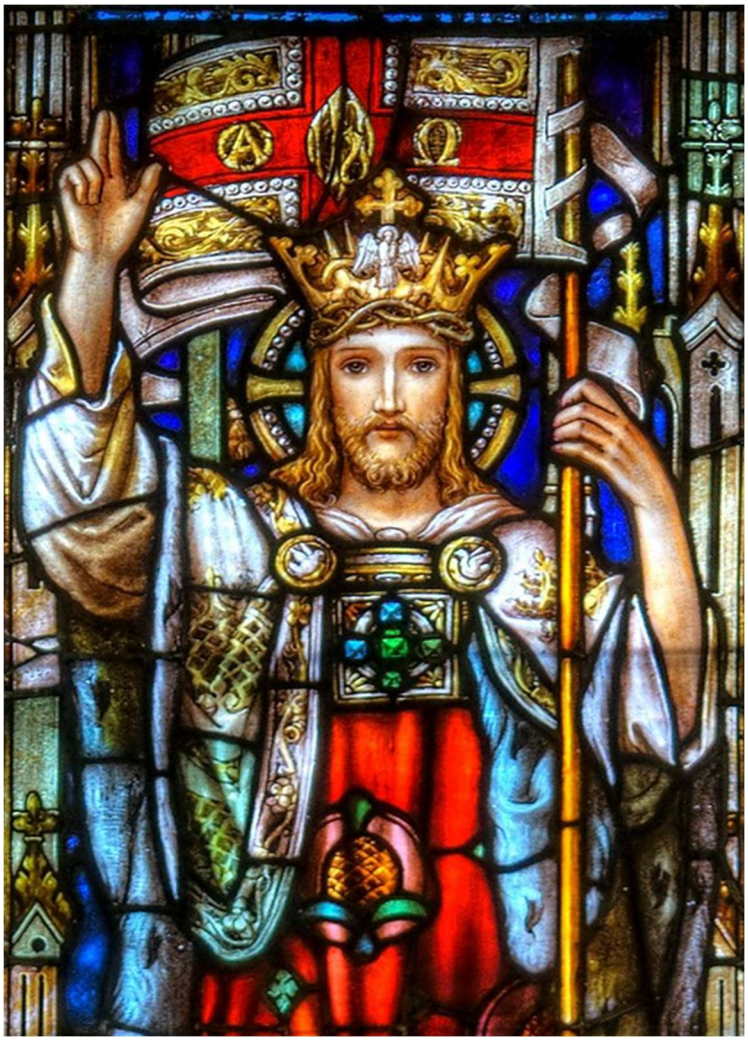
The Parish of

S. Philip & S. James

Up Hatherley

Parish Magazine

November 2026



Christ the King

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Church Calendar November 2026

SUN 1st	**All Saints**
Mon 2nd	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)
Tue 3rd	Feria
Wed 4th	St Charles Borromeo
Thu 5th	Feria
Fri 6th	Feria
Sat 7th	Feria
SUN 8th	**Remembrance Sunday**
Mon 9th	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Tue 10th	St Leo the Great
Wed 11th	St Martin of Tours
Thu 12th	St Josaphat
Fri 13th	Feria
Sat 14th	Feria
SUN 15th	**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Mon 16th	Feria
Tue 17th	Feria
Wed 18th	Feria
Thu 19th	Feria
Fri 20th	Feria
Sat 21st	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
SUN 22nd	**Christ the King**
Mon 23rd	Feria
Tue 24th	St Andrew Dung Lac and Companions
Wed 25th	Feria
Thu 26th	Feria
Fri 27th	Feria
Sat 28th	Feria
SUN 29th	**1st Sunday of Advent**
Mon 30th	St Andrew

