



DRAW NEAR

**LIFE-GIVING
HABITS FOR LENT**



Sunday 29th March - Palm Sunday

10am, Holy Communion with the dramatic reading of the Holy Week scripture

11.30am, Team StJs Worship for Everyone, The End of the Old Way and the Beginning of New Life - Night Time Wildlife in the Churchyard with a Wildlife Camera.

Tuesday 31st March - Eco Messy Easter

1-3pm, Crafts, Stories, Games, Snacks

Wednesday 1st April -Holy Communion

10.00am

Thursday 2nd April - Maundy Thursday

7.30pm, Holy Communion with Anointing

Friday 3rd April - Good Friday

12pm, The Liturgy of Good Friday

2pm, Marking the Last Hour, The Quedgeley Stations

Sunday 5th April - Easter Sunday

6am, Robinswood Hill Car Park, 6.45am Easter Dawn
Worship at the Summit

10am, Holy Communion for Easter Day

11.30am, Team StJs Worship for Everyone, Fire and New Life, a simple Holy Communion in the churchyard around the new fire.

 THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND





Out and about with Revd. Mark



'It is a privilege and a joy to be able to offer blessings to folk young and old'

Something about our faith is the way that we are constantly called to be praying and seeking God's blessing as we move about our daily lives.

I was recently asked to offer a blessing for a new electric car. I was more than happy to and we offered prayers of thanks for all that goes into the manufacture of a car, the many folk involved from production to design to management to sales and shipping and the blessings it can bring to a family. We offered the well known Celtic blessing, 'May the road rise to meet you...', which felt fitting. It is a privilege and a joy to be able to offer blessings to folk young and old, all God's creatures and for homes.

Speaking personally, scripture and witness lead me to believe that all those things which bring new life and nurture are worthy of God's blessing.

If you have recently moved to a new home, have a new car or something which will bring joy and new life then please get in touch to ask about a blessing.

On my heart especially are the many businesses, large and small in Quedgeley.

What great blessings of employment, purpose and income they bring to so many.

If you would like a blessing for your business or perhaps you know of someone who would, do get in touch.

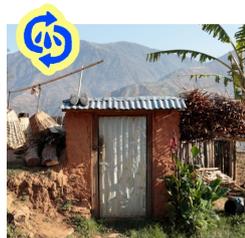
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Creation Care

Lent always feels like a return to something simpler. Jesus' call into the wilderness, 'Far From the Madding Crowd', is both a time of nurture and challenge.

If we are called to be who we truly are in the darkness and light of the cross and resurrection then time in the midst of and responding to God's wider Creation prepares us properly for the new life of Easter time.

That is why over Lent Team StJs will be introducing new ways to recycle at St James, looking to twin our toilet with one of the huge number of communities around the world that do not have proper sewerage facilities and observing the wildlife in our community using wildlife cameras.



NEW LIFE is COMING -

Let's get ready for it TOGETHER!

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We are aiming to deliver newsletters to your door on a seasonal basis. However, this depends on whether we can recruit enough



deliverers. Apart from helping to spread the word, just think of the health benefits from all those extra steps! If you can help deliver in your area give us a ring on 07853217954 or email us at stjamesquedgeleyandkingsway@gmail.com

From the Editor's desk...



As I embark on my second stint at the editor's desk I've chosen a subject that's topical, affecting all of us in some way, but the least contentious at the moment—the great British weather!

I don't know about you, but I think the weather over the past few months has been dreadful. As I write this, looking through the window the rain is still pelting down. There's a saying that Britain is the only country where you can experience all four seasons in a single day — and at times, it feels less like a joke. Some blame climate change, others shrug and say it's always been this way. Whatever the cause, at least one thing has improved over the years, the forecasting.

Years ago, living in the north of England, I remember hearing the forecast declare that temperatures would struggle to reach two degrees. Dutifully, I would don layer upon layer of clothing, transforming myself into something resembling the Michelin Man, and set off for work. My office, predictably, felt like an ice box — until, of course, the sun appeared, the temperature soared, and the "ice box" became a sauna by lunchtime. That change wasn't forecast!

