

Events and training

More details for all these events at www.gloucester.anglican.org/events/2018-01

Whole-Life Preaching

Saturday 2 June, 10am to 4pm at Christchurch, Abbeydale
Stefan McNally and Antony Billington from LICC discuss the challenges of preaching for the whole of life and reflect on the possibilities that preaching offers us as we seek to make disciples. £10 (includes lunch). To book email nkent@glosdioc.org.uk

Social media training

Tuesday 5 June, 6.30pm to 8pm
Chedworth Village Hall
Gain confidence in using social media.
Booking at <https://bit.ly/2G8I3XG>

Connections: Belief and Community at the Cheltenham Science Festival, with Bishop Rachel
Saturday 9 June, 12.30 to 1.30pm at the Helix Theatre, Cheltenham

What are the connections between structures of faith and the structures of society? Tickets £8. Find out more and book at www.cheltenhamfestivals.com

Jesus a man of prayer: Quiet Day led by Wendy Roberts

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Friday 15 June, 10.30am to 3.30pm
The House of the Open Door,
Childswickham, WR12 7HH. £20 to include lunch. 01684 290046 to book.

Exploring Christian Vocations

16 June, 10am to 4pm, 4 College Green, Gloucester
Is God calling you to step out into new ways of serving him and the Church? People in lay and ordained ministries will share their experiences and answer your questions. Booking nkent@glosdioc.org.uk

Bereavement Support Day: for anyone interested in supporting those who have lost a loved one.

Saturday 23 June, 9.30am to 3.30pm at St John's Church, Churchdown
Speakers include a consultant in old age medicine, a bereavement counsellor and a funeral director. Free. Drinks and cakes provided, bring your own lunch. Booking on 01452 855553, saintjohn.church@talktalkbusiness.net

Festival of flowers: 'Strictly music and dance'

Friday 29 June to Sunday 1 July, St Lawrence Church, Sandhurst
All proceeds for the maintenance and repair of Sandhurst Church.
www.seventowers.org.uk/sandhurst

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engagement Living out Christ's love and hope
Using sport, music and art to build relationships and share the Christian faith



Canon Benjamin Preece Smith, Diocesan Secretary

Sports is a really powerful force that brings people and communities together in a positive environment..

What many don't realise however is that modern sports come from a deeply Christian place: basketball was a mission programme invented by the YMCA!

The concepts of teamwork, shared endeavour, equality on the pitch, respect for referees, coaching and good grace in victory *and* defeat were means to bring a Christian framework to those who struggled with traditional Church and learning methods. Whilst the Church drifted away from sports in the late twentieth century people did not. We hope you will join us (and encourage others to do so) at some of the events and opportunities below where you can hopefully capture some of that vision for how we can share our faith and lives with this generation, through sports.

Sports internships at Viney Hill Christian Adventure Centre

Love sport? Want to gain nationally recognised outdoor qualifications? Viney Hill Christian Adventure Centre is offering two residential (18+) positions and two non-residential (16+) six week positions. No experience needed. Pay £180 per week (free on-site accommodation for those 18+). The closing date for applications is 13 June. Contact Kate Wyatt, kate@vineyhilladventure.org 01594 516162 for more information and the full application pack.



Play football inside Gloucester Cathedral!

16 June, 10 to 9pm

Jesus fished with the fishermen and taught with the teachers; would he play football with the footballers? We think so; in fact he'd probably play in goal. (Jesus saves? Get it?)

The World Cup is just around the corner and to celebrate, we're hosting a football tournament in the Cathedral. With a day full of football mayhem, including skills demonstrations, free games and refreshments, you can just come along or sign up your team and play for ultimate 5-a-side glory.

If you don't have a team to sign up, come as an individual, spectate and have a go with some of the other games on the day. For the football tournament itself you will need a team of school-age kids. More details at www.gloucester.anglican.org/2018/football-tournament-cathedral/

Summer Sports and Adventure Camp

Y7-Y11 Sports and Adventure Residential run by the PSALMS team at the Adventure Plus Centre, Oxfordshire

All young people (school years 7-11) are encouraged to book onto this action packed week filled with sports, games, and adventurous activities...including raft building, canoeing, wide games, bushcraft, archery, team challenges, climbing, sport, bonfire, chill time and ore! There is even a 'house band' to provide music for the time away. The young people will be exploring the Christian faith as they engage in discussions about Jesus through a camp speaker and small groups. For all further details and to book places, <https://psalms.uk.net/activity-event-booking/>

SPORTS SESH: Saturdays, 10am

Highgrove Park, Churchdown

Free football sessions for young people age 11+.

Just turn up and play.

Contact nathan.youlton@psalms.uk.net

Searching questions at lunchtime football club

PSALMS, a Christian organisation that puts sport alongside local ministries, has been running two weekly football clubs at local secondary schools and the young people who come along are finding it gives them the space to think about faith in a new way. During the sessions, the PSALMS team share their own faith and look at topics like the Church, the Bible and relationships.

Rob French, Director of Sports Ministry at PSALMS, said, "Sports ministry gives young people the opportunity to really think about God. It's interesting to hear them have conversations about God between themselves and ask searching questions like, 'If I was to take someone out on purpose in football would God forgive me?' or 'If I pray to God will he help us win our football game tomorrow?'... questions they wouldn't have asked if they didn't have a place to explore faith or anyone to ask."

Inspired? Subscribe to the PSALMS UK channel on YouTube for weekly vlogs and updates.



Creating safe environments and positive relationships

Children and Families Forum

Saturday 23 June, 9.30am to 12 noon at St Catharine's, Gloucester
Julie Creswell, an experienced additional needs teacher, parent and parenting coach will guide the group through conversations around behaviours and the skills and techniques which can help support our children and ourselves. To book, email nkent@glosdioc.org.uk