Events and training

More details for all these events at gloucester.anglican.org/events

Monday midday mindfulness
A half hour of mindfulness every Monday at 12 noon. Open to all. If you would like to get the Zoom link to join, please email rcameron@glosdioc.org.uk

Our rural future
23 February, 10am to 12 noon on Zoom, open to all
Bishop Rachel hosts a webinar exploring some of the key issues facing our rural communities at this time. Keynote speaker is Mark Betson, National Rural Officer for the Church of England. Other speakers include Katie Jarvis, National Farmers Union County Advisor, Gloucestershire, Rachel Howie, Director of Education and Roger Mortlock, Chief Executive of Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust. Visit https://bit.ly/38zAgVD to sign up.

Sharing Faith with Children
27 February, 10am to 12.30pm
How do you share your faith with the children in your life? Jennifer Fellows will help us demystify sharing faith. Encouraging us to use everyday language and examples of what our faith means to us she will show how this can enable our children to grow in their own relationship with God. Visit https://tinyurl.com/y53cdssb to book your place.

Being a Christian in your school community
March 4, 7.30pm to 9pm
Led by Barry Voyce with Jo Wetherall and others
Whether a pupil, parent, teacher, governor, or associated with a school, living a Christ-centred life every day within and around the community of the school brings God's love, hope and the life of that community. Questions answered, situations explored, dilemmas discussed. This session is primarily aimed at primary schools and the next will for secondary schools. Book at https://tinyurl.com/y5yxl3hl

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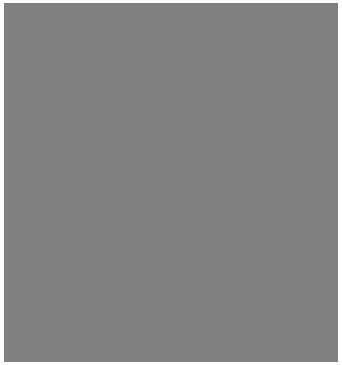

With lockdown in full swing, putting festivals and celebrations on our calendars has never been so important: Little islands of normality and opportunities for fun that we can hang on to while everything changes around us.

Traditionally, St Valentine's Day has been seen as a day for couples, but there's so much more to it. It can also be a chance for self-care, and love for your neighbours. It can be a focus for our hearts, our minds and our hope and for recognising God's love.

This Valentine's Day, whether you are single or part of a couple, choose love. We're challenging you to do one thing to show love to yourself, one thing to show love to your neighbour and one thing to show love to your community as a whole.

You could take a bubble bath, pick some cheerful daffodils for someone who finds themselves alone at the moment, and pick up an extra few items in the supermarket for the foodbank. Or put on some beautiful music and sip a hot cup of tea, send up a quick prayer for someone having a tough time, and smile broadly at everyone you meet. Try to use February to make a difference.