

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 6TH APRIL

ST ALBANS

10.00 am Café service led by Karen Burridge preceded by breakfast from 9.30am

7.00 pm Fusebox with guest speaker Revd Sue Peat

HOLY TRINITY

11.00 am Sunday Worship with Local Ministry Team and the Worship Band

FUTURE SERVICES AT ST ALBANS

SUNDAY 13TH APRIL – Joint Ecumenical service for Palm Sunday at Holy Trinity and Clergy led Holy Communion at 6.30pm

SUNDAY 20TH APRIL – Easter Sunday Methodist morning service led by Revd John Hime with Holy Communion and Afternoon tea service at 4.00pm led by Gareth Zimmerman preceded by tea and cake at 3.00pm.

Safeguarding@holytrinitystroud.co.uk or the St Albans Safeguarding officer on kburridge1@sky.com

All items for the next news sheet please to Janet Email: cfm@live.co.uk

For all bookings of the Wesley Room please contact Sarah Turk at sarah.turk@stroudparishchurches.org.uk or on 01453 840006



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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 30TH MARCH MOTHERING SUNDAY



ST ALBANS

10.00am Methodist morning service led by Neil Grecian

6.30 pm Service led by Revd Rachel Hope

HOLY TRINITY

11.00 am Clergy led Holy Communion

EASTER

LENT GROUPS

We will be holding Lent groups at St Alban's from Thursday March 6th until Thursday April 10th, except Thursday 3rd April which is the ECC meeting. We will mainly be in the Wesley Rooms, but two will be in the Church. We will meet at 7.00pm for refreshments and start at 7.30pm. For more information, please contact Karen Burridge: kburrige1@sky.com

HOLY WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY

On **Maundy Thursday** this year, April 17th, we will be repeating our token Passover meal and Communion at 7pm in the Church at St Alban's. Sign up sheets will go up in both churches shortly. Some idea of numbers helps with the catering, but please feel free to come on the night, whether you have signed up or not. We will be following a form of words that help us to be more aware of the Jewish setting of the Last Supper at the time of Passover and this will lead into a Communion Service. This is a token Passover meal, with small tastes of the various elements, it is not a meal. We will need to recruit a fairly large number of people from both churches to be part of the proceedings, so please be willing to help if you possibly can. More information if needed from Karen Burridge or Rich Spring.

GOOD FRIDAY

There will be a joint reflective service at St Alban's at 9.45am on Good Friday, April 18th. This service will finish in good time for those who wish to join the Churches Together Walk of Witness at 11.15am.

WALK OF WITNESS IN STROUD ON GOOD FRIDAY

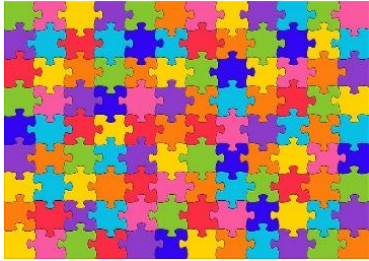
Starting at The Door Shop at 11.15am

We will walk through the town, stopping for songs, readings, prayers and reflections. When we reach the Subscription Rooms there will be a short talk by Martin Pearson from Stroud Christian Fellowship and the walk will end with Hot Cross Buns and refreshments in St Laurence Church.

EARLY MORNING SUNRISE SERVICE

Everyone is welcome to join Churches Together in Minchinhampton for the Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday (20th April) at 05.45am. Meet virtually opposite Windmill House on Minchinhampton Common, just towards Minchinhampton from Tom Longs Post. The earliness of the hour is due to the lateness of Easter.

NEWS ITEMS



NEW – JIGSAW LIBRARY

There are now a handful of jigsaws in the large wooden crate next to the piano so please do continue to donate jigsaws and if you would like to borrow one please do. Enjoy!



1,2,3 TODDLER GROUP

I have been asked to give you an update on our 1,2,3 toddler group from time to time. Our toddler group is thriving with a mixture of mums/grandmas and child

minders bringing around 15 children each week. They enjoy about an hour of free play before we offer a craft activity. This week they used hand prints as stems/plants and finger prints to add flowers to the top of each finger to make Mother's Day cards to take home. This is then followed by a storytime and music session before they enjoy snacks and drinks which ends our morning.



WORK PARTY

There will be a work party to tidy up the grounds for the summer.

Pruning, hedge cutting, weeding, sorting out the rear, clearing drains.

All help welcomed. Thank you. Stuart

Time: 9.30am - 12.30pm approximately on Saturday 5th April.



ART EXHIBITION

The Door is delighted to present "Art Exhibition" - a stunning showcase of local talent, on display at The Yard Gallery in the heart of Stroud.

Every purchase will support The Door's vital mission of providing safe spaces and positive role models for young people and families throughout our district. The Yard Gallery can be found just off the High Street, in Stroud Town Centre. We will be open between **Tuesday 1st and Saturday 5th April 9.30am-5.00pm (open late Thursday 3rd April until 7.00pm)**



PLANT SALE

This year's plant sale will take place on **Saturday 3rd May** from 10.00am onwards. It's a little earlier this year as key members of the team are unavailable later in the month.

Please continue to plant seeds and split plants to provide us with lots of lovely items to sell. As usual, please don't all come with loads of tomatoes!! Variety is the key to a successful plant sale. Runner beans, sweetcorn, courgettes, cucumbers and annual flowers are all very popular. Thank you in advance. Nearer the time I will be asking for helpers and cake makers.

Janet Townsend

REGULAR MEETINGS



PRAYERTIME

Please come and spend Prayertime in private and shared prayer on **Monday evening at 7.30pm – 8.30pm**. In St Albans Church, starting with brief prayerful socialisation over tea and biscuits. Folk from all churches and none are very welcome.



HOLY TRINITY SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER TIME

Do join us on every third Saturday morning for a time of informal prayer, including prayers for those on our Prayer Board, the next date is: **Saturday 19th April 9.30am-11.00am**



CRAFT AND CHAT GROUP

The next Craft and Chat group is on **Monday 31st March 2.30pm-4.30pm** at St Alban's, generally in the Wesley Room.

Everyone welcome, to craft and/or to chat. Help available and beginner crafters welcome. More info from Karen Burrige, 752839, kburrige1@sky.com.



CHRISTIAN CONVERSATION

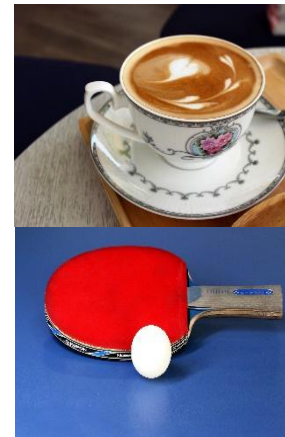
Christian Conversation continues on **Wednesday 2nd April at 7.30pm**.

For more information, please contact Stuart



FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Friday Night Fellowship will next be meeting on **Friday 4th April at the home of Adrian and Jacqui Kilburn**. Food will be shared and fellowship enjoyed. All welcome and lifts can be arranged.



SATURDAY AFTERNOON SOCIAL

Our next meeting will be on **Saturday 5th April** from 3.30pm onwards. Do come and join us for an enjoyable afternoon of friendship, games and a bring and share tea. **All ages** are welcomed; bring your own favourite board games along with you or your knitting or whatever you like. It is simply an opportunity to spend some time together.