



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



Parish Magazine

September 2026



*Back to School,
Back to Church.*

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

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**Church Centre Bookings
and Enquiries**

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Church Calendar

September 2026

Tue 1 st	Feria
Wed 2 nd	Feria
Thurs 3 rd	St Gregory the Great
Fri 4 th	Feria
Sat 5 th	Feria
SUN 6th	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon 7 th	Feria
Tue 8 th	Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed 9 th	Feria
Thurs 10 th	Feria
Fri 11 th	Feria
Sat 12 th	Feria
SUN 13th	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon 14 th	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Tue 15 th	Our Lady at the Cross
Wed 16 th	St Cornelius & St Cyprian
Thurs 17 th	Feria
Fri 18 th	Feria
Sat 19 th	Feria
SUN 20th	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon 21 st	St Matthew, Apostle
Tue 22 nd	Feria
Wed 23 rd	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
Thurs 24 th	Our Lady of Walsingham
Fri 25 th	Feria
Sat 26 th	Feria
SUN 27th	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon 28 th	Feria
Tue 29 th	St Michael, St Gabriel & St Raphael
Wed 30 th	St Jerome

SUNDAYS: 10:00 Parish Mass

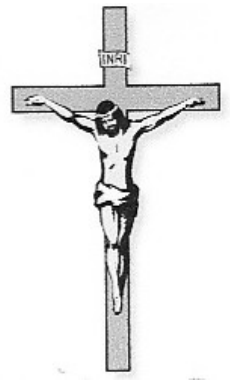
WEEKDAYS: Said Mass on Thursdays is **suspended** during the vacancy.

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 Stephen Fosdike Beard.*
- 2nd Gladys Maude Townsend.*
- 3rd Jeremy Thompson.*
- 4th Betty May Aram.*
- 5th Kenneth John Holder.*
- 6th Beatrice Ellen Williams.*
- 7th Joyce Dale.*
- 8th Edwin William John Richards, Harold William Morris.*
- 10th Kenneth W.G. Berriman.*
- 11th Evelyn Gertrude Petro, Patricia Kathleen Giles.*
- 12th Gordon Douglas Battin.*
- 13th Neville Dowson, Pamela Margaret Drinkwater.*
- 15th Beatrice Joan Lunt, Rose Marshall, Henry Boughton.*
- 17th Edith Gwenthyn Batt, Joyce Ransome, John Highley.*
- 18th Hendrik Christiaan Kuk, Millicent Maude Parry, Bryan W Parratt.*
- 20th Ronald Edgar Rowe.*
- 21st Margaret Hawkins, Wyndham Green, Howard Roy Davis.*
- 23rd Francis Elizabeth Campbell Richards, Raymond King, Graham Isted.*
- 25th Elizabeth Perry, Yvonne Burnett.*
- 28th Muriel Doris Goodhall, Dorothy Ingram.*
- 29th Sheila Meissner, Hilda Alice Elsie Williams.*
- 30th Jim McWilliams.*



'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:

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14268

for weekly children's activity sheets.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO
WELCOMING YOU.

Sightings at Slimbridge 2026

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Avocets

Bullfinch

Canada Geese

Chiffchaff

Common Crane

Curlew

Dunlin

Egret

Gadwall

Grey Heron

House Martin

Kingfisher

Lapwing

Little Grebe

Mute Swan

Red Shank

Ringed Plover

Ruff

Shelduck

Shoveler

Spoonbill

Stonechat

Swallow

Teal

Up Hatherley Parish Council

At our last Parish Council meeting, we discussed some recent incidents locally that come under the heading of “entitlement”, which it would appear is a trend in our culture – luckily a minority trend at present.



Many of our entitlements as British citizens have been secured through the sacrifices made by past generations – freedom of speech, democracy and universal suffrage for example. Many other entitlements arise through the laws we have passed, the upholding of those laws and the Human Rights Act.

I was taught that rights do not come alone – and that responsibility goes hand in hand with rights. However, it is becoming more frequent to see examples where people have done things which they think they are entitled to do – without thought to the consequences of their actions, including the effect on people living around them.

One such example is parking on a public road, where there are no restrictions but parking a large vehicle and positioning it in such a way that sight lines are impeded, the pavement is blocked or neighbours cannot freely access their homes. If obstruction can be proven, then the police can take action, but I find myself asking why does it come to this? Wouldn't it be better if we all tried to live our lives in harmony with those around us?

The second example concerns freedom of speech, which is fundamental to our culture. This too comes with responsibility. Social media platforms make it remarkably easy to say anything about anyone – and it doesn't have to be true, proven or based on knowledge. You don't even have to give your proper name or address (as you would have in the past when writing to the editor of a paper even if the details were withheld in print). If your behaviour is particularly atrocious on-line, then the post might be taken down, the conversation closed or you might be excluded from the platform. However, by that time the damage is done. When challenged, the culprits will say “we are all entitled to our own opinions”. I agree – but with entitlement comes responsibility and that is sometimes sadly lacking.

Sarah Bamford (Chair)

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



Please call 01452 527202 to arrange an appointment:

Free confidential advice on issues including:



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



The winners of the August Draw were

1st Prize = Guy Mewha-Williams

2nd Prize = Lesley Harris

3rd Prize = Ken McFarlane

The next Draw will be held on

13th September 2026

Gardening News



Mid-Summer Madness? What a crazy year and a real nightmare for the gardens and indeed the gardeners. The days of blistering heat have been exhausting, with the land and everything on it sulking.

