

Stoke St Gregory Baptist Church

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News



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From Sonya



Acts 2:1-4 “When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them.”

This month we celebrate the birth of the church as the Holy Spirit is poured out onto all the believers in a new way. After Jesus’ death and resurrection, we read that the disciples were scared and hiding away because they were afraid of the Jews and of what might happen to them. When the Holy Spirit comes on them on the Day of Pentecost, they are all filled with a new boldness and they burst out into Jerusalem so that all the people staying there for the festival could hear them, “speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!” (Acts 1:14)

We need this new boldness that the Holy Spirit can give so that we also can speak to those around us about the wonderful things that God has done in ways that people can understand. How did the disciples prepare for this to happen? After Jesus ascended into heaven, we read that “all the disciples met together and were constantly united in prayer.” Let’s seek God in prayer this Pentecost when we are gathered and when we are scattered, asking Him to pour out His Holy Spirit onto us in a new way. Then we will be amazed at what God will do!

Blessings to you all,

Sonya

Thy Kingdom Come 2024



Thy Kingdom Come is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to

prayer.

Every person, household and church is encouraged to pray in their own way between 9th -19th May (Ascension to Pentecost).

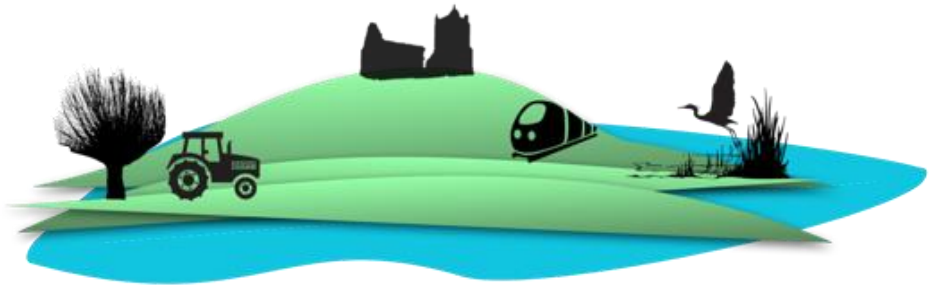
It is the hope & prayer, that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world, will hear it for themselves and respond and follow Him.

Specifically, each and every Christian across the globe are invited to pray that God’s Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people who have not responded with their ‘Yes’ to God’s call. Lots more information can be found online www.thykingdomcom.global



There are also ways for younger people to get involved.

Athelney Benefice Rogation Walk



Sunday 5th May marks Rogation Sunday – being the fifth Sunday after Easter. Primarily a Church of England celebration, but often marked by other Christian rural churches, Rogation is an ancient church festival to seek blessing for a community and its sustenance. The word rogation comes from the Latin verb rogare, meaning “to ask”, which reflects the beseeching of God for protection from calamities. It is also referred to as Beating The Bounds to remind everyone where the village boundaries lay.

Often, churches hold a Rogation Walk, processing around the villages in the area and stopping at various village landmarks asking God to bless the land and her people.

This year, the Athelney Benefice is holding a Rogation Walk on **Saturday 11th May** from Lyng to North Curry via Burrowbridge and Stoke St Gregory, visiting each of the Four Churches in the benefice.

The general plan is to meet at St Bartholomew’s in Lyng at **8.30am** then set off via the Alfred Monument, following the East Deane Way to Burrowbridge, then on to Stoke St Gregory for around **12noon** with

lunch at The Royal Oak, and finally ending up in North Curry around **3pm** where the May Fair will be taking place. Each of the benefice churches will be visited where a short act of worship will take place, alongside refreshments. Obviously, the weather may have some bearing on the timings and the route, and you don't have to complete the entire walk if you don't feel able to.

Anyone who'd like to know more about the Rogation Walk can find lots more information on the benefice website www.athelneybenefice.com and you can sign up to do the walk here too. Let's all pray for good weather!



For our Prayers

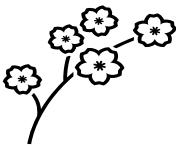
Please keep the following people in your prayers – Anne Jackson, Mary Strange, Tim Spotswood, David & Judith Hinks, Mary Strange, Gillian Akerman, Joe and Susie Marriott



BMS Birthday Scheme



We celebrate the birthdays this month of Joan Thatcher on the 1st and Anne Gadsby on the 20th. We thank them for supporting the scheme and wish them a joyful day.



May Flowers

5th Amanda Saunders
12th Messy Church
19th Edwina Hanson
26th Gill Yaskin

JUNE 2nd Messy Church

May 2024 Calendar

Day	Time	Event
Weds 1st	12 noon	Luncheon Club in the Schoolroom
	7.30pm	Homegroup
Thurs 2nd	9.30am-11.30am	TWiGs in the Schoolroom
Sun 5th	10.30am	FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE with COMMUNION
Weds 8th	7.30pm	Homegroup
Thurs 9th	9.30am-11.30am	TWiGs in the Schoolroom
		Thy Kingdom Come begins today – don't forget to use the resources to help us pray
Sun 12th	10.00am	MESSY CHURCH starting with breakfast
Weds 15th	12 noon	Luncheon Club in the Schoolroom
	7.30pm	Homegroup
Thurs 16th	9.30am-11.30am	TWiGs in the Schoolroom
	7.00pm	Deacons' Prayers
Sun 19th	10.30am	FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE - Pentecost
Mon 20th	7.30pm	Deacons' Meeting
Wed 22nd	7.30pm	Homegroup
Thurs 23rd	9.30am-11.30am	TWiGs in the Schoolroom

Sun 26th	10.30am	FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE (Lesley Preaching)
Weds 29th	12 noon	Luncheon Club in the Schoolroom
	7.30pm	Homegroup
JUNE Sun 2nd	10.30am	MESSY CHURCH 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":

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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*