



The Trinity Ecumenical Partnership



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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER

ST ALBANS

10.00 am Methodist morning service led by David Cracknell

4.00 pm Afternoon Tea service led by Gareth Zimmerman preceded by tea and cake at 3.00pm

HOLY TRINITY

11.00 am Sunday Worship, with the Local Ministry Team

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER

ST ALBANS

10.00 am Methodist morning service led by Revd Robert Riddell

6.30 pm Evening Prayer with Local Ministry Team

HOLY TRINITY

11.00 am Clergy led, Holy Communion

Wednesday 29th October - Clergy led Holy Communion at **ST MATTHEWS** at 10.00am

FUTURE SERVICES AT ST ALBANS

SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER – Something Different Sunday led by Revd John Kime (this is a sharing service, please see details below) and Fusebox at 7.00pm led by Bernard Hill

SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER – Methodist morning service led by Revd Mandy Briggs with Holy Communion and Holy Communion at 6.30pm

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

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

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

NEWS ITEMS/DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ECUMENICAL AWAY DAY

Our ecumenical Away Day, beautifully led by Revd Mandy Briggs, was an opportunity to grow in faith together. We were able to learn about what, in life, drove John Wesley and then reflect on how his experience can help us in developing our own faith and Christian action. Thank you to everyone who participated in this memorable day.

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF REVD FRANK TOPPING

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Revd Frank Topping, author, broadcaster and Methodist Minister, will take place on **Friday 14th November** at 3.00pm at John Wesley's New Room, The Horsefair, Bristol, BS1 3JE. All are welcome to attend this service and to celebrate his life and work.

To gauge numbers it would be helpful (though not essential) if you could let Anne Topping know if you are planning to attend: annetopping@me.com

For further information please contact Simon

Topping: simon.topping@methodist.org.uk



SOMETHING DIFFERENT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2ND

Reflections on Peace An invitation to share service.

The end of October and early November encompass a season of remembrance, including All Soul's Day and All Saint's Day, Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday. November 2nd

at St Alban's is a Something Different Service, led by Rev John Kime, where we are inviting members of the congregation to share a reading, hymn, poem, personal experience, witness, piece of artwork on the theme of Peace. Invitation to Share services can be nerve wracking for the preacher and the worship team as the Sunday draws ever closer with only one or two volunteers to share. So we are giving you advance notice to have a think about something you could share and then when we ask you in a couple of weeks to volunteer, we will, hopefully, be inundated. Thank you.



LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER

Goodwill Evening – Friday 5th December

Soup and Carols – Saturday 13th December

Carols in the car park – Saturday 20th December



Pop these dates in your diary and there will be more information nearer the time.



CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL 2025 – HOLY TRINITY

We are again supporting the Teams4U Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Leaflets outlining

the kind of items, which can be included in the Shoebox, are on the table at the back of church. There are some Shoeboxes available, already covered.

Otherwise, an empty,

medium sized Shoebox covered with Christmas or gift wrapping paper can be used.

Filled Shoeboxes should be brought to church by **Sunday November 2nd** at the latest.

Shoeboxes will be distributed to children and families in deprived circumstances across Eastern Europe in Ukraine, Romania, Moldova, Belarus, Georgia and Bosnia.

If there are any queries please contact Jenny Carter on Stroud 763436 or mob. 07957617627.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL 2025 – ST ALBANS

Leaflets and Shoeboxes are now available. Please do take them home and fill them up. There is a lot of information on the T4U website with many ideas of what to put in your shoeboxes. We will collect our boxes at St Albans and deliver them to Jenny all together. Any questions speak to Janet Townsend.

STROUD DISTRICT FOODBANK IS RECRUITING NEW TRUSTEES, INCLUDING A NEW CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

These are voluntary roles, involving around six main meetings each year, with additional opportunities to support the Foodbank's work in between. We'd particularly welcome applications from people with experience in HR, PR/Communications, risk management, or personal experience of poverty.

We're seeking individuals who are committed to supporting our community and helping Stroud District Foodbank make a real difference, guided by our values of compassion, dignity, and service.

For an application pack or any questions please contact:- admin@strouddistrictfoodbank.org.uk

Closing date: 20th October 2025

FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER
7.00^{PM}
DURSLEY TAB URC



A YEAR IN POLITICS

Simon Opher MP

in conversation with
Revd Simon Helme
reflecting on his first year
at Westminster

SCAN HERE
FOR TICKETS



TICKETS AVAILABLE
UNTIL 20/10/25

CONTACT 07990 520 807
IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE
GETTING A TICKET

*The audience will have the
opportunity to engage in
discussion on political issues
with our MP*

THIS IS A TICKETED EVENT | IT IS FREE TO ATTEND | PLEASE SCAN QR CODE FOR EVENTBRITE

DURSLEY TABERNACLE, PARSONAGE ST, DURSLEY, GL11 4BW

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 18th October 9.30am-11.00am**



CHRISTIAN CONVERSATION

Christian Conversation continues on **Wednesday 29th October at 7.30pm**. For more information, please contact Stuart



CRAFT AND CHAT GROUP

The next Craft and Chat group is on **Monday 27th October from 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 Burridge, 752839, kburridge1@sky.com.



FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Friday Night Fellowship will next be meeting on **Friday 7th November at the home of Sarah Laming**. Food will be shared and fellowship enjoyed. All welcome and lifts can be arranged.



SATURDAY AFTERNOON SOCIAL

Our next meeting date is **Saturday 1st November** from 3.30pm onwards with our usual bring and share tea. Do come and join us for an enjoyable afternoon of friendship and games. **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.