

New Pilot Study

Over the coming weeks, the surgery will be carrying out a pilot study which looks to identify a condition called Barrett's oesophagus. The study will be carried out by nurse Jane Fry and Dr John Beard, in conjunction with the NHS South West Cancer Alliance.

Eligible patients who fulfil certain criteria will be contacted directly and invited to attend. During a routine appointment at our surgery, they will swallow a dissolvable capsule (containing a sponge) on a string - after a few minutes the sponge is withdrawn so that a few cells from the oesophagus (food pipe) are retrieved and then analysed. Don't worry - it is all very painless and straightforward!"

Doctor or Dentist?

Please be reminded that unfortunately the surgery is unable to help with teeth or dental issues, only conditions that involve the mouth itself. There is an Emergency NHS Dentist Service at Gloucester Docks (01452 380073) that you can access if you are not registered at a dentist elsewhere.



Gerald Ford

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Gerald Ford on 12th January. Gerald worked tirelessly for our PPG and the local community over the years and will be greatly missed. *R.I.P.*

Minchinhampton Surgery

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Here with you

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New Year – New Building! 😊

We are excited to announce that our new surgery premises will be open and fully functioning from **Monday 10th February 2025!**

Our **new address** will be: Minchinhampton Surgery, Cirencester Road, Minchinhampton, Stroud, GL6 9FB.



From 10/02/2025 onwards, please attend any in-person appointment at our new address - where there is enough parking for everyone!

Our main reception telephone number (01453 883793) will remain unchanged after the move. We will be available for any patient queries as usual and aim to provide usual clinical care without any interruptions. Don't forget to call the PPG Transport if you need help to get to the new surgery (01453 887314).

Thank you for all your patience and see you there!

Stained Glass Centenary Window (1924 – 2024)

Picture on front cover

We are proud to share with you a story from one of our patients, Hilary Ruxton. Hilary took up stained glasswork 15 years ago after a career as a primary school teacher. She has recently been privileged to design, create, and manufacture a stained-glass window to celebrate and pay tribute to the Centenary of the Nurses' League at King's College Hospital London, which was installed in March 2024.

Music, paintings, poetry, performance, and glass art are all used in hospitals to help reduce stress, depression, anxiety, pain intensity. It can improve staff morale, help mark and manage change, tell stories, and ultimately to connect us all in the healing process.

The commission brief was to create a spiritual window, a nursing window, that might capture something of the essence of what it means to be a nurse in the league - a window that would fill the space with beauty and light.

The site for the window (The Sanctuary within St Luke's Chapel at King's College Hospital) is normally a secular room where patients, families, and staff are all welcome to enter and find space to pause, reflect or simply be away from the busy hospital environment.

The Chapel is a place of spiritual nourishment where people of all ages, all professions, all backgrounds and all faiths and none can gather, pause a while, give thanks, be inspired, draw strength, celebrate and remember the Nurses' League at King's College Hospital.

You can see more of Hilary's art on her website or Instagram: <https://hilaryruxton.com> or [Instagram.com/hilaryruxtonart](https://www.instagram.com/hilaryruxtonart)