

Stoke St Gregory Baptist Church

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News



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CELEBRATING STOKE St GREGORY BAPTIST CHURCH'S 130th ANNIVERSARY



This year we celebrate the 130th anniversary of the church. On 10th November 1894, 46 members from North Curry Baptist Church officially transferred to form the new Stoke Baptist Church. The Chapel House in Griggs Hill was the original home of the North Curry Baptist church (purchased in 1869 from the Stoke St Gregory Bible Christians) but less than a year later, a memorial stone ceremony was held on September 26th 1895 and the new church building was officially opened on 5th May 1896 with a special service conducted by Rev. J.T Biscoe.

We will be marking our anniversary over our harvest weekend celebrations on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th September.

SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER



If you have a connection with the church, we'd like to invite you to join us for a BBQ starting at 1.30pm to celebrate our 130th anniversary. Tony and Ian are kindly offering their barbequing skills and there will no doubt be the traditional array of

salads to accompany the BBQ food, and puddings afterwards.

The church will also be open to see the beautiful harvest flowers and displays, and to find out more about the history of the church within the village. There will also be an opportunity to leave a donation for our harvest collection for Taunton Foodbank.

SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER



Please join us at **10.30am** in the chapel for our Harvest Service of celebration and thanksgiving. All ages are very welcome to join us – harvest time is an important part of our rural, farming community and it's always a lovely way to give thanks and to share in singing some of the traditional harvest themed hymns. Teas/Coffees and cakes will be served after the service.

There will be a collection of food items which will be donated to the Taunton Foodbank. If you'd like to donate anything, please note that the following items are currently in short supply:

Tinned Vegetables/Tinned Potatoes/Tinned or cartons of Custard/Biscuits/Tinned Meat eg Stew, Hotdogs, Meatballs.

Benon Kayanja



On **Sunday 8th September at 10.30am** at the chapel, we will be joined by our link mission worker, Benon Kayanja, for our Sunday worship. Benon is visiting the UK from his homeland in Uganda where he works for BMS as an International Mission Worker.

Benon joined BMS World Mission in 2013 and is currently based in the BMS

office in Kampala overseeing different areas of work for BMS, from governance to general operations. He also works in partnership with the Kasene Baptist Association of Churches Development Committee, which supports local communities through development projects. Benon is married to Dorothy Babirye Kayanja. They have two boys, Favour and Bright. Benon loves to travel, watch movies and play volleyball.

We are delighted and honoured that Benon is finding the time to visit us during his limited time in the UK and to worship with us. It will be fascinating hearing Benon talk about his work in Uganda and the difference that BMS World Mission can make to communities, especially the CEC KAM project which is a buying and selling cooperative of agricultural produce.

Teas/Coffees will be served straight after the service before the start of the Special Church Meeting.

SPECIAL CHURCH MEETING



A Special Church Meeting will be held for members on **Sunday 8th September at the Baptist Church**. The meeting will take place straight after the morning service.

The meeting will be a single issue meeting where members will be asked to formally vote on the resolution that was voted on at the previous Church members meeting on 18th August.

For our Prayers

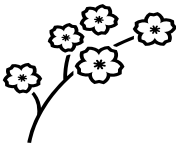
Please keep the following people in your prayers – Anne Jackson, Mary Strange, La Donna, Betty Woodland, Freda Gadsby, Sonya and Ian. May our Lord pour out his blessings on them.



BMS Birthday Scheme



We celebrate the birthday of Liz Hembrow on the 23rd September. We thank her for supporting the scheme and wish her a joyful day.



September Flowers

8th Jean Pimm

15th Julia Spotswood

22nd Joan Thatcher

29th Harvest Flowers

October 6th Harvest Flowers

September 2024 Calendar

Day	Time	Event
Sun 1st	10.30am	FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE led by Stuart Mark
Weds 4th	12 noon	Luncheon Club
Thurs 5th	9.30am-11.30am	TWiGs in the Schoolroom
Sun 8th	10.30am	FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE including a special visit of BMS worker Benon Kayanja from Uganda. SPECIAL CHURCH MEMBERS MEETING
Thurs 12th	9.30am-11.30am	TWiGs in the Schoolroom
Sun 15th	10.30am	FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE with COMMUNION led by Peter & Kathryn Morgan
Tues 17th	2.00pm	Open the Book meeting
Wed 18th	12 noon 7.30pm	Luncheon Club Homegroup
Thurs 19th	9.30am-11.30am	TWiGs in the Schoolroom
Sun 22nd	10.30am	FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE
Mon 23rd	7.30pm	Deacons Meeting
Weds 25th	7.30pm	Homegroup
Thurs 26th	9.30am-11.30am	TWiGs in the Schoolroom
Sat 28th	1.30pm	Church BBQ to celebrate the Church Anniversary
Sun 29th	10.30am	HARVEST AND CHURCH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 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

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"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." *Jeremiah 29 v11-12*