

# November 2024



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**THIS MONTH'S COVER:** Remembrance at St. George's

## What is church?

**The church is** not a building but rather **the people** who come together under the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit. **Traditionally**, the building is essential as a place of refuge from the busy, noisy, and sometimes painful world in which we live, as well as for the many thousands of prayers that have been said and hymns that have been sung, acknowledging and celebrating God our Father and the work of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Practically**, the church building is an essential space for people to gather and stay dry and warm – both of which are a challenge at St. George's!



Jesus came to people, not buildings or structures, and he wants us to see this when he describes the church as the body (Ephesians 4). This idea speaks volumes about **unity, diversity, and the intrinsic value of each member (people) in the body of Christ.**

This image is helpful as we consider the church's role in our community and the role Jesus plays in the lives of those who belong to the body of Christ or the church.

In a world where leadership models can often be self-serving and authoritarian, **Jesus' leadership model is based on love, sacrifice, and service.** This leadership is not about dictating from a position of power but guiding, nurturing, and caring for the church. It is an example of leadership that empowers, equips, and values the well-being of the body; no one aspect of the body is more valued than another. It is this example of Jesus that inspires many in the church today.

**I am Church ... We are Church**

The church is described as the body highlighting the **unity and diversity inherent within the Christian community**. We are different, not different in a good or bad way, just different, and we need to **celebrate and embrace our differences** – we are encouraged in the stories in the bible that we are **“wonderfully made”** (Psalm 139), **“no accident”** (Isaiah 44). Just as a body is made up of many different parts, each with its unique function, the church is composed of individuals with diverse gifts, talents, and roles.



However, despite this diversity, a profound unity binds the members together. Each part of **the body is interconnected and interdependent, working together towards a common purpose** under the direction of the head, Christ. This serves as a powerful reminder that no matter our role, **we are all valued and necessary** for the health and growth of the church.

It is important to note that we don't always give the best account of ourselves as followers of Jesus; sometimes, we fail to live the life that we want, the life built on the foundation of the greatest commandment from God, "to love God with all our heart soul, mind and strength, and love our neighbour as ourselves".

**Sorry for when we get this wrong.**

Come to one of our services and see what the body of Jesus Christ looks like and how you could fit in. You will be very welcome.



## Remembrance

They shall grow not old  
As we that are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them  
Nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
And in the morning  
We will remember them.

# Knit and Stitch



Our Knit and Stitch group is steadily growing, but is still small enough for everyone to chat to each other whilst knitting, crocheting or sewing.

Some members have on-going projects for charity, but we are all going to knit or stitch decorations for a tree at the Christmas Treefest which starts this year on December 6th.

We'd love you to come and join us. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, so the next one is on **November 19th at 10am**.

We enjoy a coffee, tea and a biscuit or two, all free of charge, and a good old natter. Hope to see you!

PS. If you have any spare buttons we can use them on twiddle muffs for folk with dementia.

# The Food Larder Brockworth

Good news from the Food Larder.....

With the support of the Parish Council, the Food Larder has been successful in applying for food vouchers to help local families!

We now have two initial vouchers, one for Aldi and one for Tesco, each worth £500, with which we can go shopping to provide some of the basic items that any family needs ..... and, what's more, there's two more vouchers to come later.

This is a real bonus for the Food Larder as each month a considerable sum has to be spent on providing food and toiletry items that aren't covered by the many donations received.

Meanwhile, the number of shoppers on any Monday, Wednesday or Thursday varies quite a bit. In September for example, from three to sixteen, all adding to the average over the last six months of nearly 120 shoppers each month.

So, the immediate future looks secure for the Food Larder .....but please keep donations on mind the next time you go shopping.

Thank you all from the Food Larder folk.



**Our next meeting is on  
Monday 25th November  
2.30pm at the Church Centre**

**Sharing Advent:**

No speaker this month. For this meeting we will share our own Advent traditions, stories and customs. It might be memories from childhood or how you prepared in adult life. Stories of the cat up the Christmas tree or creating a home made nativity scene. Please bring along a decoration, story, prayer that has significance for you.

