



Normally, the autumn equinox falls between 22 and 24 September, and this year the equinox occurs on 22 September at 13:44 BST. On the day of an equinox, the tilt of Earth's axis is perpendicular to the Sun's rays, producing a nearly equal amount of day and night all over the world



South Cotswold Team Ministry
Sunday 22nd September 2024

Clergy

Rev'd Caroline Symcox	01285 712467	carolinesymcox@googlemail.com
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Sunday 22nd September – 17th Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion

10.00 am Common Worship Holy Communion

Sidespeople: Heather Gorton and Andy Wilkinson

Readings: Meg Ralph Intercessions: Lucy Hodson

Offertory: David and Sally Salter Prayer Rota: Val Trafford and Sheila Hughes

Coffee: Linda and Peter Howlett

Monday 23rd September

5.00 pm Community Prayers

Thursday 26th September

10.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday 29th September – 18th Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion

10.00 am Family Service

Coffee: Doug and Jean Crowley

6.00 Healing Service with Holy Communion

From Caroline - carolinesymcox@googlemail.com, 01285 712467

Caroline is on holiday this week

From Heather Email address: fairfordpcc@gmail.com or heathergorton31@gmail.com.
Telephone: Office: 01285 712611 or home 01285 712428

My office hours are 10.00 to 1.00 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
I am also continuing to work from home so you can contact me at either the office (712611) or home (712428). The office is closed on Mondays and Michelle will be in on Fridays from 10.00 to 12.00.

If you are sending in your articles, photos etc. for the bumper copy at the end of the month I will need them by 12 noon on the last Wednesday of the month. For the weekly newsletter I would still like articles in by Wednesday midday

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Please remember the following in your prayers:

Those who are ill: Grace Slack, Hannah, David Lawrence, Elaine and Martin Jacklin, Laurence Burgess Pat Russell

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Prayers from St Mary's – Rev'd Caroline's Morning Prayer every day except Monday, Friday and Sunday from 9.00am. See earlier link.

Community Prayers- every Monday at 5.00pm

All are welcome to come and pray together for the world, the nation and our community along with any prayer requests that are placed in our prayer box in the Lady Chapel. We meet for about 30 minutes in the Chancel and please use the north door.

From Ann Nicholls

*Every moment can be prayer... a time to listen and receive from God.
So am I always praying ,wherever I am ? Am I always seeing new things about God?
Am I always being changed into Gods likeness, through whatever happens?*

Dear Lord, may prayer be the air that I breathe , as I receive from you in prayer May you touch, bless and glorify all that I have in my heart and mind. As I meet with you may I learn to know you better through each experience every day. As I trust you, may I be made ready for the beauty of eternity. I pray in Jesus name. AMEN

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person and they with me.

Revelation 3:20

NOTICES

Vicar on holiday

Rev'd Caroline will be taking some time off from Sunday 15th September through to Saturday 21st, being back in the saddle for Sunday 22nd. While she's away, do bring any vicar-related urgent business to Rev'd Denise. Thanks!

Carducci Concert

Last Saturday saw a hugely successful and happy concert with the Carducci String Quartet. The sun shone; the music flowed and the crowds flocked. Thanks to all who came and all who helped. The church was full and the concert nearly sold out. More to come next week with photos and fundraising results.

Jane-Emma Lee-Browne

Harvest Festival

On 24th October at 7.00pm in the Community Centre there will be a Harvest Supper. The food will be cottage pie and apple crumble to follow (a vegetarian option is available). Entertainment will be from Barry and Jean are providing the entertainment. The tickets cost £5.00 with a donation basket alongside. Tickets are available from Jenny Hewes and Margaret Bishop.

Messy Church

Our next Messy Church will be on 13 October from 4pm to 6pm in the church. We will base our crafts and activities on a Christian theme and will follow this with a Celebration on the same theme. We will share a drink and a biscuit before the Celebration but there won't be a cooked meal this month. Messy Church is especially aimed at families but everyone is welcome to come and join in. For more information contact Sarah Bottomley on 01285712074 or stmaryslmt@gmail.com

Used Cards

If you have any used cards – Birthday, Thank You, New house etc. – they can be recycled to raise funds for The Cobalt Unit in Cheltenham. Please put your cards in the 'paper recycling box' in The Corpus Christi Chapel in Fairford Church.

Carol Thompson

Church stewards

Our church stewards, who work in shifts to welcome visitors to our church, do a fantastic job, and once again we are looking to boost their numbers. Do you have a spare hour a week to take a shift as a steward? I (Caroline) take two shifts in a week,

and find it to be very rewarding. Sometimes all is quiet, and I get the benefit of the peace and beauty of the church. Sometimes I get to welcome a wide range of visitors, and have the benefit of hearing their stories, where they come from, what brings them to Fairford, and the joy of sharing something of the richness of our church's history. You don't need to have a lot of knowledge, you just need to be friendly and welcoming! Please speak to Alison Godsall or Sally Salter if you'd be interested in joining the team!

PCC Meeting – Monday 23rd September

The next meeting of the St Mary's PCC will be at 4pm on Monday 23rd September. Looking forward to seeing PCC members at the meeting, and we ask for all the church community to hold us in prayer as we meet.

