Our Exodus Journey – what is your story and would you like to go deeper?

A letter from the Vicar

Dear All,
On August 2nd, I will be preaching on the God who accompanies us through the journey of life. God did this for HIs people in the past, as we will see in the book of Exodus, and He promises to do this today. He is a God who ‘draws near’ and the God who provides for us. I would like this service to involve some of our personal stories of God doing just this in the past, during Lockdown and before. I know it is sometimes hard to put our stories into words but I would like to give us all this opportunity to encourage one another as we ‘keep the faith’ and journey with our God who is with us. Please email your stories to me.

Exodus

On another matter- who would like to have a study book to accompany their exodus experience on a Sunday? A book that you can work through yourself. I wholeheartedly commend this one, Exodus by Antony Billington.

I think this is so well written – ‘bible study’ and yet covering real 21st century life and including personal story, it’s got everything! I would then be very happy to meet up a few times over August to chat about what we have further discovered, either over Zoom or in the Vicarage garden (if allowed). Let me know if you would like to do this again by phone or email. If you know others who are not online but

would like to join in, please can you let them know.

Thank you for reading this. I look forward to hearing from you with personal stories and maybe also in wanting to discuss Exodus further in a few evenings in August.

With God's blessings for you,
Fiona

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

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'***

Ride & Stride 2020

Let's make 2020 a special year!

St Cyrs is….OPEN!

St. Cyr's Stinchcombe will be open for private prayer from Monday 15th June.

The Vicar wants to meet you….

Fiona Crocker is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: Christian Aid Quiz Invite for all

Church May Magazine

The May edition of the Magazine is available electronically to download.