**Subscriptions:**

If you haven't yet paid £37 subscription money, please try to do this as soon as possible. Cash or cheque. (payable to St George's Mothers' Union)

**Christmas Lunch:**

**Monday, 9th December at 1.30pm  
in the Church Centre**

Open to all MU members and their partners.

£10.00 each for fish and chips, mince pies, tea and coffee. You are welcome to bring additional drinks and if you are taking part in the raffle, bring a wrapped prize to enter the draw.

Please sign up so we have numbers and pay before the day.



## NEWS FROM WEST WALES

Bora da, (Good day)

It has been 3 years (September 2021) since we moved from Brockworth to Fishguard, West Wales where we have settled in really well. It took me longer to settle than Rona but all is well now and we are enjoying our new lifestyle.

During the past month Rona had her birthday and a surprise phone call from Mrs Peggy Morgan, formerly of Brockworth Court. She is well although her carer helped with the phone connection for her, unfortunately the line was not clear between Gloucester and us 'out in the sticks'. We have known Peggy for well over 50 years, she is such a lovely lady. Also during the past month we celebrated our 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We enjoyed afternoon tea at a hotel near Cardigan overlooking a sun filled Poppit Sands with tide coming in. It was a lovely way to spend a couple of hours.

Family wise, all are well and three of our four grandsons have announced their wedding dates for 2025 which will mean a challenge of travelling for us but we will extend the time and have short holidays at each. Harry's wedding is in May near Warwick, George's date is in July at a venue near Frome and Toby has made their date late October in St Ives, Cornwall. Rona is thinking about her different wardrobe for each occasion but I guess one suit with different shirts & ties will do for me.

Church wise, we have a new vicar who was licensed to Fishguard group of six churches at the beginning of September and we now have Sung Eucharist! Rona is more involved than me, being a member of a newly formed choir, and the flower arrangers team, currently decorating for Harvest. Our Harvest lunch is a Sunday roast at the pub next door to the Church! We both read lessons and lead intercessions, help with refreshments and are involved at each social event. Rona is also a Sacristan & Altar Server, but I cannot cover this duty because of my Essential Tremor.

We both read the interesting article titled My Favourite Hymns from Allan Delves in the October St George's magazine (pages 20/21) and yes, Rona has sung Calon Lan many times in Welsh. We have sent a copy for the Welsh speakers. Thanks to Google and Welsh friends, Mwynhau translates in English to Enjoy, but overall we struggle with some parts of the Welsh language especially place names and pronunciations which need to be mentioned in our prayers. Fortunately our main services are 99% in English as total Welsh services are held at different times.

It has been a pleasure for us to write this article and we look forward in receiving the magazine each month to link us with our many friends that we made during our 50 years involvement at St George's Church. Please remember if you visit Pembrokeshire, let us know as perhaps we can meet up for coffee and cake.

With our love and prayers,  
Rona & Gordon

CALON LÂN M10 / 87.87.D. JOHN HUGHES, 1872-1914

*Cygan*

<p>Nid wy'n gofyn bywyd moethus, aur y byd na'i berlau mân, gofyn 'rwyf am galon hapus, calon onest, calon lân.</p> <p>Calon lân yn llawn daioni, tecach yw na'r lili dlos; dim ond calon lân all ganu, canu'r dydd a chanu'r nos.</p>	<p>Pe dymunwn olud bydol chwim adenydd iddo sydd; golud calon lân, rinweddol yn dwyn bythol elw fydd.</p> <p>Hwyr a bore fy nymuniad gwyd i'r nef ar adain cân ar i Dduw, er mwyn fy Nghheidwad, roddi imi galon lân.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">GWYROSYDD, 1847-1920</p>
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# Friendship club

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St. George's Church Centre.

Join us on the first Tuesday of every month, 10—11.30 am in the lounge.

**Next meeting :**

**November 5th**

A social club that is an inclusive and welcoming space. A great way to meet like-minded people. We'll provide the tea, coffee and cake (all free) and you bring yourself and a friend or neighbour, or come on your own.

