

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

1st	7.30pm	Little Compton W.I. in the Village Hall
3rd	12 - 4pm	Salford Fete, Fun Dog Show, Live Music, BBQ and Pimms Bar in the Field
3rd	12 noon	Beer & Cider Festival at Salford Inn
4th	2 - 5pm	Manor House Gardens Open, Little Compton
9th	3pm	Singing for a Cuppa, Salford Village Hall
17th	8.30am	Farmers Market Chipping Norton
26th	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting Meads Farm, Cornwell
26th	5pm	Centrepoint Meeting

August

20th	2 - 5pm	Manor House Gardens Open, Little Compton
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November

11th	7.30pm	Fish & Chip Quiz, Little Compton Village Hall
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We would like to have your information for next month's Centrepoint, please can we have it preferably by email to

centrepointnews@hotmail.co.uk by

Friday 23rd June

If you prefer, you can contact your village representative by

Wednesday 21st June

Chastleton	Katherin Townsend	674347
Cornwell	Ann Dancer	658512
Little Compton	Keith Ayres	07434 398324
Little Rollright	Jo Simpson	641503
Salford	Gilly Barnard	643276

June 2017

SALFORD FETE

**Saturday
3rd June**

GARDENS OPEN
at the
MANOR HOIUSE
Little Compton
Sunday June 4th

BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL

**Salford
Saturday 3rd June**

CENTREPOINT

**News and updates for: Chastleton, Cornwell, Little Compton,
Little Rollright and Salford**

Dear Friends,

Another general election is fast approaching... So often people are told to keep their faith to themselves (remember Alistair Campbell's famous interruption of "we don't do God" when Tony Blair was asked about his Christianity in 2003), but that sentiment is very wrong. As the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have stressed recently, faith in God, and the principles and values that such faith instills should, and will always, have a central role to play in the political sphere.

I have no desire to be party politic, but I would very much echo the sentiment of the Archbishops' joint statement and encourage everyone to set aside "apathy and cynicism" and draw new inspiration from the ancient Christian virtues of "love, trust and hope".

In their statement, they urged us to remember our Christian history and heritage as well as a concern for future generations and God's creation as we make our decisions. Following divisions of recent years, they call for reconciliation drawing on shared British values based on cohesion, courage and stability, and urge us to uphold marriage, family and households as the building blocks of society which should be "nurtured and supported" as a "blessing".

At a time when political differences may be felt more intensely than ever, the Archbishops insist that Christians' "first obligation" during the election and beyond is to pray for those standing for office and recognise the personal costs and burdens carried by those in political life and by their families. But, they remind us, Christians also have a duty to play an active part in the process.

The Archbishops highlight major concerns over poverty, housing and the dangers of "crushing" debt among other issues. They call for a generous and hospitable welcome to refugees and migrants but also warn against being "deaf to the legitimate concerns" about the scale of migration into some communities. They also single out the importance of standing up for those suffering persecution on grounds of faith around the world. Faith, they argue, has a unique role to play in preventing extremism and religiously motivated violence.

"Contemporary politics needs to re-evaluate the importance of religious belief," they insist. "The assumptions of secularism are not a reliable guide to the way the world works, nor will they enable us to understand the place of faith in other people's lives. Parishes and Chaplaincies of the Church of England serve people of all faiths and of none. Their contribution and that of other denominations and faiths to the well-being of the nation is immense – schools, food banks, social support, childcare among many others - and is freely offered.

But the role of faith in society is not just measured in terms of service delivery. The new Parliament, if it is to take religious freedom seriously, must treat as an essential task the improvement of religious literacy." They add: "Political responses to the problems of religiously-motivated violence and extremism, at home and overseas, must also recognise that solutions will not be found simply in further secularisation of the public realm." May you all be led with wisdom and compassion as you vote this month.

James Kennedy

Chastleton Teas

We have 2 dates in June when donations of cakes or help on the day would be very Welcome.



Lemon & oregano chicken traybake

Serves 4

Preparation time 10 mins

Cooking time 1 hour

Ingredients

500g new potato, thinly sliced
2tbsp olive oil
6 - 8 chicken thighs, skin on
8 shallots
100g bacon lardons
1 lemon, sliced into wedges
5 oregano strips
100ml white wine
200ml chicken stock



Method

1. Heat oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7. Tip the potatoes into a large shallow roasting tin, drizzle with 1 tbsp of the oil, season well and toss to coat. Roast for 20 mins until starting to crisp.

2. Season the chicken thighs and add to the roasting tin along with the shallots, bacon lardons, lemon wedges and oregano. Drizzle with the remaining oil, then return to the oven for 20 mins. Pour over the wine and stock, and roast for a final 20 mins until the chicken is golden and cooked through.

