

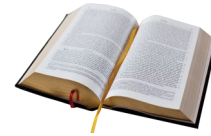
This week's service

Today's service
is led by
Nigel Worth



Sunday 5th May 2024

This week's reading



John 16:33

A thought from Nigel

I think with the times in which we're living, the things that we're all facing and experiencing right now, we need peace, and we need to have a grasp on what the Scripture says about peace.

2 Thessalonians 3:16 "Now may the Lord of peace himself give you **peace** at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you".

Prayer for the week

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Sunday Night Live
Is back

Sunday 5th May 2024
TONIGHT

Join us from 6.45pm to start at 7pm

Guest speaker Rev Patrick Douglas

Live worship music and preaching

Coffee & Conversation

Thursday 9th May
Goseley Community Centre



An opportunity

- to chat
- to meet friends
- to ask questions
- to pray
- or simply to sit and rest

We meet on

2nd and 4th Thursday
each month

**ALL
WELCOME**

Church Restoration

Porch Fund

We are hoping to repair the porch before undertaking major renovations on the church. We estimate that it will cost approximately £12,500, of which the current building fund has £3,500. So, we would like your help!

We would like you to consider giving or loaning (interest free) money to enable us to proceed with this initial works. The Heritage Lottery Grant we are applying for, if successful, will cover most if not all of the building works left to complete.

Please speak with me or any of the PCC members if you are able to help towards this Porch Fund of £9,000.

Thankyou

Nigel Worth

Church diary for the next month

Sunday 12th May

10:45 Morning Worship

with Rev Patrick Douglas

1pm Baptism of Molly Mae Cutter

Sunday 19th May

10:45 Holy Communion

with Rev Mike Firbank

Sunday 26th May

10:45 Morning Worship

with Sean O'Toole

Sunday 2nd June

10:45 Morning Worship

with Rev Patrick Douglas

Sunday 9th June

10:45 Morning Worship

with Debbie Patrick

Sunday 16th June

10:45 Holy Communion

with Rev Mike Firbank

Sunday 23rd May

10:45 Morning Worship

with Sean O'Toole

Cleaning Rota

Please clean the church before the date marked.

Please swap with someone else on the rota if you cannot clean during your week.

The toilets will be cleaned weekly by Sean & Sandra

5 th May	Deb P
12 th May	Jane
19 th May	Bill
26 th May	Brian Redfern
2 nd Jun	Val & Andrew
9 th Jun	Christine
16 th Jun	Deb P

Refreshments Rota

It's a real blessing to be able to spend time chatting with one another after the service. We have a rota for serving tea & coffee.



Please swap with someone if you cannot do a particular date.

Please bring the milk.

Thank you

28 th Apr	Deb W & Alicia
5 th May	James
12 th May	Carol
19 th May	Maxine & Jane
26 th May	Christine
2 nd Jun	Deb W & Alicia
9 th Jun	Carol
16 th Jun	James

Spotted on our travels

While exploring the Cotswolds this week I stumbled across this fascinating sight.

St. Edward's Church, Stow-on-the-Wold, in Gloucestershire, was built on the site of a former Saxon church and the present-day church is a mixture of various architectural styles. The church's north door, flanked by two ancient yew trees is rumoured to have sparked J. R. R. Tolkien's inspiration for the "Doors of Durin," the west gate of Moria that appears in a scene in the *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*.

The north porch of the church was built about 300 years ago and young yew saplings were planted to enhance its entrance. Today these trees are now part of the architraves for the door.

Tolkien was a Professor of Old English at Merton College in Oxford for 14 years and he was known to visit the Cotswolds and Stow in particular.

Rumour has it that he was so taken with the door of the church that he used it in his book.

Nevertheless, this is still just a rumour, and nobody has so far authenticated it but see for yourself from this photo that I took.

Jane