**Everyone welcome!**

St. George's, Brockworth

With the Brockworth Link and  
Brockworth Community Centre

# Christmas Fair

Saturday November 30th,  
2pm-4.30pm

In our Church Centre. Free Entry!



Gifts, Decorations, Food and Drinks,  
Cards, Fun and games!

**Come visit Father Christmas!**

Grotto £1 per child. Last tickets 4.15pm

**Win!** £100 cash and other fantastic  
prizes in our raffle!

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# St George's Church Christmas Tree Festival 2024

Believe it or not, Christmas is only just around the corner!

For many years, St George's has begun the celebrations by hosting our Christmas Tree Festival, and once again we are in the planning stages of offering individuals, families and local groups the opportunity to create a themed Christmas Tree to place in Church.

Invitations have already been sent to those who have participated in previous years, but there are still places available. (We are only able to accommodate 30 trees). If you would like to join us or know of groups who might like to show off their talents, please contact me. (Details on next page).



Last year this event attracted almost 300 visitors to our beautiful Church! The 2 days of gathering everyone in Church to set up all the trees prior to our festival is a joyful time, with singing, laughter and a great community spirit - always evident in Brockworth. The children have loads of fun, showing off their ideas and decorating their trees, as well as being spoilt with sweet treats for their efforts!

The 'Grand Switch On' will take place at 6.30pm on Friday 6th December, including a Christmas Singalong, - (songs chosen by the children). A fantastic choice of refreshments and drinks, including mulled wine for the adults will be provided.

Please encourage friends and family to come along. There will be an opportunity to vote for your favourite tree and a small prize for the winner.

The Church will be left open for several days and members of our local community and beyond are invited to pop in to view the wonderful selection of trees.

As always, the Church will be floodlit during the event, an added joyous spectacle, not to be missed!!

Linda Vogwell

For enquiries, or to book your tree space, please telephone the Church Office: 01452 550554 or contact me directly:

[lindavogwell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lindavogwell@yahoo.co.uk)

One Sunday morning, the vicar noticed little Johnny standing in the church porch staring up at a large plaque.

It was covered with names and with small Union Jacks mounted on either side of it.

The six-year-old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the Vicar, stood beside the little boy and said quietly

"Good morning, Johnny."

"Good morning, Vicar." he replied, still focused on the plaque.

"Vicar, what is this?"

The vicar replied, "Well, son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died during their time in the service."

Soberly they just stood together, staring at the large plaque.

Finally, little Johnny's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked,

"Which service, the 9:00 or the 10:30?"

*Mervyn Watts*

## Church diary—NOVEMBER 2024

1st 6.30pm Ladies' Evening—Bring & Share Supper : Hall, Church Ctre  
2nd 8pm The Apple Snatchers (Evening of Live Music): Hall, Church Centre (Doors 7.30pm)

**3rd 9am Communion Worship Service : Church**  
**10am Coffee & biscuits : Church Centre**  
**10.30am Family Worship Service : Church Centre**  
**5pm Prayer Meeting : Church**

4th 10am Parent and Toddler Group : Hall, Church Centre  
5th 10am Friendship Club—Cafe : Lounge, Church Centre  
6th 9.45am Communion : Chapel, Church Centre  
7th 10am Flower Arranging Team : Church  
7.30-9pm Bell ringing practice : Church

### **Remembrance Sunday**

**10th 9am Remembrance Service (Communion Worship) followed by short service at churchyard War Memorial : Church**  
**10.45am Meet in Church Centre car park to walk to village War Memorial**