Who (if you were old enough) could forget the infamous forecast of October 1987, when Michael Fish assured viewers there was no hurricane on the way? Within hours, the south-east of England was battered by what became known as the Great Storm of 1987 — the worst storm to hit the region in nearly 300 years. I'm sure you can remember the Gloucestershire floods of 2007, when thousands were left without water for weeks and came close to losing access to the main power. Weather, it seems, has a habit of humbling us all.

That said, forecasting has come a long way. The launch of TIROS-1 in 1960, the world's first weather satellite, revolutionised meteorology. Today's satellite technology is far more refined, giving us a chance to plan ahead — a blessing for farmers, builders, sailors, and anyone whose livelihood depends on clear skies and calm seas.

In years gone by, forecasting relied more on folklore than physics. Cows lying down were said to signal rain. Sheep huddling together meant a storm was brewing. Insects flying low hinted at rising humidity and impending showers. Even wind direction offered clues to coming changes. The weather vane — first recorded as far back as 48 BC — has been guiding us for centuries.

Then there was the Victorian "storm jar," filled with a special liquid that formed crystals depending on atmospheric conditions. Part science, part spectacle, it did capture the imagination if not always the accuracy of modern methods.

So while forecasting methods may have evolved from livestock observation to satellite surveillance, one thing remains certain, British weather will always keep us guessing. As for me, no matter what the forecast promises, I shan't be venturing far without my trusty broly in hand!



Jackie Hall Deputy Editor.



The diocesan website has a series of Easter to Pentecost Lectionary reflections that people can use to focus on sharing faith through the readings. There is a guide to telling your story, for use in small groups, home groups, coffee mornings etc or as part of an away day. The resource is useful to work through with others so you can practice sharing your story with your friends. There are also links to resources for small groups, including podcasts, DVDs and books. <https://gloucester.anglican.org/living-faith/your-prayer/sharing-faith/>

God Loves Quedgeley

Let's live God's love together!

We love getting to know other families

StJ's WORSHIP FOR EVERYONE

bible stories, craft/activity great music

EVERY SUNDAY, 11.30am

I never knew church could be so much fun

The perfect way to spend Sunday morning together

The music is amazing and I love the dancing

Times and Seasons The Christian Year

Fr. Ian Robb



A look at the various seasons of the Church Calendar: During this month we shall enter the climax to Lent, the two weeks known as Passiontide.

In the early days of the Christian Church, an annual memorial of the death and resurrection of Christ was kept. This "Pascha" - a word derived from the Hebrew for Passover - was at first a night-long vigil, followed by the Eucharist at dawn, and all the themes of Incarnation, suffering, death, resurrection, and glorification were included. Over time, the Pascha developed into the pattern of worship which we now know as Holy Week and Easter. It is only by sharing in the whole sequence of services that we can come to share in Christ's own journey.

The Gospels contain clues which show that the weeks leading up to Good Friday and Easter had been planned for: a donkey was found ready for him on Palm Sunday; an upper room was available for the Last Supper; even the Betrayer was identified. It is only right that we plan and prepare to share the journey from the arrival in Jerusalem to the empty tomb.

The Palm Sunday procession into Jerusalem is marked by the sharing of palm branches and the reading of the Passion narrative, in which the whole story of the week is shared. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday we remember Jesus teaching in the Temple, unhindered by the authorities - a point which Jesus highlighted during his trial.

Maundy (from the Latin "mandatum" - command) Thursday contains a rich complex of themes: humble Christian service expressed through the example of Jesus' washing of his disciples' feet, the institution of the Eucharist, the example of Christ's loving obedience through the agony in Gethsemane. Jesus asked: "Could you not watch with me one hour?", and so we keep vigil in a darkened church, which is stripped of all decoration, apart from one single candle-flame which reminds us that Jesus is present with us in the forms of the consecrated bread and wine, his Body and Blood.

Good Friday brings us to the foot of the Cross and during the Liturgy of the day, we take time to ponder the pains he endured and to give thanks that an instrument of torture is now the key which unlocks the door of the kingdom for us.

