



The Trinity Ecumenical Partnership



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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 26TH APRIL

ST ALBANS

10.00 am Methodist morning service led by Mike Dearsley

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

HOLY TRINITY

11.00 am Clergy led Holy Communion

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 3RD MAY

ST ALBANS

10.00 am Local Arrangement morning service

7.00 pm Fusebox with Karen Burridge

HOLY TRINITY

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

Wednesday 6th May

Clergy led Holy Communion at 10.00am

FUTURE SERVICES AT ST ALBANS

SUNDAY 10TH MAY – Methodist Morning Worship led by Revd Mandy Briggs with Holy Communion **followed by our Annual General Meeting and a shared lunch** and Holy Communion at 6.30pm

SUNDAY 17TH MAY – Methodist morning worship led by Mike Dearsley and Afternoon tea service led by Karen Burridge 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

NEWS ITEMS



MOMENTS OF WONDER

Wonder awaits us all in St Laurence Church, Stroud on Saturday 25th April as the Festival of Wonder's new experience, 'Moments of Wonder', comes to town.

Brought to you by Ignition Gloucestershire, the team behind Stroud's Festival of Wonder, the church will once again be transformed into a world of exploration as people are encouraged to 'reawaken wonder in an age of exhaustion'.

For one day only catch a glimpse of a brand new bespoke art installation by local artists Pyrite Creative and circus performances by Stroud's 'School of Larks', alongside creative and reflective spaces for all ages.

Rev Simon Howell, Stroud Parish Churches Pioneer Minister, sets the scene: "When you arrive you will quickly spy the incredible art piece but as you look closer you discover that everything is enveloped by a shroud of strangely beautiful veils. And as you try to pass through to get close to main structure - almost as if you are being drawn in by magnets - keep your eyes peeled as young circus artists, the Scrubland Punks, appear as if from nowhere to distract you from your quest with their wizard-like circus skills."

"While the main Festival of Wonder is having a fallow year in 2026 we are excited to bring together local artists and acts for smaller events throughout the year," says Festival Chair, Phil Coysh. "April's event is just the first such event in this year's calendar."

"The FREE event runs from 10.30am to 3pm although we invite everyone to experience the story behind the art at 11am, 12pm, 1pm and 2pm as we introduce Brendan McMoses and the Scrublands Punks with spoken word, circus and more," says Simon Howell.

Alongside the hourly performances there will be a reflective space and plenty of interactive creative activities, face painting and circus skills for all ages and abilities - all FREE! Plus pay as you feel refreshments.

And on Sunday 26th April at 9.30am, St Laurence Church will host 'Punk Monks', described as 'not your usual Sunday morning service'. This special service will be based around the Pyrite Creative art installation, with members of School of Larks performing, as the theme of 'Punk Monks – spiritual life lived in intensity' is explored.

Find out more at festivalofwonder.org and on socials @FOWStroud.

EARTH DAY GREEN TIP

22nd April each year (last Wednesday) is Earth Day, a day to celebrate the beauty and diversity of our beautiful world and also to consider the impact of humanity on our world and those who suffer most from our changing climate. Why not find out if there are ways you can reduce your impact on our world and encourage others to do the same? Climate Hero has an easy to use tool to calculate for calculating our own carbon footprint and ways to reduce it. Karen

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES



PLANT SALE

Saturday 2nd May from 10.00am until around 12noon.

Please bring all your plant, bric-a-brac and cake donations along to the Wesley Room on Friday evening or early Saturday morning. Thank you.

CAN YOU HELP AT THE PLANT SALE?

Now that the plant sale is getting closer, we are asking for volunteers to help with the cake stall; could you bake a cake or some biscuits or perhaps come and stand and serve the cake? We also will need help setting up the tables in the morning and moving all the plants and clearing up at the end. Please let me know if you are available to help. Many thanks. Janet



BREW CREW CONCERT

One of the groups that Tony plays drums in, The Brew Crew, are doing a concert at St Albans on Friday 15th May at 7.30pm. It is a free concert with donations kindly accepted in the aid of The Door. Refreshments will be served in the interval.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK EVENT

On Saturday 16th May from 2.00pm until 4.00pm there will be cream teas, stalls and a Jigsaw Swap Shop at Christ Church Rooms, Newmarket Road, Nailsworth. All money raised will be for Christian Aid. Thank you. Stuart Radford

FREE!

festivalofwonder.org

Festival of Wonder

Presents

Moments of Wonder

Saturday 25th April

St Laurence Church, Stroud

10:30am - 3pm

Experience the story behind the art at
11am, 12pm, 1pm and 2pm

**Art installation & live performances
from School of Larks**

Interactive activities for all ages.
Reflective spaces
and more!



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Plant Sale

**Saturday 2nd May
10am-12pm**

St Albans Shared Church,
Parliament St, Stroud

**Fruit, Vegetable, Indoor and Outdoor
Plants, Seedlings, Bric-a-brac and
Homemade Cake.**

Proceeds to church funds

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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 16th May 9.30am-11.00am



CHRISTIAN CONVERSATION

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



CRAFT AND CHAT GROUP

The next Craft and Chat group is on Monday 27th April, 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 1st May at the home of Theresa and Pete Watt. Food will be shared and fellowship enjoyed. All welcome and lifts can be arranged.



SATURDAY AFTERNOON SOCIAL

Our next meeting date is **Saturday 2nd May** 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.