11th 10am Parent and Toddler Group : Hall, Church Centre  
13th 9.45am Communion : Chapel, Church Centre  
7.15 for 7.30pm Worship Nights : Hall, Church Centre  
14th 10am Flower Arranging Team : Church  
7.30-9pm Bell ringing practice : Church  
16th 9am Men's Breakfast : Café Royal  
**17th 9am Communion Worship Service : Church**  
**10am Coffee & biscuits : Church Centre**  
**10.30am Family Worship Service : Church Centre**  
**12pm Baptism : Church**  
18th 10am Parent and Toddler Group : Hall, Church Centre  
7pm PCC Meeting : Hall, Church Centre  
19th 10am Friendship Club—Knit & Stitch : Lounge, Church Centre  
20th 9.45am Communion : Chapel, Church Centre  
21st 10am Flower Arranging Team : Church  
7.30-9pm Bell ringing practice : Church  
**24th 9am Communion Worship Service : Church**  
**10am Coffee & biscuits : Church Centre**  
**10.30am Family Worship Service : Church Centre**  
25th 10am Parent and Toddler Group : Hall, Church Centre  
2.30pm Mothers' Union Meeting : Hall, Church Centre  
27th 9.45am Communion : Chapel, Church Centre  
7.15 for 7.30pm Worship Nights : Hall, Church Centre  
28th 10am Flower Arranging Team : Church  
7.30-9pm Bell ringing practice : Church  
30th 2pm—4.30pm Christmas Fair : Church Centre

**Flip flops, lollipops and LIFE Together – A message from Bishop Robert**

You may have read elsewhere of my recent ‘Night on the Town’ with the Cheltenham Street Pastors. To be honest I was a little apprehensive. I am not known for my ability to manage late nights or, for that matter, for my love of clubbing – I have been, but it was a long time ago! But... I had the most wonderful time and saw Cheltenham in a very different light.

Come 11pm on a Saturday, Cheltenham is simply full of young people, all dressed in their best party clothes, spending time with friends and embracing life. With them were the Street Pastors who were my hosts for the evening. We had a few years on those going into the clubs, most of us in our 60’s and 70’s and here too was life.

The Street Pastors are Christians, members of a number of different churches across the town and beyond, committed to living out their faith in living service by giving one night a month to be on the streets between 10pm and 4am, offering loving, practical service with the aid of a dustpan and brush to sweep up broken glass that might otherwise cut young feet, bottles of water for when a little hydration might help, flip flops for when high heels are hard to walk in, and lollipops for a bit of sugar. They also run a safe space, a haven in the middle of the town with a place to sit and the promise of a hot drink. Thiers is a practical and loving service born out of relationship, with Jesus Christ and with the young people who were, when I was present, universally friendly and pleased to see us. As one young woman in her 20’s said, having commented that we were a little like her grandparents, ‘I am just so happy you are here, and you care’. We were sharing in life!

That matters. That matters a lot. It matters because life as we all know has indeed great joy and some sadness and both were in evidence. A little later we came across another young woman and her friend. Through tears she shared her sadness with one of the team, and they cared for her with the water and flip flops, and they stayed with her, and then walked with her, as she found her lift home. They stayed and walked with her as Jesus stays and walk with us. This too was indeed life.

My evening was truly inspiring, life affirming and humbling, and I am delighted that the Cheltenham Street Pastors are running their ‘Come and See’ campaign. It is not by accident that these are words from John 1, the invitation of Philip to Nathaniel to come and see Jesus, and in John 2 to join in a very splendid wedding party, an invitation to find and enjoy life in abundance. ‘Come and See’ is an invitation for you to share in my experience and explore if this might be part of the way you live out your faith and enjoy the life that God has given us to share with all.

**Faithful Generations workshop – ‘What can a Grandparent do?’**

‘What can a Grandparent do? A question close to our hearts when we long to share our faith with children of the younger generation, whether they are our familial Grandchildren or the children we care for in our churches, schools and wider communities.

You are invited to bring each other to Gloucester Cathedral for a fun and creative afternoon where you can explore Christian faith and spirituality together. There will be prayer spaces, story, activities, dance, interactive worship and more. Visit: <https://gloucester.anglican.org/>



## How to support your community this winter

Make a difference by donating essential items and thoughtful gifts to those in need over the coming months. Here are some local charities that are supporting vulnerable individuals and families this winter, and they need your help through donations.

