

Events and training

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Question and answer session with Bishop Robert and Bishop Rachel

Wednesday 1 April 2020, 7pm to 8pm
Gloucester Cathedral

Ask Bishop Rachel and Bishop Robert all your questions about faith, the Church, Christianity, God and Jesus in a special event at Gloucester Cathedral. Contact dbest@glosdioc.org.uk for more information

Chrism Eucharist

Gloucester Cathedral
Maundy Thursday 9 April, 11am

The annual service of the blessing of the oils, attended by clergy from across the diocese. One of the most solemn and important services of the year. All are welcome to this service and to renew the vows they made or were made on their behalf at baptism.

Diocesan service of baptism and confirmation

Saturday 11 April, 8pm to 9pm
A service for people from across the diocese to be confirmed or baptised by Bishop Rachel and Bishop Robert. Contact dbest@glosdioc.org.uk

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Sunday 12 April is Easter Sunday
Celebration services will be taking place at churches across the diocese. Visit www.achurchnearyou.com for more information.

- Stratton Church is holding a sunrise service in the fields at Stratton at 6am with **Bishop Robert**, followed by bacon sandwiches or vegan alternative. Full details from www.churnvalley.org.uk
- **Bishop Rachel** will be leading the service in Gloucester Cathedral at 10am on Easter Sunday.

Environment and Eco Church Workshop

Tuesday 21 April, 7.30pm to 9pm at The Church of St Peter and St Paul, Blockley OR Thursday 30 April, 7.30pm to 9pm at St Andrew's Church, Churchdown
Practical workshop on environmental concerns, with a focus on the EcoChurch awards, for churches who want to go started or are already engaged and want to explore the next step. Be inspired by what others are doing; ask questions; and share with others who are working in this area of ministry. Make a booking at <https://bit.ly/2U97vqH>

Candles for change: Pauline Farman, Churn Valley Benefice



“What happens to your candle-ends; wax chipped off those window ledges following a carol service; wax shavings from making candle-ends fit; votive-candle bits and

containers, etc? Does it all end up in the bin and subsequently in landfill? If so, there is a solution.

“Put your candle-waste into a separate bag or bin and it can be recycled. The Recycled Candle Company recycles candle-waste from cathedrals, churches, hotels, pubs and the general public. It is then made into new candles that they sell. It won't make any money for your church, but it won't cost you anything either, except you will know that you are helping the environment as it's not going into landfill.

“You may think that the little waste you generate is negligible, but remember we have a cathedral, an abbey and hundreds of churches across the diocese who all use candles at some time or other and many in their congregations do so in their homes, and not just when there's a power cut. So, don't hide your light under a bushel (or landfill), recycle it and it will shine for longer. Diocesan Environmental Officer, the Revd Arthur Champion, the Revd Cate Williams and the Revd David Minns (Churn Valley) all endorse this scheme.”

Pauline says that she is happy to coordinate the collection of the candles. Contact: paulinefarman19@btinternet.com To sign up for Eco Church visit <https://ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk>



Are you offsetting your emissions?

Engaging with global environmental care can be difficult. Climate Stewards helps you to offset unavoidable carbon emissions by supporting community forestry, water filter and cookstove projects in the developing world. Though many people are trying to reduce their emissions, there will always be some emissions that can't be avoided.

Offsetting provides a way to deal with those unavoidable emissions. Climate Stewards was started by A Rocha and is now an independent NGO, but still very much part of the A Rocha network.

Voluntary offsetting reminds us that climate change is our responsibility and creates a self-imposed incentive to reduce our emissions. It slows down climate change and reduces the impact on the poor, who are most at risk.

Offsetting demonstrates to politicians that we are serious about wanting action on climate change. You can offset flights, travel, household emissions, or the emissions generated from your diet. For example, to offset 10,000 miles a year on a large petrol car, you would pay £116. To offset eating a low level of meat, seven days a week for a household of four people for a year would cost £136.46.

Climate Stewards believes that offsetting has a small but significant impact on global emissions levels and can demonstrate real concern about climate change and reduce its impact on millions of vulnerable people. It's also a practical way of getting people started on reducing their CO₂ emissions. Recent evidence from the Forest Trends Institute confirms that for many organisations, offsetting is just one part of their strategy for tackling carbon emissions.

Find out more at www.climatestewards.org/offset

everyday faith

Everyday Faith Event

This October, every benefice is being invited to send representatives to an inspirational day conference, equipping people to live out their faith every day, in the situations and

places they find themselves. It's a packed timetable of workshops, including;

- *Being a Christian in your school community*
- *Courageous Advocacy: How and why can Christians be brave and make the world a better place*
- *Inspiring everyday faith at home: ideas to help families grow in faith together*
- *Know your Story*
- *Praying with your eyes open*
- *Standing up for God's world: being a green Christian*
- *Confidence in God: Know you are loved and liked'*
- *Discover how to reach deeper places: meaningful conversations*
- *Live your faith in your place of work*
- *That's a good question: enjoy exploring the big issues*
- *To do or not to do: managing time in the light of eternity,*
- *The power of food and friendship*
- *Transform your workplace*
- *Reading the Bible with everyday life in mind*

Your member of clergy should have details of how to get your benefice's representatives signed up to this brilliant opportunity.