



The Trinity Ecumenical Partnership



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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

ST ALBANS

10.00 am Methodist morning service led Revd Chris Cory

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

HOLY TRINITY

11.00 am Clergy Led Holy Communion

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 1ST 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

FUTURE SERVICES AT ST ALBANS

SUNDAY 8TH MARCH – Methodist morning service led by Revd Mandy Briggs with Holy Communion and Holy Communion at 6.30pm

SUNDAY 15TH MARCH – Methodist morning service led by Margaret Marshall and Afternoon Tea service led by Revd Stuart Radford at 4.00pm with tea and cake at 3.00pm

St Albans Safeguarding officer: 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES



SHROVE TUESDAY - THANKYOU

A big thankyou to everyone who helped out and supported our Shrove Tuesday pancake event. We raised £150 for Methodist Women in Britain and everyone had a lovely time 😊

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 and search for On Purpose. It is 6 sessions long, so we will start on **Thursday February 19th**. We will be in the church and, as previously, we will begin the evening at 7pm with refreshments and move to the discussion at 7.30pm, finishing around 9pm.

We would be delighted to receive offers to do the refreshments or to lead one of the sessions. We have tended to rely on the members of the Worship Team to do this, but it would be good to spread the net a bit wider.

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. Starting on **Thursday 19th February** from 1.30pm to 2.45pm for 7 weeks; the first session will be led by Revd Simon Howell. 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.

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, 20th 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, thedoor.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.

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 1st 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



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EMBERS

Youth Group




3rd Sunday
of the month
7.30pm—9pm

Year 10-13
(14-18 years)

**WORSHIP, FOOD,
DISCUSSION**

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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 21st February 9.30am-11.00am



CHRISTIAN CONVERSATION

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



CRAFT AND CHAT GROUP

The next Craft and Chat group is on Monday 2nd 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.



FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Friday Night Fellowship will next be meeting on **Friday 6th 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 7th 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.