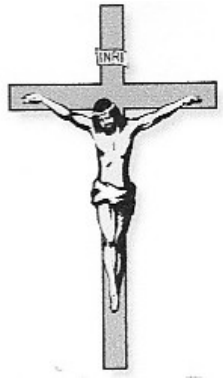
SUNDAYS: **10:00 Parish Mass**

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 Dennis Gilbert Parratt.
5th Sydney Birt, Tia Nadine Organ, Nicolas John Clay, Ronald Henry House, Elizabeth Kocis.
6th Andy Mansell.
7th Beatrice Martin, George Derek Bogle.
8th Allan Lloyd Whittern.
9th Stuart Charles Leithead.
11th Tony Waters, Joyce Marie Cook.
12th Christopher David Edwards, John Anthony Ford, Pamela Mary Beattie.
13th Pete Trower.
14th Richard William Roberts.
15th George H. Brooke (Pr)
16th Iris Florence Eileen Matson.
17th Charles George Oaker, William Albert Le-Mons Townsend.
18th Jessie Allen, Bob Taylor.
19th Thomas Edward Barker, Doris Ellen Willis.
21st William Dowson, Agnes May Trickett.
22nd Robert Wright.
23rd Mary Little.
25th William Sealey, Leonard Maurice Budd, Jack Reginald Taylor.
26th Edward Percy Bushell, William John Ricketts, Edward John Cull, Alan William Raybould.
27th Ada Beatrice Lewis.
28th Peter Link.
29th Roland Christopher Cotter.
30th Moryn Hunt.



'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.

Puzzle Time

Wildlife of Australasia

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Bandicoot
Barramundi
Box Jellyfish
Carpet Python
Cassowary
Clownfish
Dingo
Echidna

Fur Seal
Galah
Greater Bilby
Koala
Kookaburra
Magpie Goose
Mantaray
Platypus

Possom
Quokka
Red Kangaroo
Rock Wallaby
Taipan
Thorny Devil
Wombat
Yabby

Up Hatherley Parish Council



As a rule, we meet every other month, but sometimes an extra meeting is required due to the need to have timely debate. Last month was one of those occasions, with two important issues needing attention.

The first matter resulted from a Community Governance Review by Cheltenham Borough Council, looking at the future of Parish and Town councils, when Local Government reorganisation takes place.

Since 1991, Cheltenham has consisted of a large and “unparished” area and 5 Parish councils, and for many years we have collaborated in an organisation called the C5 (the 5 Parish Councils and Cheltenham Borough Council). Up Hatherley has been a Parish Council since 1949, and previously a Parish meeting from 1844. Until 1974, it was in Cheltenham Borough (Corporation), then from 1974 to 1991, it was in Tewkesbury Borough before returning to Cheltenham in 1991. So, local government reorganisation is not new for us!

As a result of public consultation, one of the recommendations that the review is making is that our Parish Council will expand and become Up Hatherley with Benhall and The Reddings. Once that is formally approved, there will be enough time to work out how best to develop into this expanded parish.

The second and rather troubling matter is that very soon, the Strategic and Local Plan will be out for consultation, showing where in Cheltenham, Tewkesbury and Gloucester all the new homes should go to meet government targets. In fact, these are moving targets, because sites get approved and, because developers usually build at a much slower pace than promised, the government only counts the reality – so more and more sites have to be approved. This is a developer’s paradise.

It’s going to be hard to resist the inevitable assault on our valued green spaces and we will try our best, but we also may need to be pragmatic and suggest ways in which the damage can be limited and a new greenbelt boundary established. The current boundary lasted nearly 50 years, so pragmatism won back in the late 1980s……

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 October Draw were

1st Prize = Sam Gilbert

2nd Prize = Heather Marlow

3rd Prize = Shirley Little

The next Draw will be held on

8th November 2026

Gardening News



Every month brings new delights and teases over the drawing of lines between seasons. Following months of blistering heat, October delivered a more sensitive blend of warm and wet, which resulted in gardens bouncing back to life. Bedding plants went into competition with traditional Autumn perennials and my Michaelmas daisies were a perfect foil for bright Begonias and Geraniums. I have to say that those daisies have been a delight too. If you haven't been then make a note of The Picton Gardens at Colwall. They are closed now until 2027, but they display and sell an astonishing range of Michaelmas Daisies (right on our doorstep). Now suddenly the days are turning and whilst there is daytime sunshine, the evenings cool quickly and the nights are drawing in fast. As always there are jobs to be done, with plenty of tidying up. My compost heaps are well mounded already. Apple trees, roses and lively shrubs can all be pruned for tidy management, though avoid pruning plums, which will sulk and may become diseased. They are best pruned in the Summer straight after harvesting the crop. Stems of fruiting trees can be wrapped with grease bands now. An old-fashioned job, that is still worth the trouble, the grease catching bugs seeking to hide for winter. There have been a lot of chomping visitors this summer and the bands can make a difference. On the subject of fruit, you can be planting now, and some nurseries may even have bare root plants (which can save money). In a few eeks we will have more raspberries and bare root hedging plants available.

