

Events and training

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William Tyndale – 500 years of his English New Testament

Lady Chapel in Tewkesbury Abbey, Church Street, Tewkesbury GL20 5RZ now until 13 August,

An exhibition about William Tyndale, including a full-colour facsimile of his New Testament.

<https://gloucester.anglican.org/event/william-tyndale-500-years-of-his-english-new-testament/>

'Letters from the Global South' exhibition, St John Baptist Cirencester, 4 to 9 July, 10am to 4pm,

An exhibition based on the comments of children who experience the extremes of global warming, particularly in the southern hemisphere.

<https://gloucester.anglican.org/event/letters-from-the-global-south-exhibition/>

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Summer fete, St Mary's

Tetbury, 4 July, 2pm to 4.30pm

Raising funds for the church, the summer fete includes tea and cakes, stalls, a raffle and a visit to the church tower to learn about the bells and see views of Tetbury and the surrounding area.

<https://tetburychurch.co.uk/church-summer-fete-saturday-4th-july/>

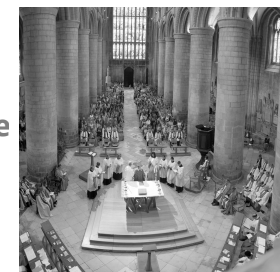
The Three Choirs festival, Gloucester Cathedral, 25 July to 3 August,

A superb concert series featuring festival choirs, world-class soloists and the Philharmonia Orchestra, with evening, late-night and daytime performances set around Gloucester Cathedral's Festival Village.

<https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/three-choirs-festival>

What are ordinations?

At the end of June, Gloucester Cathedral once again became the setting for two joyful and significant services as the Diocese of Gloucester marked the ordination of 18 new candidates.



For many people, the word 'ordination' may not be familiar word. Ordination is a church service that marks someone becoming a priest.

For those being ordained, it comes after years of thinking, training and prayer about where God is calling them.

Over the last weekend in June, eleven people were ordained as priests and seven as what are called 'deacons'.

Deacons are called to a ministry of service, both within the Church and in the wider community. They often focus on outreach, pastoral care, and helping the Church engage with the needs of the world.

Many deacons are later ordained priest, but they will still be a deacon, keeping that element of service to others at the core of their ministry.

One of those ordained as deacon this year was Andy Everett, whose journey to ministry has unfolded over many years. He first came to faith more than 35 years ago after being invited to church by his future wife, Kathryn, and went on to be baptised and grow in Christian faith alongside a long career in primary education, including 23 years as a headteacher in church schools.

After moving to Mickleton in 2022, Andy and Kathryn began attending local churches and sensed again a growing call to ordained ministry, which had first been raised nearly a decade earlier. A further prompt from within the church community helped confirm that sense of calling, leading Andy to begin training for ordination at Ripon College Cuddesdon in 2023. He said: "I feel that God is already at work in these communities. I'm just being asked to join in."

You can read Andy's full faith journey at <https://gloucester.anglican.org/2026/andys-journey-from-headteacher-to-ordinand/>

Priests build on that foundation of service and take on additional responsibilities. They can lead Holy Communion, offer forgiveness, and blessings, and play a central role in the pastoral and spiritual life of a parish. Ordination as a priest usually comes after time spent serving as a deacon.

Family, friends, clergy and congregations from across the diocese all gathered at the ordinations to support and pray for the ordinands. We give thanks for the gifts, dedication and vocation they bring to their parishes and communities.

People can be called to many things, from ordained ministry, to nursing, to art. If you'd like to think about where God is calling you, speak to your priest.

RECOGNISE: Children, Youth and Family Ministry reflections

Working in Children, Young People and Families Ministry (CYFM) can involve everything from storytelling and craft activities to pastoral support, school partnerships and helping families feel at home in church. Yet much of this work often happens quietly, behind the scenes.

That is why RECOGNISE, a national week celebrating everyone involved in ministry with children, young people and families, matters so much. Taking place from 6 to 12 July, the initiative aims to shine a light on the people who dedicate their time and care to nurturing faith in younger generations. Churches across the country will be joining in a shared moment of gratitude for the people who help children and families grow in faith.

This year, Rachel Laughton, Children and Families Worker at Hempstead, has been nominated to represent the diocese at a special RECOGNISE celebration at Lambeth Palace. She has worked in her role for five and a half years.

"When I work with children and young people, I try and make anything I do as child led as possible and make sure they feel listened to. It's important they have an outlet, and for them to know and feel that what they do is valued.

"We can learn so much from younger people. It's a very two-way thing. It's not just us providing and giving information and teaching and nurturing. It's definitely a partnership in spiritual growth."

Find out more at <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/children-and-young-people/doubling-number-children-and-young-people/30k-project/recognise>