The Eucharist is not celebrated in full on this day but the consecrated elements from Maundy Thursday are given in Holy Communion as we share in our Lord's great sacrifice. The day following Good Friday - called "Holy Saturday" or "Easter Eve" - is a day without Liturgy; there can be no adequate way of recalling Christ in the tomb other than silence and desolation. The church building becomes a tomb, but while we reverently prepare the building, and ourselves, for the Easter celebrations, there is a rising excitement that the greatest of festivals is very near.

This solemn two weeks, during which all crosses and images are veiled as an expression of our share in the cause of his Passion, takes us to the heart of Jesus' life and work. It is clear from the amount of verses written by all the four gospel-writers that this is the most important part of his work and it is our duty to recall, year by year, the deepest, most fundamental, Christian memories.

At the same time, the services and ceremonies of Holy Week have in the course of Christian history been the occasion of hostility towards the Jews. When St John speaks of "the Jews", he means "the leaders of the community at that time" and not the Jewish people as a whole. While we are faithful to the act of collective memory - all that took place in those days - we must be sensitive to the ways in which our texts could be misused to perpetuate a strain of Christian anti-Semitism.

We remember these "Lights of the Church" in the month of March:

1st St David, Archbishop of Menevia. Patron of Wales, 601AD

2nd St Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, 672AD

17th St Patrick, Bishop, Missionary. Patron of Ireland, 460AD

19th St Joseph of Nazareth

20th St Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, 687AD

24th Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, Martyr, 1980

25th The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

What I am praying about...



My prayer this month is one of thanks.

Thanks because this year in July we will gain a curate when Rosa Speyer is ordained as Deacon. One way to understand curacy is to think of an apprentice Priest or Vicar. A curacy consists of a first year as Deacon before being ordained as Priest.

In that first year the single remit is 'to be the presence of the Good News in the Parish'. It is a very special year and a great privilege. During this time Rosa will take funerals, play a role in Holy Communion and lead worship at Church and in schools. A curate is not just a spare pair of hands but a minister in their own right and Rosa will look to beginning new initiatives and joining in with the whole life of this amazing parish. She will no doubt learn about what she likes about the various approaches of our ministry team (including myself) as well as what is definitely not for her.



This is Church and we need to learn from both success and failure so that we can become who God is calling us to be as individuals as well as Church. Rosa's ministry will be a huge blessing for our whole parish as she becomes who God is calling her to be .

Please join me in praying thanks for this new ministry, for Rosa as she concludes her studies at college and prepares for ordination. Please pray with me for Rosa's husband Edward in this new season of married life. Please pray with me for myself, the ministry team and whole parish as we look to be a people among whom Rosa can know nurture and flourish in her calling to ordained ministry.

May God Bless Rosa and Edward in these months of preparation and new beginnings. AMEN

Around the Patch with Cllrs Stephanie Chambers and Victoria Miller

This year we have started up a litter picking group. It runs on the second Saturday of the month at 10am for an hour. So far we have been lucky with the weather as in a year that seems to be non stop rain both days have been ok. If anyone would like to join us or know of areas that would benefit from a session please contact us on: stephanie.chambers@gloucester.gov.uk victoria.miller@gloucester.gov.uk



Walking through the underpass near Field Court Open Space offensive graffiti was noticed. This has been reported to the council.



Have your say!

The government are seeking your views on the latest proposals for local government reorganisation. This looks at how councils are set up and how services are run. In Quedgeley we have Gloucestershire County Council for roads and social care, Gloucester City Council for bins and planning, and Quedgeley Town Council for very local matters. We are not expecting changes to the town council. There are various options that have been proposed and you can find these out by clicking on the link below. It's crucial that any decision reflects your opinions. Please share your views by 26 March 2026 at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-gloucestershire/proposals-for-local-government-reorganisation-in-gloucestershire>

or you can write

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Chestnut Court Brings the Community Together to Celebrate 'Good' CQC Rating

Chestnut Court, an OSJCT care home in Quedgeley, Gloucester, recently welcomed members of the local community to celebrate an important milestone: the home's latest Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection rating of Good.

