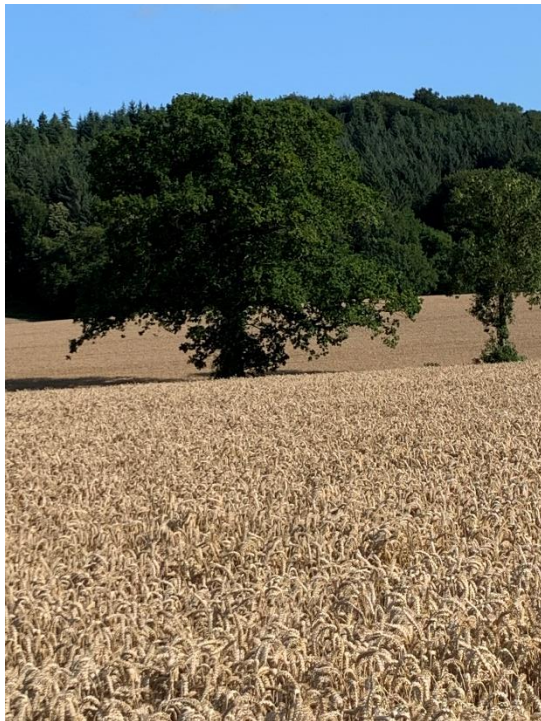


Stoke St Gregory Baptist Church

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News



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From Sonya



Blessed to be a blessing

In our services we are exploring the theme of God's blessing. We were reminded that our God loves all people and longs to bless them, as well as our communities and all that He has made in the natural world. To receive this blessing ourselves, we need to be willing and responsive and say to God, "Yes please, I want to receive the Holy Spirit that you are pouring out. Come and fill me."

Once we have received God's blessings, we need to thank God for all the good gifts that we have received from Him. We are also called by God to bless other people, to bless our communities and to bless our world. As followers of Jesus, we are called to stand in God's presence, to carry God's presence as we move out into our ordinary everyday lives, and to bless in His name. We should take every opportunity to bless others in the name of the Lord. We can do that by our acts of mercy, of kindness, learning to become the neighbours from heaven for those around us. But God also calls us to speak out blessings to people and situations.

Listen to [Numbers 6:22-27](#) "The Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: "May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favour and give you his peace.' Whenever Aaron and his sons bless the people of Israel in my name, I myself will bless them." Notice the promise in these verses: if you speak in the name of the Lord the blessings of God on other people, God Himself promises that He will bless them.

So, let's take this seriously and learn to receive God's blessing and then speak out blessing to people and places and situations around us. Who knows what God might do if we choose to do this!

I bless you all in the name of Jesus that you will be blessed by God and be a blessing to others.

Sonya



The SWBA Team is delighted to invite you and your church family to our **Annual Celebration & AGM** on **Sun 7th July at Upton Vale Baptist Church, Torquay.**

Our time together starts at 1pm with lunch, which is being provided for us by the churches in our Torbay Cluster, followed by the **Celebration and AGM** starting at 2pm. We'll be sharing stories of how God is at work in the South West, and celebrating together with those who have completed training in our Learning Community and are serving across our Association family. God is very good and we're looking forward to gathering together to thank him for his faithfulness to us and look forwards in faith to all he has in store for us in the future!

For those unable to join us onsite, the Celebration & AGM will be available online – please see our webpage [here](#) for details on how to join in online.

The church address is St Marychurch Rd, Torquay TQ1 3HY and you'll find directions and details on where to park [here](#)

STRAWBERRY TEA



Please join us on Saturday 13th July at 3pm for our annual Strawberry Tea held at the Baptist Church (hopefully in the grounds and the Stables if the weather is kind to us!)

The Strawberry Tea is always a lovely opportunity for the whole community to get together to enjoy the delicious selection of cakes, scones and, of course, strawberries and cream!

We look forward to seeing you...

CHURCH MEETING



A Church meeting will be held for members on **Monday 8th July starting at 7.30pm at the Baptist Church.**

There are some really difficult decisions facing the church about its future survival that will need your prayers and discussion. Please attend if you are able to as there are some important decisions that need to be taken about the way forward.

We are looking forward to our 130 year anniversary later in the year, and would welcome your thoughts and ideas about ways we can mark this special anniversary.

For our Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers – Anne Jackson, Mary Strange, Liz Hembrow, La Donna, Alison Katte, Alice Marriott. May our Lord pour out his blessings on them.

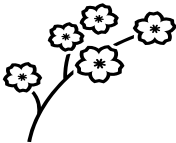


BMS Birthday Scheme



We celebrate the birthdays of Kathy Davidson on the 2nd July and in August, the birthday of Chris Coate on the 26th.

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



July & August Flowers

- 7th** Messy Church
- 14th** Lesley Perry
- 21st** Songs of Praise
- 28th** Dianne Callaghan

No Flowers for August

July/August 2024 Calendar

Day	Time	Event
Weds 3rd	7.30pm	Homegroup
Thurs 4th	9.30am- 11.30am	TWiGs in the Schoolroom
Sat 6th	2.00pm- 4.00pm	SSG Village Fete on the Playing Field
Sun 7th	10.00am	MESSY CHURCH starting with breakfast
	1.00pm	SWBA Celebration and AGM at Upton Vale Baptist Church, Torquay
Mon 8th	7.30pm	CHURCH MEMBERS MEETING
Weds 10th	12 noon	Luncheon Club in the Schoolroom
	7.30pm	Homegroup
Thurs 11th	9.30am- 11.30am	TWiGs in the Schoolroom
Sat 13th	3.00pm	Strawberry Tea at the Baptist church
Sun 14th	10.30am	FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE with COMMUNION
Wed 17th	7.30pm	Homegroup
Thurs 18th	9.30am- 11.30am	TWiGs in the Schoolroom
	7.00pm	Deacons Prayer on Zoom
Sun 21st	11.00am	SONGS OF PRAISE on the Playing Fields with St Gregory's Church
Weds 24th	12 noon	Luncheon Club in the Schoolroom
	7.30pm	Homegroup

Sun 28th	10.30am	FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE
Mon 29th	7.30pm	Deacons Meeting
Wed 31st	7.30pm	Homegroup
AUGUST Sun 4th	10.00am	MESSY CHURCH starting with breakfast
Sun 11th	10.30am	FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE with Communion
Sun 18th	10.30am	FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE
Sun 25th	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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"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*