Reopening of St Cyrs for Sunday Worship

Dear All

We have been working hard on a plan to reopen both churches for Sunday Worship.

Please read this letter which explains our plans and how church will be different in the coming weeks.
To assist with our planning please complete this survey so we can estimate numbers and take your input into account. *(If you would rather reply by email or phone please see details in the letter)*

The first service will be a test **Holy Communion Service** at **St George at 9:30am** next Sunday, the **26th July**. First service at **St Cyr will be evensong on 2nd August.** On-line services on Sunday will continue for those who do not wish to return to church yet.

God bless

Rev'd Fiona

Taits Hill Road Closed 14-26th August

Please be advised of the following temporary road closure:

Taits Hill Road, Stinchcombe

This road will be closed 14th-26th August

If you require any further information regarding this closure please email streetworks@gloucestershire.gov.uk

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Planning Permission

Get tested!

You can get a free NHS test

If you have symptoms of Covid-19, you can get a free NHS test. Symptoms of Covid-19 include:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

If you need to get tested, there are a number of Mobile Testing Units in the county.

Book a Test

Do not wait ..Apply for the test as soon as you have symptoms.

Open to All

A project undertaken by the Friends of St Cyrs

I can't believe it was three years ago that we considered creating a disabled access to our village church. How time flies? St Cyr's suffers from being sited in an elevated position that requires. This requires steps to enter the churchyard, and yet more steps to enter the interior of the church. In consultation with representatives from the Diocese plans were drawn up and models made to illustrate a feasible solution.

We have come a long way since then. We reduced costs and refined the design. Now have a practical and attractive solution to the need.

We have used the time well by enjoying ourselves and raising money. To contribute to the cost of realising our dream. Thanks to all those people who have joined us at barn dances, safari suppers, open gardens and many more activities. We now have sufficient funds to move to the next stage.

We now have **planning permission**, that involves Historic England and have Building Control and a Faculty from the DAC.

Also, we now have secured quotes for the groundwork, electrics, plumbing, carpentry, ironwork, lifts, joinery. We want to try to employ local contractors wherever possible. Therefore most of the prices we have received have been from such people.

Then will have a definitive costing of the Project within the next few weeks. We will then advise everyone what funds we are seeking to raise to complete the work. Also, how we intend to

raise those funds

At present The Friends of St Cyr's are applying for grants to match our finances.

Thank you to all those generous villagers and friends for helping to make this 'Open to All' initiative possible.

If you would like to know more about the project, please do contact one of the ***'Friends of St Cyrs'***

Look Out for Ash Dieback

The Parish Council has begun a survey of trees in the parish which may have been infected by this fungal disease, but this is a very big undertaking and as much help from residents as possible would be greatly appreciated. It would help greatly if while you're out walking, you would keep a lookout for any signs of disease in mature ash trees in and around the village (See http://stinchcombepc.co.uk/mitigating-ash-dieback-in-stinchcombe/ for more details and information on how to recognise it.) and let the Parish Council know (clerk@stinchcombepc.co.uk) if you spot any trees you think are cause for concern. It is important to know where there are affected trees, both because of the potential danger of their falling and also because it may be possible to obtain funding for their replacement. Enjoy your walks and thank you for keeping a lookout.

Upcoming Road Closure 20th July

The B4060 is due to be closed between Stancombe and North Nibley for bridge and retaining wall repair from 20th July to 7th August. It will be necessary to close the road completely to through traffic because of the excavation and size of machinery that will be used.