

Stoke St Gregory Baptist Church

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News



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From Sonya

God provides in strange and unpredictable ways



This is how Benon Kayanja, one of our BMS mission partners in Uganda, put it in our recent Harvest service. He was talking about the struggles that farmers have in Uganda to grow enough food to eat, following civil war and with the unpredictability of their climate now. He also spoke about how BMS are helping by teaching people better farming methods and how to grow different crops to produce a better yield so that they can feed their families and send their children to school.

We are also experiencing this in the church here. On one hand, we have seen God's amazing provision to enable us to get the work done on the stable at the back of our church building to make it safe, and we celebrated God's provision at the strawberry tea in June. On the other hand, as you may know, the church is experiencing financial difficulties at the moment and struggling to pay our minister's stipend. Everyone is affected by the current cost of living crisis and the church is no different. We believe that God is able to provide but also that we have a responsibility to do our part to resource the church's ministry. Please pray and ask God to provide and also ask Him what part He may want you to play in that provision.

Blessings to you all, Sonya

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit.
Jeremiah 17:7-8

For Our Prayers

John and Karen Barnes
Alan and Kay Chedzoy
Ian and Sonya Setchell
Adrian and Louise Grinter, Charlotte, Matt,
Laura and Hannah
Nicola and Roger Edwards
Our friends at St Gregory's



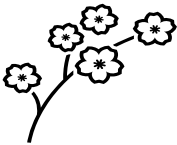
BMS Birthday Scheme



We celebrate the birthdays this month of Alison White on the 14th and Gill Yaskin on the 27th.

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

October Flowers



1st	Harvest cont'd	8th	Messy Church
15th	Ruth Loveridge	22nd	Alison White
29th	Liz Hembrow		

November 5th *Messy Church*

October 2023 Calendar

Day	Time	Event
Sun 1st	10.00am	FAMILY WORSHIP with Communion – Speaker: Heather Andrews from Montecute Baptist Church.
Mon 2nd	7.30pm	Deacons meeting
Weds 4th	12 noon	Luncheon Club in the Schoolroom
	7.30pm	Home Group
Thurs 7th	9.30am– 11.30am	TWiGs in the Schoolroom
Sat 7th	7.00pm	Tear Fund Big Quiz at the Chapel
Sun 8th	10.00am	MESSY CHURCH with breakfast starting at 10am
Weds 11th	7.30pm	Home Group
Thurs 12th	9.30am- 11.30am	TWiGs in the Schoolroom
Sun 15th	10.30am	FAMILY WORSHIP
Weds 20th	12 noon	Luncheon Club in the Schoolroom
	7.30pm	Home Group
Thurs 21st	9.30am- 11.30am	TWiGs in the Schoolroom
Sun 22nd	10.30am	FAMILY WORSHIP
Weds 27th	7.30pm	Home Group
Sun 29th	10.30am	FAMILY WORSHIP with Communion
NOV Weds 1st	12 noon 7.30pm	Luncheon Club in the Schoolroom Home Group
Thurs 2nd	9.30am- 11.30am	TWiGs in the Schoolroom
Sun 5th	10.00am	MESSY CHURCH with breakfast starting at 10am