Helping People in Ukraine

We took another carful of donated items to the Ukrainian Church in Gloucester on Friday. We were told they would be on their way to Ukraine within days. The items we send goes mainly to nursing homes, rehabilitation centres and orphanages, and they would appreciate sheets and towels. The need continues for medical items, batteries, soap, toothpaste, shampoo etc and new underwear and socks for all ages.

So thank you again, and please keep the donations coming! *Geoff & Hope Price*



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

September 9th – 27th

'Be The Change'

Fairtrade currently supports over 2 million farmers and workers in over 50 countries, to ensure they earn a fair wage.

Here are three suggestions from Bishop Rachel as Fairtrade celebrates 30 years:

- Fairtrade Fortnight has the theme of #BeTheChange and the encouragement is for everyone to buy one product and to consider making one small change to swap to buying a Fairtrade product in place of another product.
- Another thing we can do is to try and find out one new fact about the people and places that Fairtrade supports and thus broaden our international vision rather than allowing only the media headlines to shape our world view.
- Finally, do you receive international news from Christian changemakers to inform your world view and your prayer? Christian Aid is a very good place to start.

These small steps involving our weekly purchases,
our hearts and minds, and our prayer can enable change.

*Read more from Bishop Rachel (10th September Diocesan e-Newsletter),
where she gives examples of the plight of Christian farmers in the West Bank.*

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Coffee Morning



Fairford Bowls Club

**Friday 27th September 2024
10.000 – 12.30 p.m.**

Please come for coffee and cake.

**There will also be plants, books,
bric a brac, grand raffle and puzzles.**

**For further information please phone
07516 632122**



Newsletter September

Talking Cafes

Our Talking Cafes in Fairford and Lechlade continued as usual throughout August. These cafes provide a vital space for conversation, connection, and support. A huge thank you to all our amazing volunteers—you are the heart of these cafes, and we couldn't run them without you! If anyone is interested in becoming a Working for Well-being volunteer, please do get in touch.

Farewell and Thank You to Emma Saxby

We'd like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to Emma who has been our incredible Volunteer Coordinator for over a year. Emma is off on a new adventure, and while we will miss her deeply, we are excited for all that lies ahead for her. During her time with Working for Wellbeing, she transformed the way we work with our volunteers, bringing new energy and organization to the team. Her dedication and passion have left a lasting impact, and for that, we are truly grateful. Emma, thank you for everything you've done for Working for Wellbeing. You will be greatly missed, and we wish you all the best in your future endeavours!

Stay Connected

We have a lot of exciting new events planned for the autumn, so please keep an eye on our Website and Facebook personality Wellbeing Coordinator for updates.

Feeling left behind in the digital world? Struggling with your phone, tablet, computer or Internet? Get in touch and W4W can support you on your digital journey.

Upcoming Events:

Shopping Trip: Our popular shopping trips to the Orbital Retail Park are back! Hop on the minibus on Friday, September 27th, for just £3. We'll leave at midday and return around 3:30 pm, giving you two hours of shopping fun. Spaces are limited, so book soon!

Westonbirt Arboretum Trip: On Friday, October 11th, we're heading to the beautiful Westonbirt Arboretum! For just £3, we'll provide transport and entry. If you have mobility issues, there's an option to book a mobility scooter. Spaces are limited, so reserve your spot early!

Pelvic Floor and Core Recovery 4 week course!
Commencing Friday 20th September
Time 1:45pm for a 45 minute session.
At United Church Milton Street GL7 4BN

Working 4 Wellbeing Fairford and Lechlade Areas

SHE'S Active

Image of a woman performing a pelvic floor exercise.

FIRST STEPS TODDLER GROUP AND FAMILY SUPPORT HUB.
EVERY FRIDAY IN TERM TIME
930AM-11AM
Fairford United Church
79 Milton Street

Working 4 Wellbeing Fairford and Lechlade Areas

W4W will be present to offer signposting and support
Toys, Crafts, singing and snack
£1 per family

Image of a man playing with a child.

CRAFT AND CHAT
Come Join W4W and Janet of an evening making beaded spiders - getting ready for the spooky season. Come enjoy learning a new skill while meeting new people.

THURSDAY 26TH
SEPTEMBER
Fairford Community Centre 7pm-9pm
£5

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Image of beaded spiders.

SENIOR YOGA CLASS
Session's taught by a professional YOGA instructor
Monday's at Fairford Community Centre
10:15am-11:15am
Term time only

£3 A SESSION

CALL MARY ANN FOR MORE INFORMATION 07555738138

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COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Image of a woman in a yoga pose.

FREE COOKING COURSE - Cooking for Fun and Friendship

Learn new skills, identify ways to save money and make new connections in this free practical cooking course delivered in partnership with Cotswold District Council



The course aims to give participants tips on how to produce healthy meals whilst learning how to be economical with produce and appliances whilst cooking. Sessions run for 4 weeks. Participants will take home a bag of ingredients to practice the new skills they have learnt after each session. The course will also include a weekly shared lunch with the other participants.



Courses take place on Thursdays, 9.30am – 1.00pm
12th; 19th September and 3rd; 10th October 2024
at the Fairford Community Centre, High Street, Fairford
GL7 4AF



To book your FREE place, sign up on the web site <https://thekitchenclub.org.uk/workshops/> or contact admin@thekitchenclub.org.uk or 07980143289