Recipe from Good Food magazine, September 2012

STEPHEN FREER 1920—2017

Stephen Freer, who has died aged 97, was a Brilliant, Gentle and Modest man. Over the years he was so kind and helpful to me in my obsession for local history — from patiently translating Medieval Latin Manuscripts and Heraldic Inscriptions to driving me miles to Kirtlington to take tea with his cousin Mrs Budgett, a lovely, eccentric lady of 96 who wrote everything I needed for my research on the back of an old gas bill! We enjoyed her company and the homemade scones, despite the fact that she had baked them using salt instead of sugar.

I will always remember Stephen's wonderful Sermons, they were the best ever, never longer than 10 minutes, written on tiny bits of paper in minuscule writing. I learned so much ecclesiastical history in those 10 minutes on a cold Sunday night because he made everything lucid, informative and completely spellbinding.

Born at Little Compton, to which village he remained greatly attached, Stephen, a classical scholar, was educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge, and worked at Bletchley Park during the war, decoding Japanese and Italian, among other languages.

Thereafter, he worked for the Historical Manuscripts Commission in London and, finally, during the past twenty-five years, enjoyed translating from the Latin 17th/18th century medical and botanical books for Oxford University Press. But most of all, he was a lovely, sincere man who loved his family, of whom he was very proud and our thoughts are with his devoted wife Freddie and daughter Zazie.

Joy Timms



CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SERVICES for the FIVE VILLAGES June 2017

4th	9.00am	Chastleton	Communion (BCP)
4th	11.00am	Cornwell	Family Communion
11th	11.00pm	Salford	Family Communion
18th	9.00am	Little Rollright	Communion (BCP)
25th	9.00am	Salford	Communion (BCP)
25th	4.00pm	Little Compton	Songs of Praise

Good to Know: if you have children, you are of course most welcome to join us at any of the above services but we cater particularly for children (aged 0-11) each Sunday in Chipping Norton, Kingham and Churchill, and for youth (11-16) in Chipping Norton.

'Thy Kingdom Come' Prayer Times - 6.30pm each evening



Mon 29/5 Little Compton	Tues 30/5 Daylesford	Wed 31/5 Cornwell
Thu 1/6 Churchill	Fri 2/6 Chastleton	
Sat 3/6 9am – Sun 4/6, 9am St Mary's, Chipping Norton		

Verse of the month: : 1 Timothy 2:1-2

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."

News for the 5 Villages

Singing for a Cuppa

Do you enjoy singing for fun?

2 hours is rounded off with a cuppa and biscuits.

Next sing-along is on

Friday 9th June, 3-5 pm in Salford Village Hall (cost £2).

Further info. please ring **Doreen 01608 642853**

We were sad to hear of the death of STEPHEN FREER
on 26th April.

A really special service in his memory was held on 8th
May at Cirencester Parish Church.

We send loving sympathy to
Freddie and Zazie

News from LITTLE COMPTON - Contact Keith Ayres 07434 398324

Manor House

C16 Historic Manor House (not open) 4 acres of stunning
gardens set in a beautiful location.

Enjoy the many garden rooms, long herbaceous border, deer
walk, Japanese garden, flower garden, arboretum and specimen
trees.

Garden staff on site, croquet and tennis courts
available to play.

Sunday 4 June, Sunday 20 August (2 - 5pm).

Admission £5.50, children free. *Home-made teas.*



Little Compton W.I.

Gloucester Cathedral was the main source of
RICHARD CANN'S talk to WI in April. His long association with the
Cathedral started when he was a chorister there. His interest in, and
depth of knowledge about the stained glass there gave members a
enthraling evening .

Visitors are most welcome on Thursday **June 1st at 7.30** in the
Village Hall to hear Mark Davis talk about his book
"Alice in Waterworld"

Hire of Little Compton Village Hall

Those wishing to hire the Village Hall please contact
CLAIRE HALL on (01608) 674494 or on

Email **clareh26@gmail.com**

The rate for the hire is £10.00 per hour - booking essential.

News from SALFORD - Contact Gilly Barnard 643276

Salford Village Fete Saturday 3rd June

Don't forget the Salford Fete & Fun Dog Show on
Saturday 3rd June. There is also a Beer & Cider
Festival at the Salford Inn. Can you spare an hour or two to
help with the set up the fete? We will be erecting the site on
Friday 2nd June from 4.30pm to around 8.00pm and really need
your help then. Please come along to the field on the Friday
evening if you can lend a hand.

If you can help on a stall on the day of the fete, even if for a
short while, please let Mayur Amin know on 01608 644456 or
via email m.amin@elsevier.com .

Whether you can help or not, come and enjoy a family day out
at the fete.