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WordFest at Gloucester Cathedral – Friday July 6th – Sunday July 8th

A celebration of the written, spoken and sung word, including talks, poetry, music, comedy, storytelling and crafts.

Talent from people including Dan Cruickshank, Rachel Joyce, Johnny Coppin and Helen Pankhurst. Lots of free family and community events, including live music, games, workshops and buskers.

Get the full programme at www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk

Sacred Music Festival – Friday July 6th and Sunday July 7th

Featuring Maya Youssef (Syria), Mosaic Youth Choir (Russian Orthodox), Nawab Khan Mantra Tour (India), etc. Music, singing, workshops, food...

Find out more at www.sacredmusicfestival.org.uk

Friday 6th July, 6pm to 11pm at St Lawrence Church, Stroud

Sunday 7th July, 9.30pm to 11.00pm

Venues include The Old Town Hall, St Lawrence Church and The Shambles, Stroud.

Celebrate World Music and Food – Thursday July 19th

One of a series of recitals involving refugee professional musicians and celebrating international music and food. Profits to the Bristol Hospitality Network.

Tickets £12 from Canon Mike Tucker, 01453 873352.

Church Services in Longney and Elmore July and August 2018

Sunday July 1st – Trinity 5

“Jesus heals on a busy day”

Parish Eucharist at Elmore Church 9.30am

Sunday July 8th – Trinity 6

“On earth as in heaven”

Parish Eucharist at Longney Church 9.30am

Sung Evensong at Elmore Church 4.00pm

Sunday July 15th – Trinity 7

“The Good, the Bad and the Ugly”

Parish Eucharist at Elmore Church 9.30am

Sunday July 22nd – Mary Magdalene

“The Journey of Faith”

“Storyteller” Eucharist at Longney Church 9.30am

Evensong with Hymns at Elmore Church 4.00pm

Sunday July 29th – Trinity 9

“God at work in us”

No service at Elmore or Longney today

Café Church at Hardwicke Primary begins 10.45am

All welcome to this informal service

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Sunday August 5th – Trinity 10

“Gifts for the people of God”

Parish Eucharist at Elmore Church 9.30am

Sunday August 12th – Trinity 11

“Jesus the Bread of Life”

Parish Eucharist at Longney Church 9.30am

Sunday August 19th – Trinity 12

“Christ is our flesh and blood”

Parish Eucharist at Elmore Church 9.30am

Sunday August 26th – Trinity 13

“The Armour of God”

“Storyteller” Eucharist at Longney Church 9.30am

Evensong with Hymns at Elmore Church 4.00pm

Vicar's Viewpoint

July is a month with an amazing variety of observances; Independence Day in the USA, May Day for Socialists, Shark Week on the Discovery Channel, International Free Hugs Day (!), Tynwald Day in the Isle of Man, System Administrators Appreciation Day (someone should appreciate them or the internet would buckle and fail) and, I really couldn't resist this, International Chocolate Day!

It all goes to show that we need time to celebrate throughout the calendar year.

But the keeping of times and seasons goes deeper than just "party time".

Teams from the Universities of Manchester and Edinburgh have discovered that cells in a structure called the 'pars tuberalis' - respond according to how much daylight there is, providing an internal genetic calendar for mammals including humans.

The activity of these "calendar cells" changes dramatically over the year, with different proteins produced in winter or summer months. This drives the seasonal cycle in mammals and even seasonal variation in protection against infectious disease.

We have an inbuilt sense of time and season.

Also, socially rather than biologically, there is a need for humans to identify with a particular community group or tribe. One way of bonding social groups and families together is by keeping their own special festivals and commemorations.

This is like glue which reinforces a sense of belonging and loyalty.

Religious groups have always been strong on festivals, often according to the rhythm of nature and seasons of the moon rather than artificial calendar dates. The most familiar in England include; Christian Christmas and Easter, Hindu Diwali, Islamic Ramadan, Jewish Passover and Hanukkah, Sikh Birthday of Guru Nanak and so on..

Even for non-religious and secular groups there are national days and celebrations; Burns Night, Remembrance Day, Eisteddfod, Father's Day, World Pride Days, Founders Days, National Leaders days and many more.

OK here is the punch line; if this need to celebrate the passing seasons and our social networks is a core part of being human, which group celebrations do you take part in?

The observance of Sunday is the most obvious weekly celebration - Christians say that every Sunday is, in some way, a remembrance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Jesus commanded his friends, through all generations, to take bread and wine and remember Him in a regular shared celebration. Is this your tradition too?

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engagement **Living out Christ's love and hope**

Sharing and community at the heart of Cheltenham Festivals

This autumn marks the growth of an exciting partnership between the Diocese of Gloucester and Cheltenham Festivals. We're going to be running the families tent at the Literature, Jazz and Science Festivals. The idea is to create a colourful, informal and fun environment in the heart of the festival village where children and families can gather and get creative with ideas and words, with a theme developed by us. This is a fantastic opportunity for the Church to showcase the best community engagement work, to network with other organisations and to engage with thousands of families living across our Diocese.

We are looking for friendly volunteers to help us manage the family tent. This would involve helping children and young people do arts and crafts and engaging their parents and guardians in conversation. If you'd like to find out more, please contact Lucy Taylor ltaylor@glosdioc.org.uk



There but not there

Transparent figures of soldiers will be on display across the country this November, to mark 100 years since the end of the First World War. It is a project to highlight the absence of the people who lost their lives in the war. We are encouraging churches and schools to buy table-top sized Tommy figure models, to represent the name of some of the 888,246 British and Commonwealth fallen of the First World War. Money raised by the project will go to charities such as Help for Heroes, Walking with the Wounded and The Royal Foundation. To find out more visit www.therebutnotthere.org.uk