

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### St Barnabas Playgroup

Mon/Tue/Thu 9-1 and Fri 9-12

### Monday Club (free afterschool club)

Monday (term time), 4.30-6 pm  
Oasis Cheltenham

### Bell-ringing Training and Practice

Monday, 7.15-9 pm  
St Mark Church. Contact Simon Ridley

### 5-a-side Football

Monday, 8-9 pm  
Bournside School. Contact Ralph Catto

### Women's Fellowship

Tuesday, 2.30 pm  
St Barnabas Hall.  
Contact Dot Addis/Liz Dobbin

### Art Club

Wednesday, 11.30 am-3.30 pm  
St Mark Hall. Contact Jean Townsend

### St Mark Toddler Time

Thursday (term time), 10-11.30 am  
St Mark Hall. Contact Debbie Babbage

### St Aidan and St Silas Coffee Shop

Friday, 10 am-12 pm  
Oasis Cheltenham

### Saturday Set Up for Sunday Services

Saturday, 5.15 pm  
Oasis Cheltenham

## ALSO COMING UP

### GRID (Youth Group for Year 7+)

Sunday 24th March, 7-8.30 pm  
Oasis Cheltenham. Contact Katie Chiswell

### b4T (fortnightly afterschool club)

Monday 25th March, 3.30-5 pm  
St Mark Hall. Contact Rachel Channon

### Informal Bible Study with Crèche

Tuesday 26th March, 10-11.30 am  
St Mark Hall (fortnightly)

## CLERGY

<b>Rod Paterson</b> (day off Thu)	07853 632675	rodwestchelt@icloud.com
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## PARISH OFFICE

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## OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday 9am-1pm  
Tuesday 9am-3pm  
Wednesday 9am-2pm  
Thursday 9am-2pm



24TH MARCH 2019

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY...

If you are here for the first time we are delighted to see you.  
After the service please stay for refreshments.

## Oasis as a Sports and Wellness Centre

I want to share with everyone a potential opportunity for an exciting new ministry based at the Oasis Centre.

As part of the outworking of the diocesan vision much thought and prayer has gone into how we engage with children, young people and their families who have no connection with the church to inspire them to discover Jesus. As an outworking of this a diocesan project team are looking into the possibility of establishing a pioneering network of fresh expressions in sports and wellness centres across the diocese.

Through sports, games, play, community activities and hospitality the aim is to build relationships and serve people and families both spiritually and

physically. The centres will work in collaboration with existing worshipping communities, schools and partner organisations and support their life and ministry to serve, love and share the transforming gospel of Jesus Christ.

It is important to say that nothing has yet been decided. Much planning work remains to be done, including how such centres might be sustainability resourced, before a final decision is made by the Bishops Council. However, I wanted to share this development as early as possible with everyone in West Cheltenham, for your continued prayers, as there seems to be a real movement of the Spirit as we continue with our own vision process.

In Christ, Rod

Please send items for the next News Sheet to the Office by Monday 25th March.

## TODAY

### ST AIDAN & ST SILAS

10:30am Holy Communion  
Speaking Nigel Graham  
Acts 4:32-37

### ST BARNABAS

10:30 am Morning Worship  
Speaking Sharon Walker  
Acts 15:36-41

### ST MARK

9 am Holy Communion  
Speaking Lyn Horne

10:30 am Morning Praise  
Speaking Rod Paterson  
Acts 15:36-41

6:30 pm Holy Communion  
Speaking Phil Southam

## WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH

### ST MARK

10 am Midweek Communion

## SUNDAY 31ST MARCH

### ST AIDAN & ST SILAS

10:30am Speaking Rod Paterson  
Acts 15:36-41

### ST BARNABAS

10:30 am Speaking Phil Southam

### ST MARK

9 am Holy Communion  
Speaking Rod Paterson  
Acts 15:36-41

10:30 am All Age  
Speaking Bob Hurley  
Acts 4:32-37

## WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL

### ST MARK

10 am Midweek Communion



**CHRISTIAN ARTS FESTIVAL**

23 April – 12 May 2019  
Cheltenham

**Music  
Art  
Drama  
Workshops**

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The Christian Arts Festival runs from 23rd April – 12th May. There are also a number of Easter Holiday Workshops between April 12th – 17th, including:

### Pyrography Art (7 yrs +)

Friday April 12th, 10am – 12:30 at Oasis with invitation to parents to come to Coffee Shop.

### Edufun Children's Workshop (5-13 yrs)

Monday April 15th, 10am – 12 at Oasis.

Full details of the Easter Holiday Workshops can be found on p5 of the Christian Arts Festival brochure.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY

- St Mark is open for prayer, weekdays at 9 am (except April 1st – 29th).
- Saturdays in the meeting room, 8:30-9:15 am at **Oasis Cheltenham**.



## DIOCESE OF GLOUCESTER PARTNERING WITH THE CHELTENHAM FESTIVALS



The Diocese are seeking volunteers to help run a new family tent in the heart of the Cheltenham Festival Village for this year's Jazz and Science Festivals.

The Jazz Festival is the 4th – 6th May, 10.30am – 6pm; the Science Festival is the 4th – 9th June, 10am – 5pm.

The Family Tent will be a colourful, informal and fun place where children and families can gather to get creative with ideas and words.

This is a fantastic opportunity for the churches in our diocese to engage and

be in conversation with the thousands of families and young people who attend the Festivals every year.

Volunteers are needed to help take care of the families, help with making arts and crafts and chat with lots of people! Any time you can offer from an hour to a day would be gratefully welcomed.

Benefits include reduced ticket prices. For more information and to register your interest, please contact Lucy Taylor on ltaylor@glosdioc.org.uk or 01452 835515.

## PARISH ELECTORAL ROLL

The deadline to apply to be on the new electoral roll is 31st March

Please can completed application forms be returned as soon as possible.

The deadline is the 31st March. Forms returned after this will be too late; no names can be added after this date.

Everyone who is eligible and wishes to be on the roll will need to apply even if they are already on the current roll.

Contact Pauline Carter if you have any queries (pauline@carter62.plus.com).

## SAFEGUARDING TRAINING EVENT

St Barnabas, Wednesday 3rd April, 7pm  
This course, which is being run by the Diocesan Safeguarding team, is intended for everybody who is involved in the church in any way with children, young people or vulnerable adults especially if they have not undertaken

any official safeguarding training in recent months.

The event is also open to anyone who might be considering getting involved in the near future plus other members of the church who are interested to learn more about Safeguarding guidelines for the parish. Please can you let me and/or the nominated person in your church know if you will be attending. Patricia Bowen.

Sports sessions will be running in the MUGA (next to Oasis) during the Easter holidays on Monday 8th, Wednesday 10th, Friday 12th, Monday 15th and Wednesday 17th April, 2.30 – 4pm.

Can you come and help serve squash and biscuits to the children and young people attending? This will be a great opportunity to engage with the young people in our parish.