Gloucester City Mission are launching a 'Winter Warming campaign', and they are looking for the following items:

1. Refreshments (long-life milk, jars of hot chocolate and coffee, bags of sugar, cuppa soup, biscuits)
2. Male and female clothing items (specifically jogging bottoms and hoodies)

These items can be donated, either in-person or via post, to either:

- Gloucester City Mission, 72 Eastgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 1QN, from Monday to Thursday, 10am to 3.30pm.
- Revive Coffee House, Gloucester, GL1 1PA, from Wednesday to Saturday, 10.30am to 3.30pm.

Gloucester Foodbank openly welcomes donations. They have a shopping list of urgently needed items, as well as a range of collection points across Gloucestershire where you can donate. Visit <https://gloucester.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>.

Cheltenham-based charity Caring for Communities and People have launched their Hamper Scamper 2024 Christmas campaign, asking for donations to provide food for families and gifts for children in need, as well as volunteers to wrap gifts and make hampers. Visit <https://ccp-hamper-scamper.raisely.com>.

Allsorts charity, which supports disabled children and their families, have asked for donations of Christmas-themed crafts with their Craft-15 Challenge this year. They ask for handmade items made in any way you like, from knitting to woodcraft to model clay. They would like your gifts by 15 November, donated to Third Floor, Brunel Mall, London Road, Stroud, GL5 2BP. Visit <https://allsortsglos.org.uk/join-the-allsorts-craft-15-challenge>.

## Events and training

More details for all these events at [gloucester.anglican.org/events](https://gloucester.anglican.org/events)

Make a Christmas gift: bath bombs, 12 College Green, Gloucester, GL1 2LX, 5 November, 10.30am and 1.30pm A two-hour workshop led by an experienced tutor, where you'll create your own bath bombs with natural ingredients. <https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/make-a-christmas-gift-bath-bombs>

Remembrance Sunday County service, Gloucester Cathedral, 10 November, 3pm A service to honour those who gave their lives in service. Everyone is welcome, and no booking is needed. <https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/remembrance-sunday-county-service>

Nadia Eide presents Winter Light, Christ Church Cheltenham, Malvern Road, Cheltenham, GL50 2JH, 30 November, 7pm Soprano and The Voice UK star, Nadia Eide, brings Winter Light – a Christmas concert for the family. <https://christchurchcheltenham.com/nadia-eide-presents-winter-light/>

Faithful generations, Gloucester Cathedral, 1 February 2025, 12pm to 4pm An afternoon where grandparents and grandchildren explore Christian faith and spirituality together. <https://gloucester.anglican.org/event/faithful-generations-event/>

## Our 2 holidays in September

Hello all, we have been fortunate to have had 2 holidays since my last writing. The first was the first week of September which we were expecting to have good weather, but true to English weather it was rather wet. Fortunately we went prepared with boots & wet weather gear & boy did we need them.

We went to Croyde Bay in North Devon. The hotel looked as though we should be able to go out of the gate & onto the beach, but on investigating we had to go up & over the sand dunes & down the other side along a single path. I didn't dare attempt this with my record of accidents as the last time I attempted something similar I ended up at



A&E having stitches in my head. So we found a long way round to the beach along the road, however the weather was not really beach weather unless it was for walking across in the rain, which we did on 2 or 3 occasions.

That's about all I can say about our first break away except to say we walked a lot.

However, we have just returned from our 2nd break at Weston Super Mare at the end of September into October. The weather, apart from gale force winds on arrival, was excellent. for England in October. One day we sat round the Marine Lake in T-shirts. We walked 45 miles during the 5 days, one day across the beach to Uphill, round the country park & back again. We had a day out on the bus to Burnham on Sea & walked across to Highbridge & back before returning on the bus. We visited Jill Dando's garden set in a park where the squirrels are so tame they run up to you. We watched diggers building the assault course on the beach for motor bikers to attempt at a later date.

All in all a lovely relaxing break & no mishaps you will be pleased to know.

Jenny.