The positive result followed a comprehensive inspection in June and reflects the dedication, compassion, and professionalism of the team at Chestnut Court, who work tirelessly to provide high-quality, person-centred care for residents every day. The celebration event brought together residents, families, staff, and community partners, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere that truly reflected the values of the home.

Guests enjoyed the opportunity to tour the home, meet the team, and spend time with residents, while sharing refreshments and conversation. The event was not only a celebration of the CQC outcome, but also a chance to strengthen the strong links Chestnut Court has built within the Quedgeley community.

Chestnut Court is known locally for its open-door approach and commitment to community engagement, regularly welcoming local groups, schools, and organisations into the home. This latest event reinforced the importance of those connections, highlighting how collaboration and community involvement enrich the lives of residents and help create a true sense of home.

The Good CQC rating recognises the home's strengths across key areas including safety, effectiveness, caring, responsiveness, and leadership. For residents and their families, it provides reassurance that Chestnut Court continues to deliver care to a high standard.

As Chestnut Court looks ahead, the team remains focused on continuous improvement while maintaining the warm, friendly environment that residents and visitors value so highly. The recent celebration was a proud moment for everyone involved and a reminder of what can be achieved when a care home and its community come together.

For further information, please contact:

Chestnut Court, St James, Quedgeley, GL2 4WD

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About The Orders of St John Care Trust

The Orders of St John Care Trust (OSJCT) is a leading not-for-profit charity that cares for people with love and kindness. Our range of services includes dementia care led by specialist Admiral Nurses, residential care, nursing, respite (short stays), day care, extra care housing, and supported living. We continue the charitable legacy of the Orders of Malta and St John, which share a long tradition of caring for others. As a charitable trust, we reinvest all surplus to benefit our residents. OSJCT includes Elmfield Care as a wholly-owned subsidiary. Together, we support over 4000 people and employ more than 6000 people in 75 registered care homes, 8 extra care housing schemes, 5 residential and 11 supported living services for people with learning disabilities across Buckinghamshire, Gloucestershire, Lincolnshire, Oxfordshire, Suffolk, West Sussex, and Wiltshire. www.osjct.co.uk

Chestnut Court preparing for Valentine's Day 2026!





What a great time the pupils of FCIA had making caterpillars and flowers.

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Pupils at FCIA also visited Quedgeley library and listened to stories. They then explored the huge selection of books that are on offer. If your child isn't yet a member of the local library, just pop along and sign up!

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The Number Day was another exciting initiative and proved a huge success. It started off with a Wake and Shake in the playground. The children then enjoyed lots of fun engaging with number activities throughout the day.



MARDI GRAS Food Festival

Although it rained for most of the morning, that didn't stop Team STJ's Mardi Gras Food Festival from going ahead. With plenty of shelter available, everyone was able to stay dry and enjoy the festivities.

The selection of food was amazing, and the smells were simply divine. The cold chill in the air only seemed to sharpen people's appetites, and they eagerly tucked into the wide variety of delicious dishes on offer.



Community in action



Theresa Fisher and her team at Knit and Natter are always busy raising money for good causes.

Last month Theresa and her team supported the Gloucester Men's Shed. Having had to move locations there was a lot of groundwork and new building materials to buy. The Gloucester Men's Shed are always supporting Knit and Natter so it was nice to do them a favour in return. The ladies raised £300 through selling knitted goods at their stall.

Another fund raiser was raising money for Cuppa for Cancer supporting Hope for Tomorrow the mobile cancer unit.

This unit provides treatment for cancer patients in our county. The total amount raised was £290.

Finally, Theresa Fisher from Tesco popped over to see Louise who runs Munchkins in Newent. Munchkins is about supporting parents who are struggling with the cost of everything for a baby. People can donate, swap or purchase items from the shop.

Louise who runs Munchkins provides a wonderful box of essentials for a newborn absolutely free!



Bingo Night

Quedgeley Community Pantry are holding a Bingo Night on Sunday 8th March at the Barn Owl.

