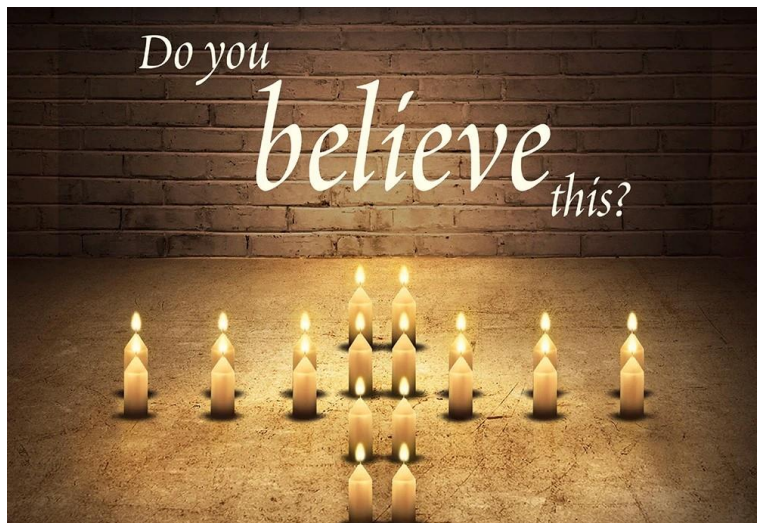


Stoke St Gregory Baptist Church
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News



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From Sonya

Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation, by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
And the peace of God, which transcends all
understanding, will guard your hearts
and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

DailyVerses.net

This is the verse that the deacons are proposing to be the verse that the church adopts for the year 2025. It is a great verse to hold on to when we are entering a new year of excitement and unknowns but also of uncertainty. The safest place for all of us to be is to be in that place of trusting God for the future. God cares about every situation we face, whether large or small and He wants us to bring them to Him and to leave them in His hands, trusting that He wants the best for us and He is going to be there walking alongside us through it all.

Let's not only adopt this as the church's verse for the year, but let's commit to making it a reality in our lives. Whenever we feel anxious about a situation, let's choose to bring it to God and give it to Him, allowing Him to lead us in our decisions and do with it what He chooses to do. And let's hold on to the promise that as we give ourselves and our future into God's hands and seek to follow Him in obedience, He will give us that peace that is beyond understanding.



Happy New Year to you all, *Sonya*.

For our Prayers

Amanda says: Freddie is still recovering from his injuries and is managing to stay positive. He struggles at times with phantom limb pain but has been able to keep distracted by having his siblings at home over Christmas. We have been incredibly blessed by the generous help from wonderful friends and family who got together to build a wooden ramp which means Freddie can now get in and out of the house in his wheelchair. We remain very grateful to those who are keeping us all in their prayers.

Paddy has moved to Taunton with Bill and Jan. Her new contact details are: Daveys, Roughmoor Lane, Roughmoor, Taunton, TA1 5FL and she has her own phone: 07473 526424. She would welcome cards and visits.

Please keep them and the following people in your prayers – Judith Hincks, Simon Robinson, Mary Strange, Freda Gadsby, Tim Spotswood, Anne and Chris Coate, Sonya and Ian, Betty Woodland, Irene and Ron Browning.

“Give wisdom to all in authority ...” let us pray for the Deacons as they try to discern the way forward for our church.



January Flowers

5th	Messy Church
12th	no flowers
19th	Anne Coate
26th	Alison Katte
Feb 2nd	Messy Church

Do you believe this?

Is the theme for this year's week of prayer for Christian Unity, 18th – 25th January. Daily reflections are available on the Christian Aid website. The united service will take place on Sunday 19th at the Baptist Church.

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BMS Birthday Scheme

We celebrate the birthdays this month of Tony Yaskin on 27th and Freda Gadsby on 28th.

We thank them for supporting the scheme and wish them a joyful day.

Finance

Ruth reports that £62.30 was raised for Safe Families at 'Carols in the Square'. The end of the financial year is 31st December and she will be preparing 2024 accounts for inspection by independent examiner during January.

Christmas Services

Christingle and the Stable service



Church Giving

The Baptist Church at Stoke St Gregory relies solely on donations. Should you wish to make an online donation at any time, please use the following details, using the reference "Church Giving":

Account Name: Stoke St Gregory Baptist Church

Account Number: 00604544

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January 2025 Calendar

Day	Time	Event
Sun 5th	10.00am	Messy Church
Weds 8th	7.30pm	Homegroup
Thurs 9th	9.30 – 11.30am	TWiGs
Sun 12th	9.45am 11.00am	Short Service led by Tim Spotswood Stoke Stampede
Weds 15th	7.30pm	Home Group
Thurs 16th	9.30 – 11.30am	TWiGs
Sun 19th	10.30am	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at SSG Baptist Chapel.
Mon 20th	7.30pm	Deacons Meeting
Tues 21 st	2.00pm	Open the Book meeting
Weds 22nd	7.30pm	Homegroup
Thurs 23rd	9.30 – 11.30am	TWiGs
Sun 26 th	10.30am	Family Worship Service Church Members Meeting after the service
Weds 29th	7.30pm	Homegroup
Thurs 30th	9.30 – 11.30am	TWiGs
February Sun 2nd	10.00am	Messy Church starting with breakfast

