



# The Trinity Ecumenical Partnership



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## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

### SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH

#### ST ALBANS

10.00 am Something Different Sunday local arrangement morning service

7.00 pm Fusebox with guest speaker Revd Mandy Briggs

#### HOLY TRINITY

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

### SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

#### 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 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH** – Methodist morning Mother's Day service led by Margaret Marshall and Afternoon Tea service led by Revd Stuart Radford at 4.00pm with tea and cake at 3.00pm

**SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH** – Joint Ecumenical service at Holy Trinity at 11.00am and Evening Prayer at St Albans at 6.30pm

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All items for the next news sheet please to Janet Email: [cfn@live.co.uk](mailto:cfn@live.co.uk)

For all bookings of the Wesley Room please contact Sarah Turk at [sarah.turk@stroudparishchurches.org](mailto:sarah.turk@stroudparishchurches.org).

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

## LENT GROUPS

We have decided to use the Lent course from LICC, it is called On Purpose and looks at God's purpose for various parts of our life. [www.licc.org.uk](http://www.licc.org.uk) and search for On Purpose. Continuing on Thursdays in the church beginning the evening at 7pm with refreshments and move to the discussion at 7.30pm, finishing around 9pm. Karen Burridge

## LENT GROUPS - DAYTIME

For those who prefer not to turn out in the evening, there is an Anglican led Lent group series on Thursday afternoons at The Church of the Holy Spirit, Paganhill. Continuing on **Thursdays** from 1.30pm to 2.45pm. We will be following the **Lectio 365 course** (*Parking is available in the carpark near the Maypole Hall. Please do not park in Tesco Express carpark as they may charge*) All welcome and a good opportunity to share Lent ecumenically.

## THE DOOR – AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION

An evening of celebration on **Tuesday 17th March** at Stroud Subscription Rooms. All are welcome to join us as we step into a new season of life at The Door. We'll be looking back at last year's achievements, hearing from service users and staff, and looking forward with the launch of our new five-year strategy.

## SONGS FOR THE SOUL

### **Songs for the Soul: Community Choirs Unite to Raise Funds for The Door Youth Project**

Local music lovers are in for a treat with Songs for the Soul, a heartwarming fundraising concert in aid of a Stroud-based charity.

The event will bring together two vibrant community choirs – Whiteshill and Ruscombe Community Choir and The Wednesdays Singing Group from Cheltenham, and promises an uplifting evening of music, harmony and hope in the acoustic setting of St Laurence Church, Stroud.

Songs for the Soul is being performed on **Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm**, and organised by choir leaders, Louise Johnson and Luc Bailey. It's a collaboration of shared voices for a shared purpose: The Door Youth Project. Tickets are £10 (free to under-11s and carers) and available from The Door shop, High Street, Stroud, the choirs, [thedor.org.uk/songs](http://thedor.org.uk/songs), or on the door. All proceeds will go to The Door, supporting its vital work with young people in the Stroud and North Cotswold areas.

## PLANT SALE

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** from **10.00am until around 12noon**. Please do think about the sale when you start gardening for the new season. Tomatoes, runner beans, sweetcorn, beetroot, green beans, leeks, peas, lettuces, cucumbers, courgettes etc all sell well so please could we have a good variety. Thank you 😊 Also perennials, houseplants, annuals, herbs, in fact anything that grows! All are welcomed as well as garden bric-a-brac as long as it is in good condition.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

On **Saturday February 28 and Sunday March 1st**, the Bristol Methodist District is hosting the President and Vice President of the Methodist Conference - Revd Richard Andrew and Matthew Forsyth.

There are several special events being planned and everyone from around the Bristol District is invited to join these events, which explore this year's theme of 'Our Story, Our Song'.

A President and Vice President? Who are they? Each year at the Methodist Conference, a President (always an ordained presbyter) and Vice-President (always a lay person or deacon) are elected. John Wesley was the original President of the Methodist Conference but after his death it was agreed that in future, so much authority would not be placed in the hands of one person. So each President and Vice-President serves for one year only.

During their time in office the President and Vice-President travel the length and breadth of Britain meeting many different people and congregations. They also represent Methodism in the wider world, for example at the Cenotaph in London on Remembrance Sunday.

The President, Revd Richard, will be at **Flourish's Breakfast and Gathering for Pioneers, Wanderers and Wonderers Saturday 28th February 10am-12pm at The Haven, Speedwell**. This is open to all Pioneers and people passionate about the edges of Church. It's for people across the District so please do join them. You can rsvp here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/breakfast-gathering-for-pioneers-wanderers-and-wonderers-feb-2026-tickets-1978159605631>

There will also be a Bristol Methodist District service at **Midsomer Norton Methodist Church on Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup> at 3pm**. This will feature stories of Eco Church and testimonies from around the District, as well as uplifting drama, worship and a district choir alongside an address by the President.



# DISTRICT SERVICE

Sunday March 1st 3pm

Midsomer Norton  
Methodist Church,  
BA3 2DR

Everyone Welcome. With special  
guests: President and Vice-President  
of Conference.

Followed by refreshments.

More parking on South Road.

Raising funds for The Door Youth Project

# Songs for the Soul

**Friday 20th March 7:30pm** (Doors 7pm)

With performances from:

**Whiteshill and Ruscombe Community Choir  
& The Wednesdays Singing Group**



Tickets: £10 (under 11's and carers free)  
Available from The Choirs, The Door Shop  
& [thedoor.org.uk/songs](http://thedoor.org.uk/songs)



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# 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 21<sup>st</sup> March 9.30am-11.00am



## CHRISTIAN CONVERSATION

Christian Conversation continues on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. For more information, please contact Stuart



## CRAFT AND CHAT GROUP

The next Craft and Chat group is on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 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](mailto:kburridge1@sky.com).



## FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Friday Night Fellowship will next be meeting on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** at the home of Trisha Jones. Food will be shared and fellowship enjoyed. All welcome and lifts can be arranged.



## SATURDAY AFTERNOON SOCIAL

Our next meeting date is **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March** 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.