# Harvest Festival

I had a funny thing happen to me on holiday this autumn. On arriving at our holiday cottage in a tiny village, my husband said "well, here it is. Church one side for you Elaine, and pub the other for me and dad", so of course I said I'd go in the morning, and we should find out what time the service was. Even better, when we took the dog for a walk, we quickly ascertained that the Harvest Festival at St James the Less in Kingston, Devon, was the very next day.

Paul pointed out the sign and told me that the Harvest Festival and Brunch was at 10.30 in the morning. How lovely. I said I would pop over to the service but not stay for brunch.

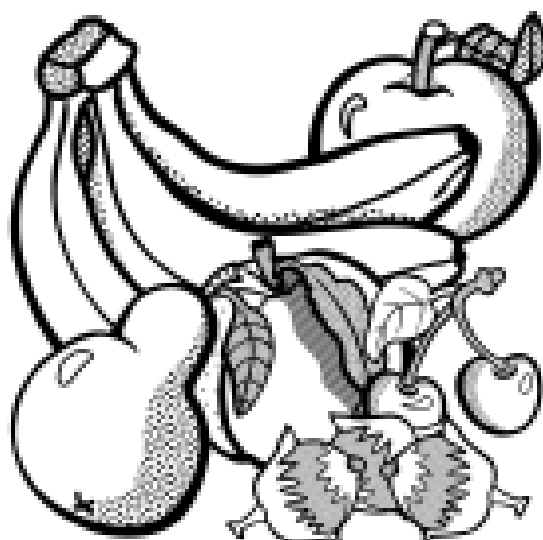
I walked the two minutes to Church on Sunday morning and proceeded to put some tins on the donations pile, and to chat with parishioners, accepting a cup of tea, and a scone.

Everyone was having a great time chatting away. Around 11am I said to the lady I was chatting to, so, when does the service start? To which she replied, well, it was at 9.30. Flabbergasted and embarrassed are the only words I can come up with. I was so amazed and of course apologised as it looked to all intents and purposes that I'd just come into Church to help myself to free food. Of course, this would have been fine as they were all so welcoming, but not the case at all.

The next day when the Harvest Festival sign had been removed, I saw that the original sign said, "Sunday Service 9.30am".

Oh dear, better luck next time!

*Elaine Marsh*





# Ladies Evening

**Do come and join us for our next  
Ladies evening which will be held on  
Friday**

**1st November**

**(not 26th October as previously  
advertised)**

**from 6.30pm**

**In the Church Centre**

**It will be a very informal  
Bring and Share supper**

**We look forward to another happy  
evening and hope you can come along  
and enjoy it with us.**

# The Apple Snatchers



A Fundraising evening of live music

With

The Apple Snatchers

Special Guest—Mike Anderson

Saturday November 2nd

St. George's Church Centre GL3 4ET

Cash donations on the night for The Food Larder

Bar/ Refreshments

8pm. Doors open 7.30pm

£5 entry on the door

# Church Register September 2024

## Weddings

**Friday 6th September**

Kimberley Shone &

Peter Lambert

**Saturday 21st September**

Holly Cooke &

Jack Leeman

## Baptisms

**Sunday 29th September**

Oliver Kenny

*A letter of thanks for the churchyard grasscutting team*

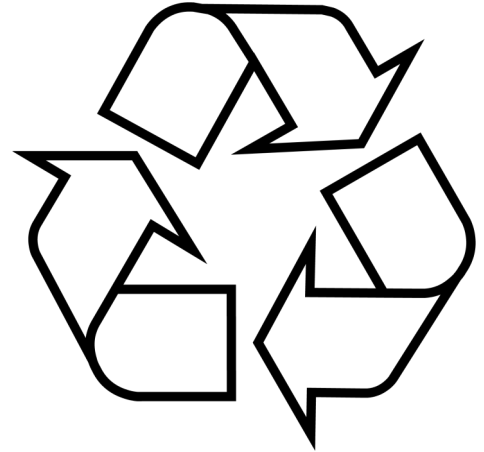
*To all involved*

*I should like to thank you for your magnificent effort in cutting the grass around the graves. I am most grateful to you particularly as I do not live locally and look after other graves at a neighbouring Church. I realise this must have been an arduous and time consuming task. However I wish to express my gratitude for enhancing the Churchyard!*

*Best wishes*

*Stuart Dove*

# Recycle and raise money for our charities.



We collect::

Used greetings cards for the Cobalt Unit

Used postage stamps for The James Hopkins Trust.

