

Week beginning: **Sunday 8th September 2024**

Services this week:

Second Sunday worship pattern:

10.00 am St Catharine's Connects: time to gather and catch up with each other over a drink and biscuit.

10.30 am Our Sunday worship includes Bible readings, sermon, prayer, communion and a mix of traditional and contemporary songs.

This is the link for the church Zoom meeting space:

<https://zoom.us/j/6290787718?pwd=dDE5NVFLZIBwbzM0L1F0cFcrc1duQT09>
and password is 593577.

You can also join by telephone to hear the service. Just dial **+44 203 481 5237**, and then enter the Meeting ID **629 078 7718** with participant ID **593577**.

9th September 8.45 am Monday Morning Prayer in the Church building

11th September Wednesday Church

10 am – 12 noon. Do drop in for a chat and refreshments.

Opportunity from 10am to join English conversation to support our new friends learning English.

If you would like to learn to knit, crochet or do cross stitch, please come along to Wednesday Church and join Letitia and Susan who will teach you the basics.

12th September Thursday Eucharist 10am is in the church building with refreshments after. Followed by Going Deeper at 11.15am - anyone can come just for this, or stay on after the service - it is an opportunity to explore the Bible and Christian faith together, ask questions and share honestly what we believe. Future Going Deeper dates **26th September and 10th October**.

Daily prayer 12 noon online.

Each week from Monday to Saturday - a God given opportunity to come together at midday for approximately 30 mins as we **'Pause for Prayer'**. To join, please use the Sunday service zoom link above.

There is an Intercessions book in the side chapel for you to make prayer requests in. When the church building is open the side chapel is also a space for private prayer.

Events and other news

CCYG 6-7.30 pm begins again this week. Fun activities for years 6-8.

New Parish Youth and Children's Worker

Lindsey started last week so please be praying for her as she joins us here at St Catharine's.

Could you help on the Tech team? We really need more people to play a part in supporting our worship on a Sunday. Training provided! If you can work a laptop you can definitely be a St Catharine's 'techie'. Speak to Jo P for more information.

Sunday 8th September Calling all welcomers! After the service on Sunday 8th Sept there will be a sign-up sheet for the new rota covering Oct/Nov/Dec. Many thanks, Barbara

Sunday 8th September Church lunches return after the summer break. Lindsey Power (new Youth & Children's Worker) will be staying for lunch and looking forward to chatting with children, parents/carers and all involved with children and young people at St Catharine's. Future church lunches are on the second Sunday of the month. (Future dates: 12th October, 10th November)

From 8th September to end October as a church we will be following the Bible Course from the Bible Society in our Sunday services and in Connect Groups. If you would like to find out more about the course, go to:

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/the-bible-course/>

Tuesday 10th September The Welcoming Place: 2-3pm Every second Tuesday in the foyer. A welcoming space providing a listening ear, support and friendship on the path of bereavement. Join us for a chat, cuppa & warm welcome. (Next dates: 8th October, 12th November, 10th December)

Tuesday 10th September Gardening at Church 2-4pm. You are welcome to join the gardening team. **Second Tuesday of the month** April to October (final date for 2024 8th October)

Friday 13th September 7.30pm Doors open at 7pm for an evening of live music with the Apple Snatchers raising funds for work with Kingsholm School. Who are the Apple Snatchers you may ask?! The band is led by Jonathan Evans and includes 6 other members of the St Catharine's congregation. It will be an evening of great music, light refreshments and opportunity to support a good cause, please come along!

The church will not be open for Heritage Open Day and Ride & Stride this year since we got missed out of the publicity!

Youth for Christ are looking out for people who like an adventure or who want to support their fundraising challenges. In particular there is a 23 mile walk on the

Glevum way around Gloucester planned for **14th September**. For more information go to: <https://www.yfcgloucestershire.co.uk/anniversary-challenges.html>

Watan: a celebration of Iranian music, storytelling and Dance. Drinks 4.00 pm
Performance 5.00pm Discover De Crypt GL1 1TP Admission free but **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**.

Thursday 26th September Harvest lunch after Thursday Eucharist. All are welcome.

Saturday 28th September 10am-3pm Gift Day The church will be open for you to drop in, find out more about our church finance - over a piece of cake - and ask any questions of Jo and our treasurers Ed and David. We are hoping to raise £10,000 towards our budget shortfall this financial year.

Harvest Sunday 29th September Food and financial donations will be given to Gloucester Foodbank this year, more details to follow.

Wednesday 2nd October 12 noon for approximately 2 hours Safeguarding training: Basic awareness course. This useful training is open to anyone with a volunteering role in Church e.g. Connect group leaders, Wednesday Church, Welcomers and Worship band leaders. Bring a packed lunch. There will be cake and drinks provided. We'll share food half way through the training. For more information contact Lesley Reed or Rev Clare.

Saturday 5th October 2pm Celebrating our St Catharine's organ! Did you know that our organ was built by Roger Yates, with a specific desire that it could play a wide range of music? Alastair Johnston has been researching the work of Roger Yates and is coming to give a talk, demonstration of the organ's qualities, and a mini recital. A collection will also be taken towards ongoing refurbishment of the organ.

Monday 7th October Pop-in Table Tennis 11am-12.30pm The next dates are: 7th October, 4th November, 2nd December). All welcome.

Confirmation service with Bishop Robert presiding will take place on Sunday 20th October 10.30am. Let Jo or Clare know if you want more info about being confirmed. Confirmation preparation dates are 8th & 29th Sept, 6th & 13th Oct 4-5.15pm.

Giving to the church

We have a contactless giving station in the church building. For one-off gifts to the church, please consider using this.

For more regular donations, please consider giving via the Parish Giving Scheme which enables you to set up a direct debit through your bank, and also automatically claims and returns gift aid to the church every month. Our code is GLCA, and details can be found here www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk

The Wednesday Church Knitters are making plans for winter. They are knitting warm hats, gloves, mittens and blankets. If you have Double knitting or chunky wool that you could donate please see Letitia or Tina.

Temporary rooms for refugees

If you want to find out more about the possibility of offering space in your home to a refugee, this is the website to find out more: <https://refugeesathome.org/>

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