

Stoke St Gregory Baptist Church

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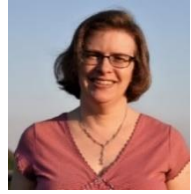
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From Sonya

As we look around the natural world, we see all sorts of changes taking place during autumn. The nights start to draw in and it begins to get dark earlier in the evening. It begins to get colder and there is a chill in the air particularly in the early mornings. The leaves on some of the trees change to all sorts of beautiful colours – reds, oranges, yellows, rusts, brown. Then those leaves fall to the ground and collect in various places. The other day I was asking myself why deciduous trees lose their leaves in the autumn and so I looked it up. Apparently, they lose their leaves in order to conserve water and energy, and to ensure their long-term survival. Autumn is a season of letting go.

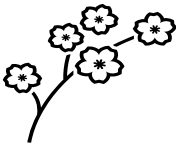


Autumn is therefore a good time to ask God if there is anything that He would like you to let go of in this season? Maybe God wants you to let go of anxieties or worries; or to let go of trusting in other things instead of God. Maybe routines or habits have begun to fill your life and push God out. Maybe there are even good things which God wants you to let go of so that you can move forward into all that He has for you.

Autumn is also a season of preparation. I was at a retreat centre recently and running around the lawns of the house were some grey squirrels. One of the team who live at the centre told us about how the squirrels keep coming and removing the walnuts from the tree in their grounds and taking them off to hide them in various places so that they will have enough food for the winter season to come. I wonder what God might be asking you to do to prepare for the next season? Maybe to spend more time in God's presence listening to Him, seeking to go deeper in relationship with Him. I encourage you to take some time to reflect and discuss with God what you need to let go of and what you need to do to prepare for the next season so that you can thrive in your walk with God. Blessings to you all, *Sonya*

For our Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers – Judith Hincks, Simon Robinson, Mary Strange, Freda Gadsby, Tim Spotswood, Chris Coate, Paddy Scott, Sonya and Ian, Betty Woodland, Irene Browning. May the Lord pour out his blessings on them.



November Flowers

3rd Messy Church
10th Remembrance Sunday
17th Gill Yaskin
24th Amanda Saunders

DEC 1st TBC

November 2024 Calendar

Day	Time	
Sun 3rd	10.30am	MESSY CHURCH with breakfast
Tues 5th	2.00pm	Open the Book planning meeting
Weds 6th	7.30pm	Homegroup
Thurs 7th	9.30am- 11.30am	TWiGs in the Schoolroom
Sun 10th	10.50am	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE at St Gregory's Church
Mon 11th	7.00pm	Deacons Prayer

Wed 13th	12 noon 7.30pm	Luncheon Club Homegroup
Thurs 14th	9.30am- 11.30am	TWiGs in the Schoolroom
Sun 17th	10.30am	CLUSTER PREACHING EXCHANGE SERVICE with COMMUNION
Weds 20th	7.30pm	Homegroup
Thurs 21st	9.30am- 11.30am	TWiGs in the Schoolroom
Sun 24th	10.30am	FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE
Mon 25th	12.30pm	Charity lunch in aid of Safe Families
	7.30pm	Deacons Meeting
Weds 27th	12 noon 7.30pm	Luncheon Club Homegroup
Thurs 28th	9.30am- 11.30am	TWiGs in the Schoolroom
Sun 1st DEC	10.30am	FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE with COMMUNION

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