Stinchcombe Calendar Spring Photos

Time for those Spring Photos

Now that the clocks are going forward (Spring Forward!) it's time to follow up the Winter Photos that you have been sending in with some SPRING PHOTOS!

Stinchcombe Village Calendar 2022

Remember the ***Stinchcombe Village Calendar 2022*** post?

The PCC has proposed this initiative as a fundraiser for St Cyr's Church. We hope it will give pleasure throughout the year, provide opportunities for your creative skills and raise some much needed funds to keep the church active in our community.

To be ready to sell our calendars for 2022 however, requires organisation a year in advance.

Consider submitting a possible photograph, painting or drawing relating to Stinchcombe for a particular month, which could be selected for the 2022 calendar. ***There is no age or quantity limit for entries.*** We encourage all age groups to join in. Entries do not have to come only from local residents, although local knowledge is important.

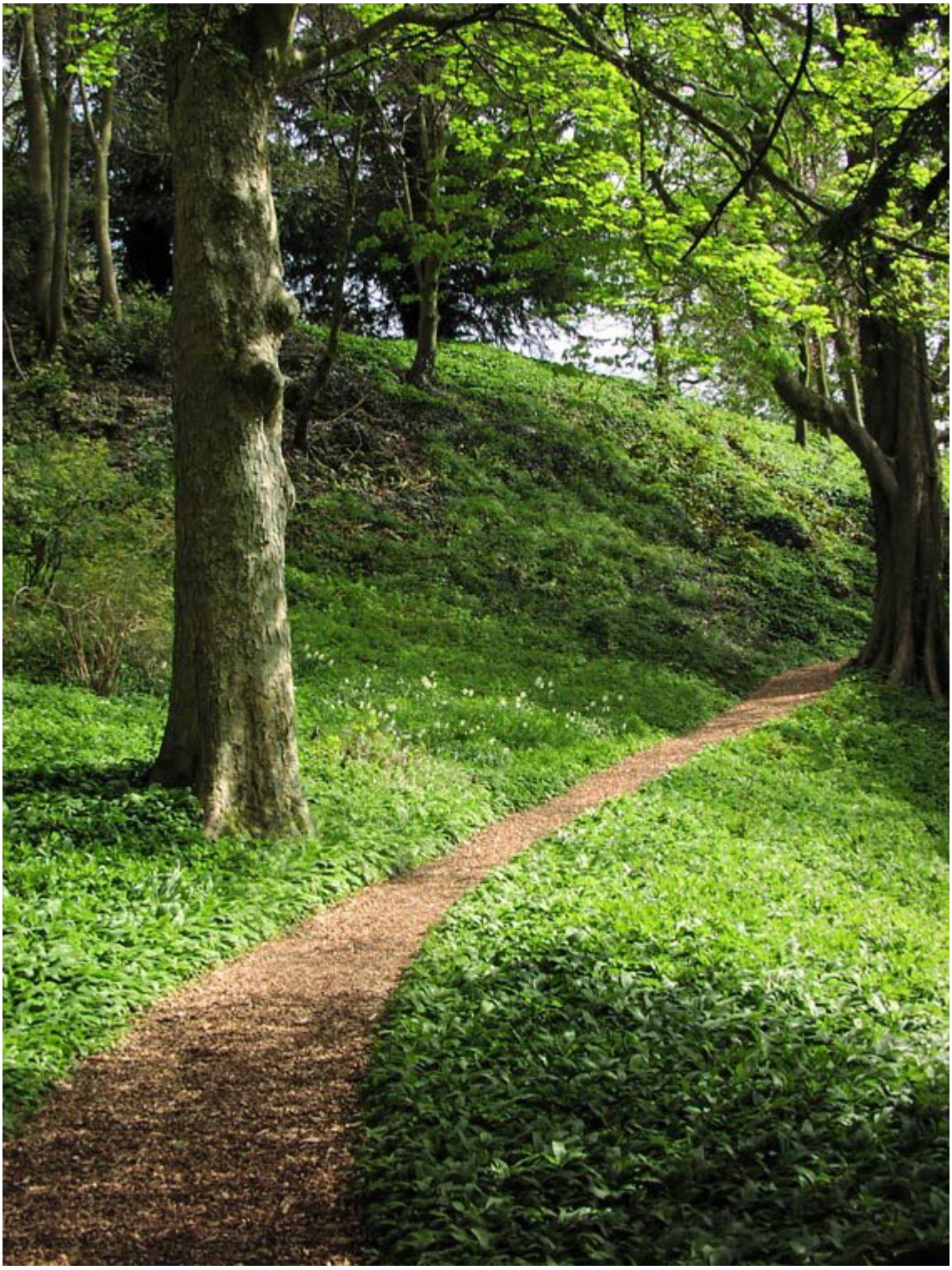
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Guidelines for calendar submissions are as follows:

- Anyone of any age with an interest and knowledge of Stinchcombe and its surroundings is encouraged to submit an entry.
- There is no entrance charge, but if your work is selected we would expect to be able to print it in the calendar and sell the calendar on behalf of the PCC, royalty free.
- There should be a title that identifies the aspect of Stinchcombe in the picture
- Each entry should be clearly marked with the month to be represented
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So help make 2022 a special year that captures some of the best memories of our lovely village during its different seasons, activities and events.

