



The Trinity Ecumenical Partnership



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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER

ST ALBANS

9.00 am Café church led by Revd Esther Mason with a Fairtrade Breakfast

7.00 pm Fusebox led by Paul Townsend

HOLY TRINITY

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

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER

ST ALBANS

10.00 am Methodist morning service led by Revd Mandy Briggs with Holy Communion

6.30 pm Holy Communion

HOLY TRINITY

11.00 am The Source, clergy led intergenerational service

FUTURE SERVICES AT ST ALBANS

SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER – Methodist morning service led by David Cracknell and Afternoon Tea service at 4.00pm led by Gareth Zimmerman preceded by tea and cake at 3.00pm

SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER – Methodist morning service led by Revd Robert Riddell and Evening Prayer with Local Ministry Team

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

Holy Trinity and Stroud Methodist Church Ecumenical Partnership Away Day Retreat with Rev Mandy Briggs

Saturday 11th October. At St Peters Framilode. On the banks of the river Severn.

10.00am for teas and coffees close at 4.00pm

A day designed to recharge our spiritual batteries, recharge our faith and grow together in joyful fellowship. Bring your own lunch, drinks provided.

Please contact Paul (paulsum@hotmail.co.uk) if you require transport.

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



ADVANCE NOTICE - 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.



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

We will also have leaflets and empty shoeboxes available at St Albans really soon; in the meantime why start your shopping in preparation? 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

From Punk to Pulpit

Our Guest Speaker – **Mike Juggins**

> Born in the late sixties, growing up with a violent and temperamental father, moving school at 7 subjected to a beast of a headteacher with a penchant for bullying children who were different.

> A choirboy who didn't worship God. Abused at 13 leading to a life of alcohol, drugs and sex.

> Mental illness in the form of depression, suicide attempts, arrests and mental hospital.

> Then BAM!! Jesus steps in.

> The tale of a man's journey from depravity to redemption.

THERE WILL BE PRAYER MINISTRY.

Booking – email: kayjay_hindeshardy@yahoo.com



ALL WELCOME

Fromebridge Mill,
Whitminster, Gloucester GL2 7PB

Tuesday 14th October 2025

6.30 for 7.00pm

Order food from the bar



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**Stroud
District**

Full Gospel Businessmen



Stroud Salvation Army
Acre St, GL5 1DR

celebrating

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ANNIVERSARY

History day with afternoon tea

Saturday 11th October

12:30-16:30, tea at 14:30

Buffet Followed by Celebration

Sunday 12th October

15:00-18:30



R.S.V.P

christopher.Button@salvationarmy.org.uk

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 15th October at 7.30pm**. For more information, please contact Stuart



CRAFT AND CHAT GROUP

The next Craft and Chat group is on **Monday 13th 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, kburrige1@sky.com.



FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Friday Night Fellowship will next be meeting on **Friday 3rd October at 7.30pm** at Pete and Theresa's home. Food will be shared and fellowship enjoyed. All welcome and lifts can be arranged.



SATURDAY AFTERNOON SOCIAL

Our next meeting date is **Saturday 4th October** 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.