Old or broken jewellery for The Alzheimer's Society

Old spectacles for Sightsavers

Ink cartridges for LINC

**Please remember we can no longer collect medicine blister packs or milk bottle tops**

There are some boxes in the Church porch for some of these items or they can be taken to the Church office in the Church centre, Monday – Friday, 9.30 – 11.30am

Thank you for your support.



## **My favourite Hymns: Bread of Heaven**

Dear Readers, those of you who have followed my articles over the years will have noted two of my interests are Hymns and their history and Rugby Union. So, for today's contribution I have combined the two to tell you about the famous Welsh Hymn "Bread of Heaven" and the popular tune "Cwm Rhondda"

It is always sung at major rugby matches at the Millenium Stadium Cardiff.

The phrase "Bread of Heaven" comes from the hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (Redeemer)," written by William Williams. The lyrics use biblical imagery to describe the journey of a Christian through life, seeking God's guidance and sustenance.

The "Bread of Heaven" refers to God's provision, symbolizing the manna provided to the Israelites during their journey through the wilderness, as described in the Bible. It represents spiritual nourishment and the sustaining power of faith. The hymn as a whole is an allegory for the Christian life, depicting the reliance on divine guidance and strength to overcome life's challenges and ultimately reach Heaven.

The hymn is sung to the tune Cwm Rhondda composed by John Hughes who was born in Dowlais Glamorganshire Wales in 1873 and died in Llantwit Fardre in 1832. He received little or no formal education. At age twelve he was already working as a doorboy at a local mining Company in Llantwit Fardre. He eventually became an official in the traffic department of The Great Western Railway.

Much of his energy was devoted to Salem Baptist Church in Pontypridd where he served as Deacon and Precentor. Hughes composed two anthems, several Sunday School Marches and a few hymns of which Cym Rhondda (Rhondda Valley) is universally known

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer, is based on a verse in Isiah 58.11 The verse reads "And the Lord will continually guide you, And satisfy your desire in scorched places, And give strength to your bones; And you will be like a watered garden, And like a spring of water whose waters do not fail.

Its uplifting lyrics make it a fitting choice for such a significant and joyous occasion as a wedding.

The hymn has been featured in several high-profile weddings, including those of Prince William and Catherine Middleton, and Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. Its themes of guidance, strength, and divine support resonate well with the sentiments of a wedding ceremony.

Allan Delves

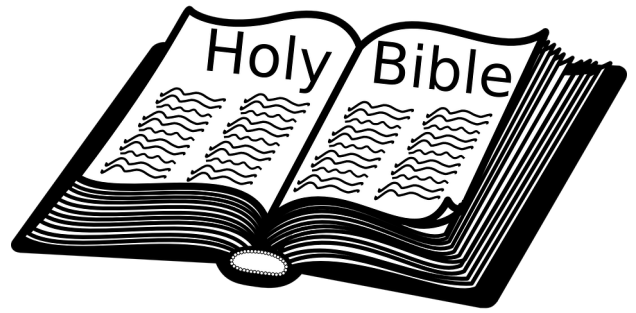
Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, [Redeemer]  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more;  
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield;  
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's Destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to Thee;  
I will ever give to Thee.