Don't forget we have a box in the church for any non perishable donations

Quedgeley COMMUNITY PANTRY

BINGO!

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GAMES FUN AND PRIZES

GAME STARTS 6:30 PM UNTIL END

11	35	52	14	41
9	15	82	51	31
3	19	22	27	9
82	14	62	89	73
79	94	57	79	94

£10 Per Book

The Barn Owl, Kingsway THE GAME STARTS AT 6:30 PM - £10 PER PERSON

SUNDAY, 8TH MARCH 2026

Gardening with Victoria



March is a busy month in the garden, and Victoria is here to put us through our paces! If you've got a gardening question, she'll be delighted to help.

I think March is one of the loveliest months of the year when it comes to gardens. It is the time that Spring really does show its beauty and shouts out that Winter is on the wane. Daffodils are such a strong image of springtime and looking after them is the first job on my 'to do list'! Once daffodils (and other spring bulbs) have finished flowering it is important that you take the time to pick off any seedheads. The reason for this is that it stops the plant wasting energy creating seeds and puts that effort back into the bulb for next year. For this same reason it is also important to allow the leaves to die back naturally. One can find pots of spring flowers in the supermarket at this time of year, these can be planted out in the garden after they have finished giving you joy indoors!



Another job that needs attention is to finish off pruning any roses you have. This should be done early on in the month. When you prune remember to use sharp secateurs as you don't want to cause damage. Take care that you cut no more than a quarter of an inch (5mm) above a bud and you need to slope downwards away from it, so that water does not collect on the bud. Once you have pruned your roses you can give them a good mulch. Talking about roses – March is a good time to plant new bare rooted roses and indeed any other shrubs or climbers.

As March brings in warmer and sunnier days we can be encouraged to get out and tidy up our borders. Taking time to remove those pesky weeds which are now starting to pop up. The general advice is to leave dandelions as they provide much needed food for early bees.....I do try and promote an environment that is wildlife friendly in my garden but this advice I find hard. What I try and do to keep a beady eye on the dandelions so that as soon as the seed head develops I dash out and carefully cut them off! Once tidy and weeded the beds will benefit from a good mulch.



March is the time when, with the warmer days, we can see the first sign of aphids so it is important to keep an eye out on any tender new shoots. Aphids damage plants by sucking their nutrient-rich sap, leading to stunted growth, yellowing, and distorted leaves, stems, or flowers – so they are not a friend, though they are a food source to ladybirds and other insects. To get rid of aphids you can start with just wiping them off or blasting them with a strong jet of water, spraying with soapy water also helps.

Planting up containers and borders with summer bulbs for example lilies and gladioli will bring colour later on in the year to your garden. Dahlias, which will also give your garden a wonderful display can be started off undercover eg in a greenhouse, as they need to be protected from frost. Just pot them up in damp peat free compost.

Lastly, if you have any ericaceous shrubs, for example rhododendrons, azaleas and camellias now is a good time to feed them an ericaceous fertiliser.


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SAINT JAMES' CHURCH
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Quedgeley WI

The Village Hall was bustling and there were delicious smells coming from the food for our 101st Birthday Supper that we would all be enjoying after the usual business.

We welcomed two visitors and heard about the Lunch Club and two trips, one to the theatre and another to Llanthony Priory, both coming up in the next few months.