In the vegetable garden, you can be salvaging the remains of summer (I have pulled off some Squash, a couple of courgettes and some very good outdoor tomatoes) and with the debris clear, I shall be planting some Garlic, Autumn onions and my Aquadulce Broad Beans for over wintering. If you can find plants, then Spring Cabbage and Perpetual Spinach will still settle. Any spare energy can expended on repair and cultivation, leaving turned ground to stand for the spring. You still have time to get bulbs in and tulips in particular seem to enjoy the cooling ground and if you want a bit of late colour then winter pansies and violas will still perform.

And finally. Watch out for rodents.

Happy Gardening

Chris Evans

Recipe for the Month

Chicken Myers

225g broccoli florets

4 skinless chicken breasts

289 can of condensed chicken soup

50g mayonnaise

60 ml fresh double cream

½ teaspoon curry powder

25g grated cheddar cheese

Cook broccoli in boiling water until tender and drain well

Place broccoli in oven proof dish, place the chicken breasts on the top

Mix together soup, cream and mayonnaise and curry powder,

Pour over the top of the chicken and sprinkle with grated cheese

Bake at gas mark 5 for 40 to 45 minutes

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.

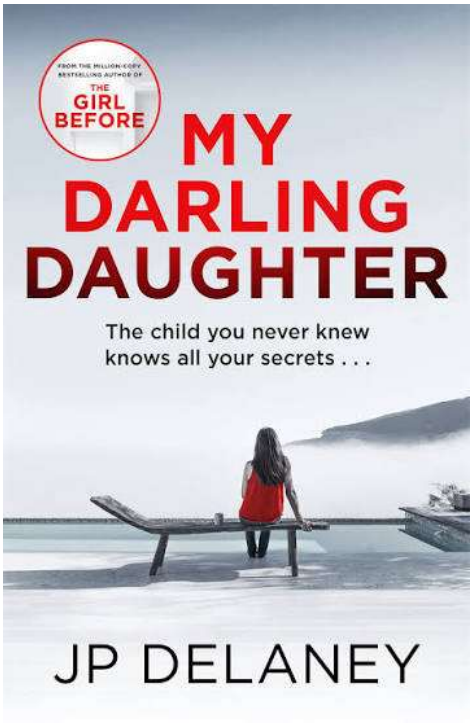
Thursdays: from 13:00 – 21:00.

Fridays: from 16:00 – 21:00.

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



My Darling Daughter by J P Delaney 2022



This is a psychological thriller from the author of The Girl Before and The Perfect Wife. The story is told from three perspectives: from Susie and from Gabe, successful musicians, leading a charmed but childless life and from Anna (Sky) who Susie gave up for adoption 15 years previously, but who tracks down her birth mother.

It's a slow reveal and, because it is written from three different perspectives, I found that I was continually making choices about where my sympathies lay. Anna portrays her adoptive parents in a poor light, Susie is inclined to believe her but Gabe has doubts. The charmed life that Susie and Gabe had before, slowly unravels and they soon find themselves in deep trouble. What should be a happy re-union is deeply flawed and it is apparent how easy it is to bring a charmed life to an abrupt halt.

J P Delaney writes well and if you enjoy a psychological thriller, then this is a good read- although one where you might periodically find yourself saying to the characters in the book "please don't go there"!

Sarah Bamford

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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.

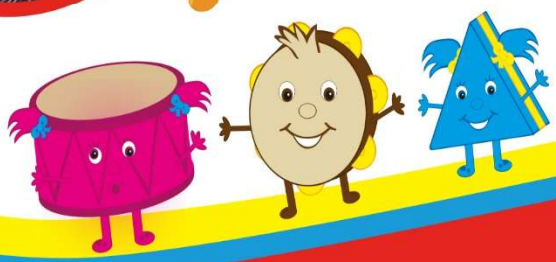


BABY CLASS RE-OPENING!



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

Thursdays at 11:45am



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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 bowels, 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.