## November 2024

### Daily Bible Readings:



Friday 1st	Isaiah 56:3-8; Matthew 5:1-12
Saturday 2nd	Philippians 1:18-26; Luke 14:1,7-11
Monday 4th	Philippians 2:1-4; Luke 14:12-14
Tuesday 5th	Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 14:15-24
Wednesday 6th	Philippians 2:12-18; Luke 14:25-33
Thursday 7th	Philippians 3:3-8a; Luke 15:1-10
Friday 8th	Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 16:1-8
Saturday 9th	Philippians 4:10-19; Luke 16:9-15
Monday 11th	Titus 1:1-9; Luke 17:1-6
Tuesday 12th	Titus 2:1-8,11-14; Luke 17:7-10
Wednesday 13th	Titus 3:1-7; Luke 17:11-19
Thursday 14th	Philemon 7-20; Luke 17:20-25
Friday 15th	2 John 4-9; Luke 17:26-end
Saturday 16th	3 John 5-8; Luke 18:1-8
Monday 18th	Revelation 1:1-4,2:1-5; Luke 18:35-end
Tuesday 19th	Revelation 3:1-6,14-31; Luke 19:1-10
Wednesday 20th	Revelation 4; Luke 19:11-28
Thursday 21st	Revelation 5:1-10; Luke 19:41-44
Friday 22nd	Revelation 10:8-end; Luke 19:45-end
Saturday 23rd	Revelation 11:4-12; Luke 20:27-40
Monday 25th	Revelation 14:1-5; Luke 21:1-4
Tuesday 26th	Revelation 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11
Wednesday 27th	Revelation 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19
Thursday 28th	Revelation 18:1-2,21-23,19:1-3,9; Luke 21:20-28
Friday 29th	Revelation 20:1-4,11-21:2; Luke 21:29-33
Saturday 30th	Isaiah 52:7-10; Matthew 4:18-22

# ST. GEORGE'S

Brockworth

## WORSHIP NIGHTS

Every other Wednesday  
7:20pm for 7:30pm start  
8:10pm finish

Join us in the Church Centre for 30 minutes of contemporary (aka loudish!) worship, followed by 10 minutes for silent, or requested, prayer.

Feel free to sit and be still, sing, pray, walk around, soak in His presence; the time is yours to do as you wish.

The purpose of these evenings is to create space to worship God freely.

Our prayer is that you'll leave feeling blessed and refreshed.

Any questions? Please speak to Chris & Claire  
[hello@stgeorgesbrockworth.org](mailto:hello@stgeorgesbrockworth.org)

More info and dates visit:  
[www.stgeorgesbrockworth.org/worshipnights](http://www.stgeorgesbrockworth.org/worshipnights)

## Just a little prayer:

Lord, You know better than I know myself that I am growing older and will someday be old.

Keep me from the habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Make me thoughtful but not moody, helpful but not bossy.

With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but You know, Lord, that I need a few friends in my life.

Keep my mind from the recital of endless details, give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on aches and pains. They are increasing, as does my tendency to talk about them as the days go by. I dare not ask for grace to enjoy the tales of other's pains but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory but instead for a growing humility and less assertiveness when my memory clashes with the memory of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that, occasionally, I may be mistaken.

As one of your children, help me not to talk to or behave in a superior way to others, looking instead as to how I can help them, whilst knowing I need their help too.

Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents and gifts in unexpected people .... and then Lord, the grace to tell them so.



I know I'm far from perfect in my own eyes and in the eyes of most people probably, but you see me differently, as a well-loved child in whom you are well pleased.

*Contributed by Phil Blake*



These two pictures are taken from a similar spot, near the allotment gates, 46 years apart. The first was taken when my daughter Emma was baptised in April 1978. The second was taken in October 2024. St. George's has been almost completely hidden by the trees which have grown in those years!

The eagle-eyed among you might spot your editor pushing the pram, and her father, Bernard Braithwaite on the left, carrying his granddaughter Sarah.

*Pat Hartwell*



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All contributions will be gratefully received by the church office or, preferably, please email:  
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**The DEADLINE for the  
double December/January issue is 15th  
november**

**Thank you.**

# ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A VENUE

**for your children's party, family  
gathering, meeting or other event?**

**St. George's Church Centre  
is available to hire.**

The hall is located in the centre of Brockworth village on Court Road, GL3 4ET and has good facilities, including a private car park for hall users.

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