strong connection between our two organisations.

Sarah Bamford (Chair)

Citizens Advice provides an
appointment only advice service on
Thursday morning at the
Up Hatherley Library.

A blue speech bubble containing the text "citizens advice" in white lowercase letters.

**citizens
advice**

**Please call 01452 527202 to arrange an
appointment:**

**Free confidential advice on issues
including:**

A blue speech bubble containing the text "citizens advice" in white lowercase letters.

**citizens
advice**

*Benefits * Employment
*Housing * Debt * Family * Consumer



The winners of the July Draw were

1st Prize = Paul Sargison

2nd Prize = Shirley Little

3rd Prize = Lois Hall

The next Draw will be held on

9th August 2026

Gardening News



Ain't it hot, hot, hot? Or perhaps more particularly dry. These last weeks have been so testing and keeping things alive has been a huge undertaking and the conscience issue surrounding constant watering have been heavy. Pouring water onto things at cooler times of the day only find yourself back to square one by the next morning. It has been very sad and we have certainly had a few casualties. The trees are all sulking too, with leaves surrendering every day. We have a beautiful well-established Silver Birch and all of its colour is bleached away. Trees tend to be pretty resilient and I do expect eventual recovery (but probably not this season) Productivity is going to be interesting, with a lot of fruit falling under duress. The ground under our Bramley is littered with immature fruit. By contrast the early potatoes have not been too bad and are generally clean. A couple of weeks and we can be looking at the second earlies. The runner beans though are a disaster, with so much dry set. In the middle of August I will pinch out the top two feet of our plants to encourage new lateral growth and later flower.

The big alert for this month has to be to encourage vigilance in protecting green vegetables. Ours are netted with debris netting (a fine heavy duty net that is sold by the metre). The Cabbage White Caterpillar and pigeons can all make short work of any greens and both are already at it. There is a repellent spray for such troubles made by Grazers, the product is good, but not so effective if the rain does come.

This month is still dedicated to preservation, maintenance and repair of such survivors that we have. Feeding, watering and dead heading as well as committed harvesting will keep things afloat for longer. If you have any cooler spaces then sowing pinches of salad crops is still worthwhile. I have just scratched in a few wallflower seeds which will germinate in in a couple of weeks and can quietly grow across the autumn,

And finally, Garden centres are already stocking up with Spring bulbs and in coming days will be offering winter pansies and Japanese Onion sets. How the seasons fly. Good luck until next time.

Happy Gardening

Chris Evans

Recipe for the Month

Strawberry Marshmallow Mousse

9oz fresh strawberries

1oz castor sugar

5oz mini marshmallows

200ml double cream

Put all but 2 strawberries in a pan with 100 ml water and the sugar.

Cook over a medium heat until the strawberries are soft enough to mash, take off the heat and mash with a fork until pulpy.

Add the marshmallows and mix until they have dissolved then leave to cool.

Whip the cream until it holds its shape then fold the cream into the strawberry mix.

Spoon into 4 individual dishes, chill then leave to set for approximately 2 hours.

Top each with remaining strawberry halves.

CHURCH CENTRE HIRE



We are pleased to be able to offer the following availability for the regular hire of our Church Centre:

Mondays: from 09:00 – 16:00.

Wednesdays: from 09:00 - 16:00.

Thursdays: from 13:00 – 21:00.

Fridays: from 16:00 – 21:00.

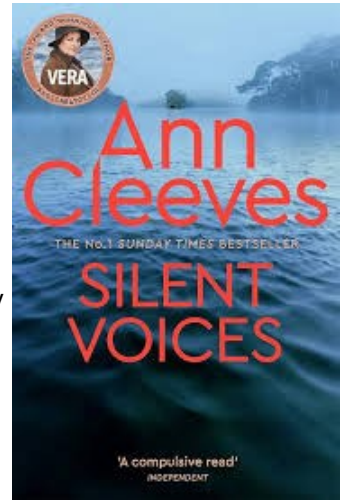
For full details of availability and features please contact Guy Mewha-Williams on 07576 659969.



Silent Voices by Ann Cleeves (2011)

Ann Cleeves is a prolific author and the creator of fictional detectives Vera Stanhope and Jimmy Perez. Her novels have been adapted for television with Vera (ITV) and Shetland (BBC) pulling in viewers around the world.

I saw Ann at a literature festival event where she was interviewed along with Brenda Blethyn. They have formed a strong friendship and I was really impressed by Ann, who came late to writing success, having worked as a probation officer, bird observatory cook and auxiliary coastguard before she started writing for a living.



Silent Voices is the fourth Vera Stanhope novel and concerns the investigation into the death of a woman, whose body is found in the sauna room of a gym. What appears at first to be death by natural causes, turns out to be a murder and Vera sets out to investigate.

The victim Jenny Lister is an experienced social worker and neighbours are quick to point the finger at Jenny's involvement in a notorious case where a child died. However, nothing is ever as it seems and with another body found, Vera is in a race against time to catch the killer.

It is well paced and the characters are realistic – I found it an enjoyable read. Although I have watched most of the Vera series, I always have amnesia when it comes to Whodunnits, so I was genuinely surprised when Vera solved the crime!

Sarah Bamford

The Church Centre...



*... is the ideal venue for...
your children's party, work's conference,
friends get together & concert performance
or that extra special occasion ...*

*Wedding breakfast &
Anniversary celebration*

*With fully equipped kitchen,
tables & chairs, disabled access
& outside space.*

*Room for Bouncy Castles, DJs
& Children's Entertainers.*

Free car parking

*For further details telephone
07576 659969*

What's On at our Church Centre

Mondays: 18:00-19:00 Balance of Life Pilates.

Tuesdays: 09:30-11:30 Child Minders
Pre-School Group

13:30-16:00 Strength & Balance

Wednesdays: 16:15-21:00 Slimming World

Thursdays: 09:30-12:30 Jo Jingles Play Group

Fridays: 09:30-10:30 Balance of Life Pilates.

For further details of all these activities please see
the noticeboards in the Centre lobby.



BABY CLASS RE-OPENING!



**Saints Philip and James
Church Centre,
Cold Pool Lane,
Up Hatherley**

**Thursdays
at 11:45am**



Click on the link in the post to book or
contact Gill for more information at
gillb_jojingles@hotmail.com
www.jojingles.com/centralglos

MAINTENANCE OF BURIAL & INTERMENT PLOTS

What is permitted:

Permanent stone vases are only those authorized and have permission granted, and only fresh flowers (out of their wrappings), or cuttings from shrubs and bushes, may be placed in them.

Grassed interment plots are enclosed by a band of paving. Vases should be placed on this and not on the grass, both to respect other plots and to facilitate the maintenance of the churchyard.

Small spring bulbs may be planted (from **September to October**), under the grass of a grave with minimal disturbance to the turf.

Poppies (or small wooden remembrance crosses) at the time of Remembrance Sunday. To be removed by **30th November**.

Christmas wreaths of natural foliage are welcome from mid-December. To be removed by **31st January**.

What is not permitted:

No artificial flowers of any kind. The only exception to this is for poppies on Remembrance Sunday.

No trees, shrubs, or roses are allowed to be planted.

No individual gardens are permitted.

Items not allowed because they are dangerous, interfere with grass cutting, will get damaged or are out of keeping with the churchyard, include such items as:

glass or other breakable or sharp items; chippings or gravel; pictures, portraits or photographs; statues or ornaments; lights (candles, solar or battery); plastic bowls, birdbaths; kerbs, railings or chains; windmills, wind-chimes, cards, animal figures, angels, etc.

The PCC retains the right to remove anything from the churchyard which does not comply with these or other regulations.