

Stoke St Gregory Baptist Church

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News



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Pastoral Group



The pastoral group convened on Thursday 27th March to discuss and pray for people with pastoral needs. We are aware that for various reasons some folk cannot come to chapel but would like a visit or home communion, or just to be added to our prayer list. If you do have such a need do please phone either Gill Yaskin on 01823490010 or Tim Spotswood on 01823490142. Everything discussed will of course be completely confidential.

Messy Church



A message from The Messy Church Team...

A big thank you to all those who have already volunteered to help. We would love to see more of our congregation coming along to enjoy our activities. Obviously helping with crafts, breakfast etc is essential and, happily, we have enough people to cover these areas this time. However, we would welcome others to come and sit and chat with our families and join in the short worship session at the end of the morning.

Messy church is a very important and successful part of the worship of our church and we are very keen that it continues to grow in this time when we are very much 'DIY'! So....come and join us!

A New Alternative to Luncheon Club



Following the closure of the Wednesday Luncheon Club at the Baptist Church, Jo from the Village Shop has very kindly arranged the following alternative which will be open to all in our community:

"We are pleased to announce that we are extending our food offering in the cafe...

Alternate Wednesdays starting 16th April we will be offering a 2 course set lunch for only £8.50, this will consist of a main meal followed by a traditional homemade dessert .. the menu will be announced a week before.. bookings essential.

To book telephone 01823 490602 during shop hours or call in the shop

We are only able to do this with the help of volunteers on a rota basis so if you would like to help from time to time speak to Jo in the shop."

If anyone who could occasionally help, with either cooking, serving, clearing & washing up, or with transport, please get in touch with Jo.

2025 Charity of the Year



Our Charity for 2025 is **CONGO INITIATIVE**

Congo Initiative is a global collective inspired by Christ-centred faith and united for the transformation of lives and communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

IF LEADERSHIP IS THE KEY, THEN EDUCATION IS THE KEY TO BRINGING UP THESE LEADERS.” Good governance is the only way out of poverty and corruption. A hand up not a hand out. More than 6 million people have lost their lives due to wars in the last two decades. Killing, rape, mutilations still go on today with the advent of M23. Congo Initiative is inspired by our Christian faith and aims to transform lives and communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo through education. In Congo, an estimated 7 million children aged 5-17 do not go to school, with only 50% of girls in that age group attending. Only 67% of children who start first grade will complete sixth grade. The first step to breaking cycles of poverty and conflict is primary education. Congo Initiative invests in Congo’s youngest learners through Académie Bilingue du Congo and La Charité Bilingue du Congo.

For our Prayers

Please continue to keep the following people in your prayers – Jonathan and Karen Stannard, Gill, Paddy, Sonya & Ian, Freddie Saunders, and all our faithful members and friends who, for various reasons, are unable to be with us on Sunday mornings

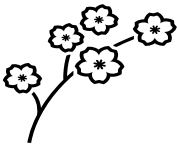


BMS Birthday Scheme



We celebrate Paddy's birthday this month on the 11th April.

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



April Flowers

6th Easter Messy Church

13th Liz Hembrow

20th Easter Flowers

27th Easter Flowers

4th May Kathy Davidson

April 2025 Calendar

Day	Time	Event
Sun 6th	10.00am	MESSY CHURCH starting with breakfast at 10am
Sun 13th	10.30am	PALM SUNDAY – FAMILY SERVICE
Fri 18th	11.00am	GOOD FRIDAY – JOINT SERVICE OF REFLECTION AT THE PARISH CHURCH in STOKE ST GREGORY
Sun 20th	6.00am 10.30am	EASTER DAY Sunrise Service with Rev. Martin – outside, at the back of the Baptist Chapel Easter Celebration Service with Communion
Thurs 24th	9.30am-11.30am	TWiGs in the Schoolroom
Sun 27th	10.30am	FAMILY WORSHIP 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”:

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