In terms of cropping there has been (in spite of dedicated attention to maintenance) very little to celebrate. In truth just keeping plants alive has been a big deal. It has to change and hopefully, as we move into September, there may be chance to restore order and who knows maybe even tackle the traditional autumn jobs. On the vegetable plot, there much to pull up, unless you did a bit of late planting. Runner and French beans can still perform if clipped back and then fed and watered. In terms of actual planting, some late greens and of course spring cabbage can be planted (though will fare better with a bit of netting). Over wintering onion sets are available and can go straight into the ground too and if you offer a bit of shelter, then sow some winter salad crops. Mizuna, Pak Choi and Salad Bowl lettuce will come through quickly and if you want something more traditional then hardier winter lettuce (like Arctic King) can also be sown. See how the autumn unfolds, but these things can be succession sown for a couple of months. In the flower borders, winter pansies and violas are readily available and certainly are good value, especially when planted now. If your need is more immediate then take a look at Autumn Chrysanthemums. They are perfect for container displays and will form a tight ball of growth and deliver flowers. They will perform until the first heavy frosts. They are regarded as a perennial, but do not enjoy long cold winters, so will need protecting if they are to be relied on for a second season. Bulbs too of course are now in plentiful supply with varieties of every size and colour on offer. From Daffodils through Tulips and Snowdrops, they all offer a real lift at the start of a new season.

As the end of the month approaches, then you can consider a bit of lawn repair and if you scuff bald patches with a rake, lawn seed seed can be persuaded to grow.

And finally, this year we raised a series of dwarf Buddleias, with plants that seemed to top out at about eighteen inches and which were smothered with flower. My enthusiasm for the plant grew, when I noticed that suddenly I was seeing Hummingbird Hawk moths dipping in for a feed. This is a truly extraordinary creature.

Happy Gardening

Chris Evans

Recipe for the Month

Arnold Bennett Omelette

3 eggs

6oz smoked haddock fillets

Cooked skinned and flaked

Salt and pepper

30g butter

75ml single cream

69g grated cheddar cheese

Lemon twist and chopped parsley to garnish

In a bowl beat eggs then stir in the fish

Season with salt and pepper

Melt butter in an omelette pan pour in the egg and fish mixture

Cook over a medium heat and let it just lift on to warm flame proof plate with a pallet knife

Cover the omelette with the cream, sprinkle over the cheese, put under a medium grill and grill until golden and bubbling.

Sprinkle on the chopped parsley and garnish with the lemon.

Serve at once and cut in half.

Serves 2

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.



The House We Grew Up In by Lisa Jewell (2013)

I started reading Lisa Jewell novels some years ago when one of her books caught my eye in the selection near the door in the library. I have looked out for them ever since in charity shops or occasionally in bookshops. Once read, I usually donate them back to a charity shop – as I do with jigsaws – it's a great way to pass on the pleasure.

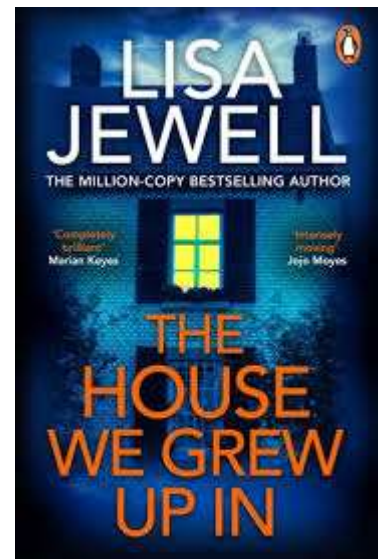
I have reviewed a couple of Lisa Jewell books here before – the truth about Melody Browne and Ralph's party – so clearly, I am hooked. The great thing is that they are all very different – not formulaic – just well written and quite gripping.

This book is a psychological family drama, which switches between 1981 and 2010, as well as years in between and is focussed on the Bird family – mother Lorelei, the father Colin, daughters Beth and Meg and twins Rhys and Rory. The early scenes are in their Cotswold Home, where one Easter there is a devastating tragedy, which has lasting repercussions.

The tragedy tears the family apart, the family becomes fractured and the mother Lorelei, who always liked to collect things, becomes a hoarder. In the later scenes, members of the family return to the house and the secrets of the past unravel. The return to the home finally brings peace and resolution to the family.

A very satisfying read!

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

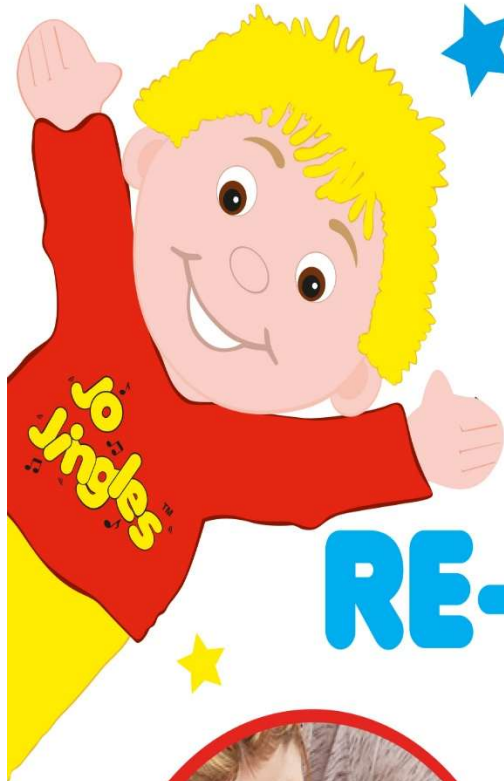
13:30-16:00 Strength & Balance

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.