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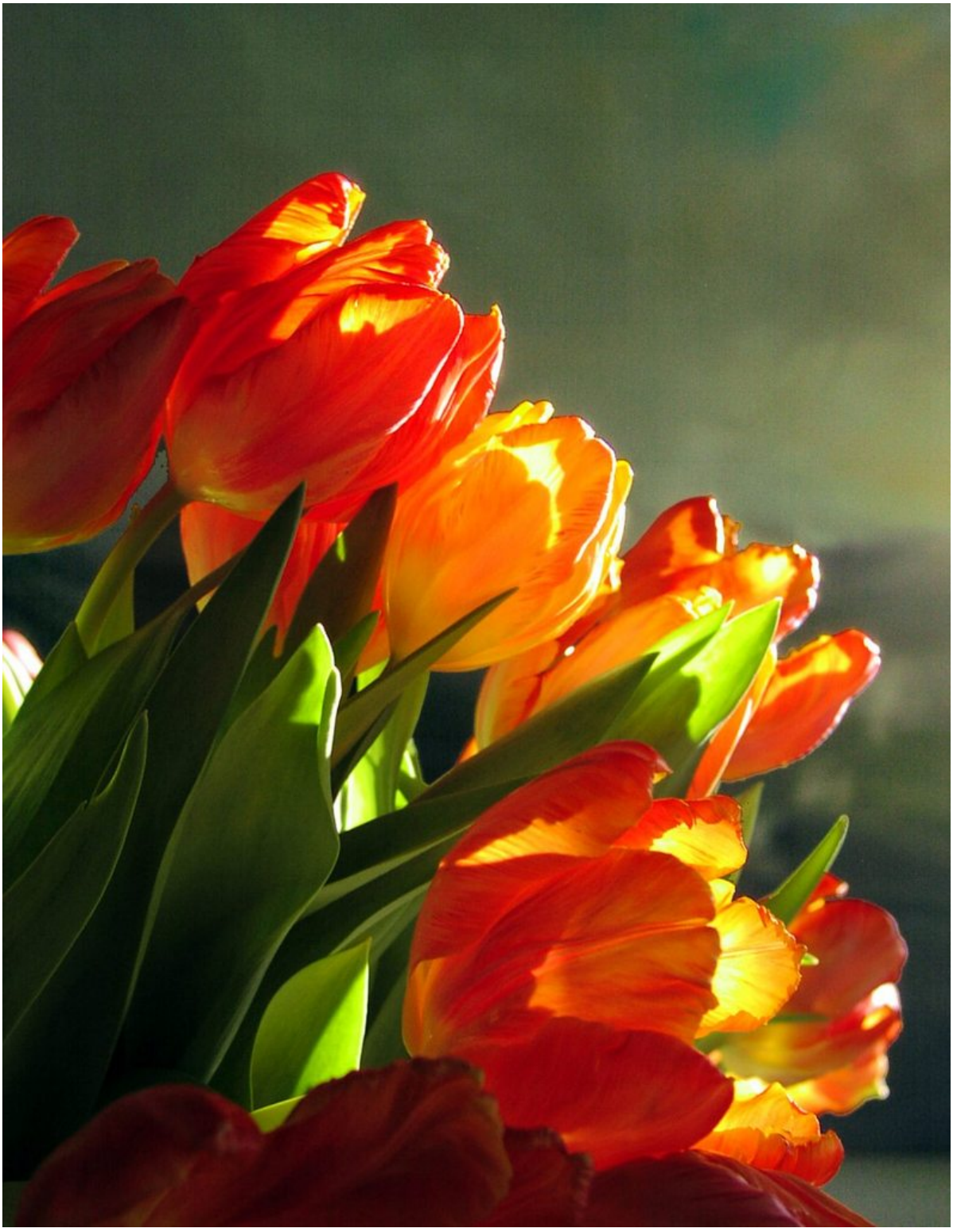
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Photos by Mike Henton

Early Entry

The Stinchcombe Calendar

There has been an early entry for the ***Stinchcombe Calendar***. A drawing of our church ***St Cyrs***. So don’t delay, start planning your entry now.

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Planning ahead for Stinchcombe Village Calendar 2022

There is little doubt that 2020 has been a year of unanticipated surprises for most of us which have not always been entirely welcome!

Probably best not to dwell on the negative elements, but better to remember the positive and look forward with optimism to 2021 and beyond, especially with the prospect of enjoying the benefits of having a vaccine for coronavirus and learning from experience. There is also something about a new year that encourages a new look at the familiar.

So here is your chance to join in and

contribute to the 2022 Stinchcombe Village Calendar.

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This article is to launch the Stinchcombe Village Calendar initiative 2022

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Fog on the Street – Ed Batty

Local Builder Required

A Stable for the Holy Family

This Christmas we want to make the Nativity Scene more of a focal point in the church as it is made up of beautiful hand-painted pottery figures. We are looking for someone with **carpentry skills and creativity**. The font is ideally placed as it is opposite the entrance. A circular wooden base about 71cm/28” would need to be fixed onto the top of the font and a stable to house the figures placed and secured on top. The tallest figure is about 38cm/15”.

If anybody is interested, please could they contact me on 01453 545355. We can discuss the project in more detail.

Cherry Brown

Remembrance Sunday 2020

Unlike any other

This year as 55 people of village gathered around the Stinchcombe war memorial to partake in an act of remembrance it was like no other before. Everyone was careful to maintain their “Social Distance” and most were also “Masked”. As requested by the vicar. As we all stood apart in the rain, it somehow added to the somber occasion. Even the Bugler blowing the “Last Post” for the two minutes silence from the graveyard somehow added to the mood.

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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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.*
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> *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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