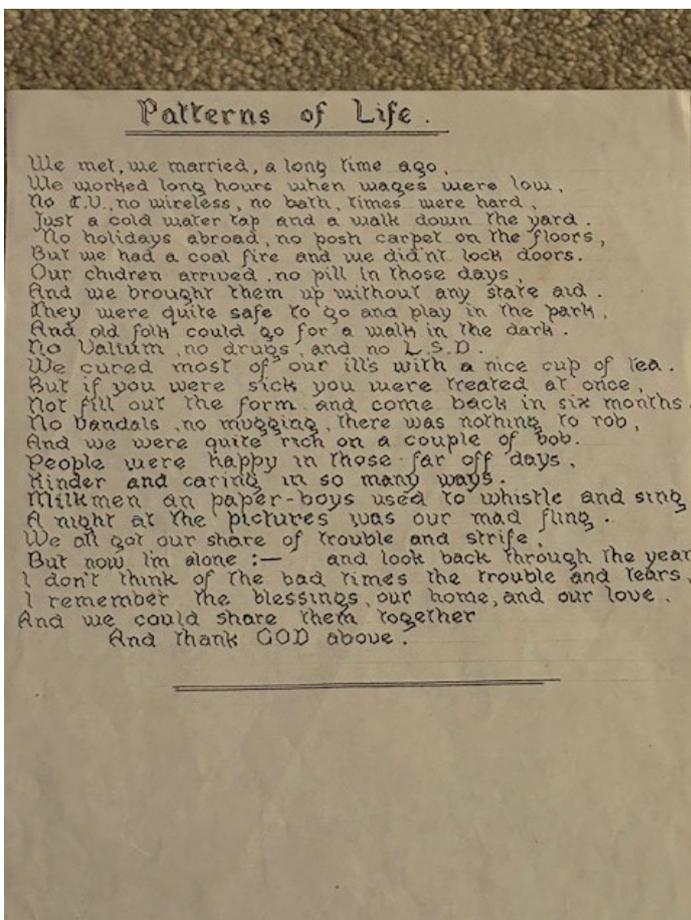
Thanks were given to Sandra Hughes for the excellent updating of our website which we hope will encourage more members to join our WI, the money that was donated instead of sending Christmas cards will be given to the Quedgeley Kitchen for their funds and two bookmarks were given to members who had been with our WI for ten years.

The first competition of the year was for a homemade birthday card but, as we hold competitions several times a year, cash prizes and a trophy were presented to the winners of last year's competitions. We were reminded that subs of £54 are due in April.

Finally, on to the food which was baked potatoes and several different fillings along with salad and followed by the usual delicious puddings, all provided by the committee and other members.

Thanks were given for yet another successful Birthday Supper. In March we will be hearing about the Air Ambulance Heart Defibrillator and we look forward to welcoming any new members or visitors. All details can be found on our website quedgeleywi.co.uk or Quedgeley Women's Institute on facebook.

Local parishioner Richard Cale has kindly submitted the verse below, in which he reflects on a bygone era when material possessions were few and life seemed simpler and kinder.



Saturday 9 March Gloucester Cathedral

Join us at our family activity day to paint and plant a pot, then make a card for someone special for Mother's Day.



Children will paint a terracotta pot, then plant it up with seasonal flowers and soil, completing the gift by making a spring themed Mother's Day card for someone special too.

Tickets are per take home craft.

For more information contact <https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/make-a-planted-pot-and-card-for-mothers-day>



Help if we can Spring Quiz

Saturday 16th May

First Question at 7.00pm.

Bar being run by Kay.

£10 per table of 4 or less.

Book in with your team name.

QVH is opposite ALDI on Bristol Road in Quedgeley, very limited car parking on site but ALDI has a big car park as does the Haywain Pub next door..so at your own risk!



Meet your Community Leaders...

PCSO Addinall held a Police Information Point at Tesco Extra in Quedgeley, and was joined by the local Quedgeley Town Councillor Steve Wilcox, County Councillor Chris Mayo and Gloucester City Councillors Andy Lewis and Stephanie Chambers, local Reverend Mark Siddall and Tesco Community Champion Theresa.

The information point meets every 3 weeks and it gives the public the opportunity to share their views and concerns with leaders in our local community.

The next meeting is on 19th March between 4 and 6pm at Tesco Extra in Quedgeley

Also in attendance but not in the photo was Tracey Turner from The Venture Community Hub who is the new Neighbourhood Connector for Quedgeley and Kingsway and is keen to connect with residents and would be keen to hear from you. Please refer to the photo with her contact details. Our own Revd. Mark is also on hand to answer any questions you may have.



