

# Stoke St Gregory Baptist Church

## June 2024

### News



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## From Sonya



I was reflecting that June is a month when we celebrate Fathers' Day which is a day to celebrate the gift of fatherhood and the father figures in our lives and the blessing they have been to us. We recognise that not everyone's experience of fathers is the same and that some people have not had a positive experience.

All of us, however, can have access to the best father there could possibly be. When we choose to trust in Jesus and give our lives to Him, we are adopted into God's family with God as our heavenly Father. In the Bible, God is presented as a Father who longs to give good gifts to His children and who wants to protect and care for us. He is a Father who wants the best for us and knows what that is for each one of us. He is a Father who wants us to live fulfilling lives, and so gives us wise advice and instructions but then allows us to make our own decisions, even when we choose things which are not good for us or for other people. Even when we make the wrong choices, our loving Father is waiting and longing for us to return to a loving relationship with Him. He is a Father who wants us to reach our potential and become all that He created us to be and so He offers us the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower us to do this.

So, as we take time to celebrate the father figures in our lives, let's take some time to get to know our heavenly Father better and to grow in loving relationship with Him.

Blessings to you all,

Sonya

## Special Service for Safe Families



**On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 10.30am there will be a special Morning Worship Service focussing on our charity for the year - SAFE FAMILIES.**

**Lauren Jewhurst, Community Volunteer Manager for Safe Families, will be leading the service, which will include a presentation about the charity and to discuss the many ways we can support it, both as individuals and as a church community.**

## For our Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers – Anne Jackson, Mary Strange, Tim Spotswood, David & Judith Hinks, Gillian Akerman, Liz Hembrow, Lydia, La Donna, Chris, Zara and Zach. May our Lord keep them in the protective palm of his hand and pour his blessings on each of them.

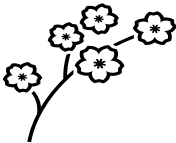


## BMS Birthday Scheme



We celebrate the birthday this month of Gillian Akerman on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

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



### June Flowers

**2nd** Messy Church

**9th** Ruth Loveridge

**16th** Paddy Scott

**23rd** Alison Katte

**30th** Gillian Akerman

***JULY 7th*** Messy Church

## June 2024 Calendar

Day	Time	Event
Sat 1st	10am - 4pm	SSG Envirofair at the Williams Hall
Sun 2nd	10.00am	<b>MESSY CHURCH</b> starting with breakfast
Weds 5th	7.30pm	Homegroup
Thurs 6th	9.30am-11.30am	TWiGs in the Schoolroom
Sun 9th	10.30am	<b>FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
Tues 11th	2.00pm	Open the Book planning meeting
Weds 12th	12 noon 7.30pm	Luncheon Club in the Schoolroom Homegroup
Thurs 13th	9.30am-11.30am 7.00pm	TWiGs in the Schoolroom Deacons' Prayers
Sun 16th	10.30am	<b>FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE with COMMUNION</b>
Wed 19th	7.30pm	Homegroup
Thurs 20th	9.30am-11.30am 7.30pm	TWiGs in the Schoolroom Deacons Meeting
Sun 23rd	10.30am	<b>FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE with Lauren Jewhurst from Safe Families</b>

<b>Weds 26th</b>	12 noon 7.30pm	Luncheon Club in the Schoolroom Homegroup
<b>Thurs 27th</b>	9.30am- 11.30am	TWiGs in the Schoolroom
<b>Sun 30th</b>	10.30am	<b>FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE</b> followed by Church Members Meeting
<b>JULY Weds 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	7.30pm	Homegroup
<b>Thurs 4th</b>	9.30am- 11.30am	TWiGs in the Schoolroom
<b>Sat 6th</b>	2pm- 4pm	SSG Village Fete
<b>Sun 7th</b>	10.00am	<b>MESSY CHURCH</b> starting with breakfast

## **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**

**Sort Code: 30-98-45**



**"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**