

Mass at Tetbury and Cirencester - Week commencing Saturday 17th September

Saturday 17 th September 2011	St Peter's, Cirencester	6.00pm
Sunday 18th September 2011	St Michaels Tetbury	9.00am
	St Peter's, Cirencester	11.00am
Monday 19 th & Tuesday 20 th September 2011	St Peter's, Cirencester	10.00am
Wednesday 21st September 2011	St Michaels, Tetbury	10.00am
Thursday 22 nd & Friday 23 rd September 2011	St Peters, Cirencester	10.00am
Saturday 24 th September 2011	St Peter's, Cirencester	10.00am

Ministerial Lists

Sunday 18th September 2011

Minister of Holy Communion: Rachel Moody

Lector: Jane Archer

Flowers: Pat Jackson

Church Cleaning: Week commencing 19th September 2011

Pat Martin and Carol Hancock

Sunday 25th September 2011

Minister of Holy Communion: Elaine Wright

Lector: Richard Lark

Flowers: Pat Jackson

Church Cleaning: Week commencing 26th September 2011

Louise Gilbert and Sandra Womack

Parish Office

Parish Priest: Fr Michael Davies MA

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St Michael's website: www.stmichaelstetbury.org.uk

Parish Office Hours this week:

Tuesday	14.00 - 17.00
Thursday and Friday	10.00 - 14.30

Church Open for Quiet Prayer and Reflection:

Monday	11.00 - 13.00
Tuesday	14.00 - 17.00
Thursday and Friday	10.00 - 14.30

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Saint Michaels Catholic Church Tetbury

18th September 2011

Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

"Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home; all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin. God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied; come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home."

The words of a hymn that was sung at our school Harvest Mass when I was a child and I'm sure sung by many of you. We are now in autumn, the mornings and evenings are cooler; the nights are drawing in. When I drive past the fields and see the bales of hay rolled up, the words of the hymn come into my mind. The leaves on the trees are changing colour and I always think are lovely at this time of year, especially when the sun is shining on them. We have given thanks for successful harvests since pagan times. Harvest Festival used to be celebrated at the beginning of the Harvest season on 1 August and was called Lammas, meaning 'loaf Mass'. Farmers made loaves of bread from the new wheat crop and gave them to their local Church. They were then used as the Communion bread during a special Mass thanking God for the harvest. Today we have Harvest festivals at the end of the season, which are traditionally held on or near the Sunday of the Harvest Moon. This is the full moon that occurs closest to the autumn equinox (about Sept. 23). Harvest Festival reminds Christians of all the good things God gives them and this makes them want to share with others who are not so fortunate. The celebrations on this day have included singing hymns, praying, and decorating churches with baskets of fruit and food from the garden, the allotment or farm. After the Service, the food that has been put on display is made into parcels and distributed among the poor and senior citizens of the parish. As we have come to rely much less on home-grown produce so there has been a shift in emphasis in many Harvest Festival celebrations. Increasingly, Churches have linked Harvest with an awareness of and concern for people in the developing world for whom growing crops of sufficient quality and quantity remains a struggle. Development and Relief organisations including CAFOD often produce ways to promote these concerns in Churches at Harvest time for those in need across the globe.

'I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God.'

The book of Ecclesiastes tells us that everything has its time; for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted. God has made everything beautiful in its time; we should be at peace with him; with all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.

Elaine

Welcome to St Michaels Church; if you are a visitor, we hope you enjoy your stay in Tetbury. If you are new to the parish, please complete a parish registration form and give to Elaine or post through the letter box of the Parish Office, thank you.

Please join us for coffee in the hall after Mass.

Coffee on Sunday: Every Sunday after mass there is coffee in the hall. It is a great way to catch up with old friends and make new ones. Please join us and if you can help with making coffee etc please put your name on the list.

Weekday Mass: Just to remind you that there is a Wednesday morning Mass here at 10.00am; **please** try to attend this Mass

Parish Register: Please put your completed Parish Register form in the box provided; if you did not receive one last week, please take one and complete, today; many thanks for your co-operation.

Michael Fest: There are flyers available today confirming the programme for the weekend; please take one home with you. Tickets for the Friday Evening of Choral Music are available after Mass today.

One Year On: Ann Widdecombe reflects on the impact and legacy of the Holy Father's historic visit at St John's Parish Hall, South Parade, Bath on Wednesday 21st September 2011 at 7.30pm. There is a poster on the notice board.

Diocesan Trustees: The Diocesan Trustees are entrusted with the good stewardship of the Diocese. They are currently looking for an additional Trustee with financial experience to strengthen their work. If you are interested please contact Alessia Dini, Secretary to the Trustees, by Friday 7 October, on 01179 733072 or alessia.dini@cliftondiocese.com.

St Osmonds Chapel Tarlton: On Wednesday 21st September 2011; Fr Bill Watson and Fr Michael Davies will be celebrating Mass at this lovely chapel at 6.00pm; please join them.

Harvest Lunch: We have been invited by St Peters to join them for their The Harvest Lunch on Sunday 9th October 2011 after the 11.00am Mass; price £2.50, children under 16 free. Please sign up on the food list on the notice board in the porch.

Mass of Thanksgiving for Catholic Education: Wednesday 21st September at 7pm in Clifton Cathedral, Bishop Declan will be celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving for the work of all those involved in Catholic Education. This Mass will draw to a close the Year for Catholic Education but point the way forward to all that we can achieve in the future. After Mass, tea and coffee will be available in the Apostle Room.

Simon's Shoulder; Bear one another's burdens Galatians 6.2: In your Prayers please remember those parishioners and members of our families who are ill, housebound, or recovering from surgery, especially, Bishop Crispian Hollis, Pam Penn-Taplin, Sarah Cornell, Monica Whaley, Catherine Elgar, Emily Birrane, Sheila Kenny, Theresa Triggs, Patrick Dignan, Wilf Smith, Anne Dewey, Santina Long, and all those injured in conflict. Please also remember in your prayers our clergy who are sick or recovering from illness.

May they rest in Peace; Please pray for those who have died recently especially the soldiers killed in Afghanistan; and all whose anniversaries fall at this time especially Bishop William Lee, Sally Richardson and Bridget Irwin May they all rest in peace in God's heavenly Kingdom, Amen.

Parish Finance: Sunday 11th September 2011 collection raised £71.00
The collection for the Bishops Charitable Fund raised £64.00.

Thank you very much.

THE MASS

FIRST READING
Prophet Isaiah 55: 6-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The Lord is close to all who call him.

I will bless you day by day
And praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured.
R. The Lord is close to all who call him
The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.
R The Lord is close to all who call him
The Lord is just in his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts.
R. The Lord is close to all who call him

SECOND READING:
Letter St Paul to the Philippians 1: 20-24. 27

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on the King who comes,
in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest heavens.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL:
Matthew 20: 1-16