



The Trinity Ecumenical Partnership



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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 17TH MAY

ST ALBANS

10.00 am Methodist morning worship led by Mike Dearsley

4.00 pm Afternoon tea service led by Karen Burridge with tea and cake at 3.00pm

HOLY TRINITY

11.00 am Morning Worship with Local ministry Team

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 24TH MAY

ST ALBANS

10.00 am Methodist morning worship led by Gareth Zimmerman

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

HOLY TRINITY

11.00 am Clergy led Holy Communion

FUTURE SERVICES AT ST ALBANS

SUNDAY 31ST MAY – Local Arrangement methodist service for Trinity Sunday and local arrangement evening service at 6.30pm

SUNDAY 7TH JUNE - Café service led by Ann Pearce and Fusebox with guest speaker Mike Dearsley

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



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

Praise!

PRAISE IN THE PARK

All are invited to an afternoon of Praise in the Park
We will be singing well known Assembly Bangers (such as Give me oil in my lamp keep me burning and Shine Jesus Shine) and more - LIVE from the band stand in Stratford Park
3pm Sunday 24th May - Bring your own chair / blanket



AN INVITATION TO STROUD PILGRIMAGE - SUNDAY 31ST MAY

As the green shoots appear, the sun grows in the sky and the birds fill the air with their song, Geoffrey Chaucer, author of the Canterbury Tales, urges us to mark the springtime with a pilgrimage.

The thought of spending long, footsore days on the road, sleeping in ditches and being harassed by the inclement British climate may not appeal to you, but a pilgrimage doesn't have to be like that. For the last few years the Stroud Parish Churches have undertaken a pilgrimage where you are never far from home, nearly always within sight of one of our churches and which you can join or leave whenever you like.

Our day will begin at Holy Trinity Stroud meeting at **8.30am**. From where we will descend the hill to St. Laurence's Church in the town centre where we will share a eucharist and breakfast. We will take a gentle walk along the canal listening for the whistling flight of kingfishers and perhaps even get a glimpse of a plunging otter as we make our way to St Matthew's Church, Cainscross. Our first gradual climb will take us to the Church of The Holy Spirit at Paganhill where we will be greeted with coffee.

The work really begins on the next section where we make a pulse quickening ascent to St. John the Baptist Church at Randwick. We will pass through unsprayed meadows famed for their trilling skylarks and may be lucky enough to see the swallows hawking the damselflies over Ruscombe Pond.

At Whiteshill we will enjoy the picnic that has been weighing on our rucksack straps until now. We will take a break, enjoy some songs and be joined by some guests before the last big effort: crossing the valley to reach the high point of our day on Folley Lane. We will quickly drop through the woods to find Holy Trinity, Slad waiting to celebrate our arrival with a unique choral evensong.

A pilgrimage is an ancient Christian practice, but you don't need to be signed up to or expressing any faith to be part of this experience. Anyone who has undertaken a pilgrimage of any length or duration will tell you, it isn't really about the destination – it is about the journey. It's what we learn about each other and what we realise about ourselves that makes it so special.

This unique walk through our beloved landscape will be punctuated by moments of joy, signs of God's wonder and the fellowship of being together. Everyone who participates, or who sends us on our way praying from home, will enjoy the blessing of a day well spent and a deepening of spiritual connection with each other, the landscape and the divine.

Follow us on instagram @stroudpilgrimage to see photos on the day, check out where we are in real time and perhaps even to come and meet us.

For more information on the route / schedule please email

mathew@stroudparishchurches.org.uk

Local band....



are in concert.....

at St. Alban's Church Stroud.
Friday May 15th... at 7:30 pm.

FREE entrance -
Donations invited for:-

Come and sing along to songs from your
favourite artists including The Beatles, Ed Sheeran,
The Be Gees, Rod Stewart and many more.

 **DOOR**
Youth Project.



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN STROUD PRESENTS

ASSEMBLY BANGERS

PRAISE IN THE PARK



SUNDAY 24TH MAY

3PM START

STRATFORD PARK BANDSTAND

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 27th May** at 7.30pm. For more information, please contact Stuart



CRAFT AND CHAT GROUP

The next Craft and Chat group is on **Monday 1st June**, from 2.30pm-4.30pm (**please note change of date due to bank holiday**) 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 5th June**. Food will be shared and fellowship enjoyed. All welcome and lifts can be arranged.



SATURDAY AFTERNOON SOCIAL

Our next meeting date is **Saturday 6th June** 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.