Baking with Pat Watts

Pat Watts is Chair of the Quedgeley WI. Here she shares her recipe for fruit cake Pat says "This is my "go to" recipe for when I need a tasty moist fruit cake. It comes from a Quedgeley WI Recipe book commemorating the Queens Silver Jubilee, and I've been using the recipe ever since"

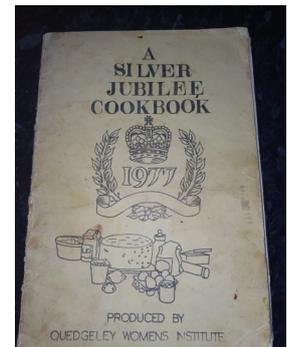


FLASH FRUIT CAKE

- 4 ozs Margarine
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup mixed dried fruit
- 1 cup sugar (half caster and half soft brown)
- 2 cups Self Raising Flour
- 1 Beaten Egg

Method

Put all ingredients (except flour and egg) into a saucepan and bring to the boil, stirring well. Leave to cool. Add 1 cup of self raising flour, the beaten egg, and the other cup of self raising flour, mixing well between each addition. Put into large lined loaf tin and cook on middle shelf of oven 180C, Gas mark 5 for approximately 50 minutes.





Quedgeley Town Council



Although it's only March, preparations are already well under way for our **Annual Easter Egg Hunt**, which will take place on **Easter Monday** at the local nature reserve off **Curtis Hayward Drive**, from **10.00am to 12 noon**. As this event takes place before the April edition is published, this will be our main opportunity to advertise it.

Those who have attended before will be familiar with the format. On arrival, children can collect a pack at the start of the event, search the nature reserve to find all the hidden bunnies, and then return their completed pack to claim a **free Easter egg**. Please note that this is a **first come, first served** event.

Things to remember:

- **Wear wellies:** Depending on the weather, the nature reserve can become very muddy.
- **Take care:** The ground can be uneven and there is a pond, so all children must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.
- **Bring some small change:** Cupcakes will be available to buy. Face painting has been kindly funded by the council and will be free.
- Children with dietary requirements will be able to claim a book instead of chocolate.
- This is a toddler only event for under 11's.
- There will be 4 hidden ducks for the prize Easter Eggs.
- Photos will be taken at the event for publicity purposes.
- **Say hello to the Easter Bunny...** and most importantly, **HAVE FUN!**



Serious Stuff!

The **2026/27 budget** has now been agreed and continues to reflect our commitment to providing **value for money for all residents**. Each year, we aim to support new projects that help our community grow and thrive, and this year is no exception.

The approved increase stands at **4.3%**, which we are confident will allow the council to **maintain and improve its assets** for the benefit of the whole community. It will also support the delivery of **new initiatives**, including a **Fiesta Fun Day, community Christmas lights**, and help us manage the ongoing challenges of rising operational costs.

Some news about the Council.....

The council continues to thrive, with **15 councillors working hard behind the scenes** to make informed decisions and serve you, the community. We welcome diversity, with each councillor bringing a **wealth of experience**, a range of ages, and backgrounds from many different walks of life.

Most importantly, councillors work together as a **strong and supportive team**, able to make difficult decisions while maintaining a sense of humour and a genuine team spirit.

This month, councillors and staff took part in an **in-house seminar** to share ideas and discuss aspirations for the future. No formal decisions were made, as this was not a council meeting, but rather an informal and collaborative session.

Did you take part in our community litter pick? Named as the **Mini Wombles**, a member of our staff and one of our litter pickers took it upon herself to organise a litter pick to educate youngsters in the importance of keeping our streets clean. Thank you to everyone who came along.



And finally a quick summary of events this year: Dates still to be announced.

- **EASTER EGG HUNT**
- **FAMILY FIESTA**
- **FIREWORKS EVENT**
- **ARMISTICE DAY**
- **CHRISTMAS EVENT**

Visit us either online at www.quedgeley-tc.gov.uk or visit our office which is situated in the Matalan Retail Park, Mondays – Fridays, 9.00am – 2.30pm.

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*Lord, guide my steps this Lent,
Help me offer my sacrifice with a humble heart,
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Amen

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