

NOTICES & NEWS

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Worship in Church and Online Preachers and readings for Sunday 5th July 2026

Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67;
 Psalm 45: 10-17;
 Romans 7:15-25a;
 Matthew 11: 16-19 & 25-30

Worship in Church: 10.30am
*(Sunday Fun sessions are on the 2nd & 4th
 Sunday each month at 10.30am)*

5th July Rev John McNeill
 12th July Steve Ward HC
 19th July Local Arrangement
 26th July Mike Dearsley

**Flowers in Church for this Sunday
 have been provided by
 Mrs H Carne**

Weekly Programme

Monday:

Badminton Club 9.30-11.30am
Carers Coffee Morning 10.30-11.30am
 (3rd Mon)
Friendship Club (2nd Mon) 2.30pm
BB&GA Anchors/Juniors 5.30-8.00pm
 (termtime)
Welcome Cafe (termtime) 5.30-8.00pm
Monday Makers 7.30-9.30pm

Tuesday:

JellyTotz 10-11.30am
 Parents & Toddlers (termtime)
Men's Social (2nd Tue) 10-12noon
Step'n'Style (termtime) 4-8.30pm

Wednesday:

Welcome Cafe 10-12noon
Welcome Garden 10-12noon
Tech Support (free) 10.30-12noon
 (in Welcome 1st&3rd)

Thursday:

Welcome Cafe 10 - 12noon
Craft Group 10 - 12noon
BB&GA Company 7-10.00pm
 (termtime)

Friday:

Friday Lunch Club 2nd&4th Fri

Saturday:

Welcome Cafe 10-12noon
 (1st & 3rd of month)

Foodbank – The collection crate is
 available in the church entrance.

Church & PFA Events 2026

Sept 26th Jumble Sale (PFA)
 Oct 17th Jigsaw Puzzle Sale
 Nov 14th Jumble Sale (Church Funds)

Welcome Garden – Community Support

At the Welcome Garden we give most of the vegetables and fruit we grow to local food projects. We thought you might like to know more about one of them - **St Oswald's Church Food Hub** in Coney Hill, featured on Radio 4's Food Programme on May 29th (entitled The Price of Food) available on BBC Sounds.

The St Oswald's Food Hub grew from that church recognising that a lot of people in Coney Hill were struggling with the price of food. The Food Hub is independent of the Gloucester Food Bank and is aimed at meeting a particular local need. The church works with FairShare and Morrison's Food Champion, who supply food that is approaching its sell by date.

Local people pay a £5 annual membership fee and then £2 per week for a bag of groceries. They are also welcome to have a cooked meal at the church, with a suggested donation of £3. This all happens on Thursdays and at 12.30pm there is a free market where people struggling to buy food can get fresh bread, veg and fruit and other goods at no cost.

The Welcome Garden's contribution to this project is small but our vegetables and fruit arrive on the table within 24 hours of picking, so, very fresh and with minimal food miles.

This is a practical way that our church is supporting local people in need to put fresh food on the table.

And a little prayer for the food we eat:

Dear Jesus. Thank you for the hands that prepared this meal. Bless the love, care, and effort that went into each bite. May this food bring health to our bodies and joy to our hearts. We eat with gratefulness and give You glory. **Amen.**

Strawberry Fayre – PFA Report on a Great Day

The 50th anniversary of the strawberry fayre was opened by our very own BB/GA band and entertainment followed from the Wildcats cheerleaders, the children's entertainer and Ellie Wright dance school, all very popular with our visitors.

It was a warm, sunny day with lots of stalls, including the new human fruit machine which proved good fun. The barbecue, cream teas and ice creams were enjoyed by all and the delicious fresh strawberries sold out by the end of the fayre.

Our many thanks go to all our wonderful volunteers for all their time and help which is greatly appreciated. We are very grateful for the many donations of cakes and raffle prizes and to local companies for their donations and support. **The event raised around £2200 plus donations which is an amazing amount for our young people of the BB/GA to help them enjoy events in the future.**





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What would help?

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart."

COLOSSIANS 3:23 (NIV)

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