The Neighbour in Need

THANK YOU! Thank you! *Thank you!*

A massive thank you for the generous gifts to 'the neighbour in need' , that is, St Cyr's church.

Following the appeal in the e-news we have raised over £600. *People's generosity has touched me* and it is greatly appreciated. If anyone would like to add to our total that would be fabulous. Because of the Pandemic, our usual community gatherings for fundraising and connection with the village has been very limited this year. This looks like continuing through to the end of 2020.

We are hoping to bring some Christmas Cheer with our Christmas flowers and hopefully a service of word and music in December.

In this next Lockdown the church will remain open for individuals to find solace in a beautiful sacred space but no physical services until Dec 6th. Do join us on Zoom or via Facebook or YouTube. Thank you once again. What a wonderful village to be a part of. If I can be there for you please do get in touch.

Fiona

How to give

- Read more about the funding of St Cyrs on the churches website
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TGIF Questionnaire

Your opinion is sought

The Rugby Club kindly agreed to open their bar to the village on certain Fridays, as the village doesn't have a pub where everyone can meet and socialise. There were only 10 of us at the recent TGIF. Whilst it was pleasant enough for us, it is now uneconomical for the staff.

We need to decide on the future and the format of the event. Therefore, ***we would appreciate if as many villagers as possible could kindly complete the questionnaire by the end of the month.***

Please reply by ***31st October.***

TGIF Questionnaire

Sometimes charity begins at home

We are very privileged

We all live together in a very safe part of the country, with little COVID, little crime, in our small village of Stinchcombe. Stinchcombe has great community spirit. During lockdown, we knew that if we needed it, we could turn to our own community for help. In fact, around a third of all households came forward and volunteered to help others.

Our neighbour needs help

However, we have in our midst one neighbour who survives on charity. She lives at the centre of our village and is always there for us. Most of us do not visit her except for the odd visit once or twice a year. However, we would all miss her if she was forced to leave.

No Income with Bills to pay

During Lockdown, she had no income because no-one visited and still there is no real likelihood of any income from her usual sources for sometime. Unfortunately, like all of us, her house has bills to pay.

Is this the time to get together?

> *But if any provide not for his owne, & specially for those of his owne house, hee hath denied the faith, and is worse then an infidel.*
>
> *1 Timothy 5:8, King James Bible, 1611:*

So, at this time, I am asking the people of Stinchcombe; Is this the time that *Charity should begin at home* and that we **AS A Community** should now come forward to support our Church of St Cyrs? To keep a vicar, to keep its doors open for the

future and to keep it from withering away.

There are approximately 150 houses in Stinchcombe and if every household gave £25 per year (£2 per month) that would be £3750. **Enough to pay the current insurance bill.**

£50 per year per house would go a long way to securing the long term future of the Church and Vicar in Stinchcombe.

The questions to ask

I guess the questions we should ask ourselves are:

- Do you want to continue to live in a village with a church in the long term?
- Do you think that a church adds value to your community?
- What would the community of Stinchcombe be like without the Church at its centre?

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TGIF and the rule of 6

The purpose of TGIF

The whole raison d'etre of the TGIF is to help the residents of Stinchcombe to mix socially. To this end the Friends of St Cyrs hold these irregular social get togethers for local villagers to meet.

The Rule of 6

- Pubs, restaurants, shops and other venues are to remain open, and there is no limit on how many can enter them, if they comply with safety rules and allow for social distancing.
- However, each individual group can have no more than six people in it.
- Venues must allow for social distancing between groups.

Rugby Club

The Dursley Rugby Club is happy for TGIF to go ahead and hopefully if this weather continues we will be outside. However the existing guidelines have been added to with two new rules.

1. You must wear a mask when moving around the venue and only remove it when you have taken your place at your table.
2. Once you have chosen a table your MUST stay at table for the duration of your stay.

We therefore look forward to seeing everyone at TGIF this week, 18th September from 6.00pm at the Rugby Club.

Ride and Stride 2020 – The Finishing Line

A perfect (if breezy) day for a bicycle ride

Having set the bar high we left Cirencester amid a throng of wellwishers. Well, it was Saturday morning and the market was busy. As you see from the Photo below we were fighting fit and keen to be off.



10am and raring to start at Cirencester Parish Church

The Route

Having "signed in" at the start we immediately left Cirencester and headed due north on the old Roman Road "The Whiteway" or "Salt Road" until we eventually turned left down into North Cerney.

Then we started to wend our way back to Cirencester through Bagendon, Baunton and Stratton.

Passing through Cirencester past the start again we headed south this time to Preston, Siddington and on to South Cerney.

Then we turned right (West) and headed home through, Shorncote, Somerford Keynes, Poole Keynes, Kemble, Tarlton, Rodmarton, Cherington and finally to Minchinhampton on the edge of the Cotswold escarpment. Most of these churches were perfectly delightful, and beautifully kept, made from Cotswold Stone and basking in the warm sunshine. It made the day a perfect cycle ride.

Next we skirted the edge dropping down Box and the Amberley only to climb back to the top of the common again to run along and finally drop steeply down into Rodborough, and Stroud.

Finally working our way home through Leonard Stanley, Frocester, Coaley, Cam and Dursley.

Fittingly we ended our ride at St Cyrs, Stinchcombe. All tired but also very happy. 89 KM and 4:49 hrs actual cycling and having visited and signed in (where possible) at 34 Churches!

Amount Raised

At present, Andy's Just Giving page at around **£860+ with another £150+ Gift Aid**. This is a commendable amount when you see the other totals the Ride and Stride site.

Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust

To learn more about the Gloucester Historic Churches Trust and what they do visit their website.

To see the route and all the pictures