



The Trinity Ecumenical Partnership



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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



ST ALBANS

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

6.30pm Holy Communion

HOLY TRINITY

11.00 am The Source - Clergy led intergenerational service, including Remembrance Service. **Please be seated by 10.55am**

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

ST ALBANS

10.00 am Methodist morning service led by Revd Sue Peat

4.00 pm Afternoon Tea service led by Revd Mandy Briggs with tea and cake at 3.00pm.

HOLY TRINITY

11.00 am Service for the Persecuted Church, with speaker, Chris Lowther from the Open Doors charity. (see more information below)

FUTURE SERVICES AT ST ALBANS

SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER – Methodist morning service led by Revd Stan Brown and Evening Prayer at 6.30pm

SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER – Methodist morning service led by Mike Dearsley and Ecumenical Advent Carol Service at 6.30pm led by Revd Mandy Briggs

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: 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

SPECIAL SERVICE AT HOLY TRINITY

There will be a service for the Persecuted Church on **Sunday November 16th** at Holy Trinity at 11.00am with Chris Lowther from the Open Doors charity. He is articulate, informed and utterly passionate about supporting our brothers and sisters around the world, who are being persecuted just for calling Jesus Lord. Always an emotional yet ultimately uplifting service.

JOINT ADVENT GROUPS

We will be holding joint Advent groups in the Wesley Rooms at St Alban's, on Thursdays leading up to Christmas. They will begin on **Thursday 27th November**, in order for us to get 4 sessions in before Christmas, continuing on December 4th, 11th and 18th. Refreshments will be served at 7.00pm with discussions starting at 7.30pm. More information on the resources for our discussions to follow, but please put these dates in your diary/calendar now to keep the evenings free.

THANK YOU FROM THE FOOD BANK

We collected 23.20kg of food at our Harvest Festival, the Food Bank are very grateful and say 'thank you so much for your support in making a difference to those in need, we couldn't do it without you.'

ART4LIFE AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH AMBERLEY

An exhibition of arts and crafts for all, **Saturday November 22nd 9am-4pm** and **Sunday November 23rd, 11am -4pm**. Charley Harvey, Tony Morris, Rachel Hope and Karen Burrige are exhibiting their works of art and crafts in the lovely Amberley Church. The shop and cafe that operate in the church will be open at the same times as the exhibition. Do come and see us.

JIGSAW LIBRARY

Now that the nights are drawing in and the days are getting shorter, I thought I would just remind you all that we have a jigsaw library at St Albans. The jigsaws are in the large wooden crate next to the piano in the Wesley Room. Please feel free to borrow and return jigsaws and if you have any at home that you no longer want, please add them to the crate. Thank you. Have fun puzzling!

KNITTING – CAN YOU HELP?

The craft and chat group are busy knitting squares for our Christmas Tree in St Laurence's this year and we're fast running out of time! If you like to knit and would like to help, please knit 12" squares in double knit on 4mm needles in bright colours and when completed please drop them off at St Albans. After Christmas the squares will be sewn together to make blankets and donated to a suitable charity. 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.

From
Partying & Panic Attacks
...to Peace, Purpose & Jesus

Our Guest Speaker - Nick Burne

Nick once thought Christianity was "a load of rubbish."
By his twenties, he was living for the weekend,
burdened with debt, and struggling with emptiness.
But God had other plans.

Today, Nick is a husband, father, successful
entrepreneur and tech investor whose life has been
radically reshaped by Jesus.

Join us as Nick shares his story —
full of honesty, humour, and hope.

THERE WILL BE PRAYER MINISTRY.

Booking - email: kayjay_hindeshardy@yahoo.com

ALL WELCOME
Fromebridge Mill,
Whitminster, Gloucester GL2 7PB

Tuesday 18th November 2025
6.30 for 7.00pm
Order food from the bar

 **FGB** **Stroud District**
Full Gospel Businessmen





FESTIVAL OF WONDER

There's now less than a month until we throw open the doors of this year's Festival of Wonder. **Friday 21st - Sunday 23rd November at St Laurence Church in Stroud.**

We hope you will all join us for some (or all) of the wonderful events across the weekend - There are circus shows galore, local and international acts as well as new interactive spaces and workshops. A full programme and ticket information can be found at **festivalofwonder.org**

Also, on our website is where you can sign up to **volunteer!** We are especially looking for help in our **cafe** (all weekend), **craft** table (Saturday Afternoon) and **stewarding** (Saturday morning and afternoon and Sunday afternoon/early evening). So, if you can spare a couple of hours to help make the Festival happen please email **anne@festivalofwonder.org**

And finally - one thing church communities do so well is **cake!** In order to make sure our wonderful pay as you feel cafe is well stocked, we are looking for kind donations of cake to be delivered to St Laurence Church between 9am and 3pm on Friday 21st November or 9am and 11am on Saturday 22nd November (More details below)

Any questions please do get in touch with the team

Thank you!
Anne Townsend

CAKE BAKING

Please bake cakes in trays so that they are easy to cut into squares - no need to cut them up we can do that on the day. Or please bake individual cookies / biscuits or cupcakes.

Please avoid anything particularly sticky / gooey that are likely to make a mess; this includes using minimal icing only (glace icing is fine) and no butter icing (we don't have a fridge!) Also, no nuts please!

Ideas are Brownies, blondies, flapjacks, lemon drizzle, chocolate chip cookies, shortbread biscuits, cupcakes

When bringing the cakes to the festival, please ensure they are either secure in an air tight box (with your name on) or wrapped in cling film, clearly labelled with the type of cake/biscuit and a FULL list of ingredients.



Pip & Jim's Autumn Lectures 2025

THE ARTS AND CHRISTIANITY TODAY

Five speakers, five illustrated lectures
exploring fresh perspectives on the
relationship between the arts and the
Church today.

Tuesday 4th November, 2pm
Adrian Barlow: Stained Glass

Tuesday 11th November, 2pm
Peter Francis: Film

Tuesday 18th November, 2pm
Ash Fawcett: Architecture

Tuesday 25th November, 2pm
Andrew Taylor: Jazz

Tuesday 2nd December, 2pm
Ben Quash: Visual Art

Tickets: £10 per lecture
Tea and cake on sale afterwards.
*Special offer: Book all five lectures
and get five for the price of four.*

Please book in advance via:
www.pipandjims.org.uk/concertsandevents
St Philip and St James, Leckhampton, 60 Grafton
Road, Cheltenham, GL50 2DD



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 15th November 9.30am-11.00am**



CHRISTIAN CONVERSATION

Christian Conversation continues on **Wednesday 12th November at 7.30pm**. For more information, please contact Stuart



CRAFT AND CHAT GROUP

The next Craft and Chat group is on **Monday 10th November 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

Please note: apologies but we will not be meeting December. Our next meeting date is **to be confirmed** 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.