



# The Trinity Ecumenical Partnership



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## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

### SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY

#### ST ALBANS

10.00 am Local Arrangement Methodist morning worship for Trinity Sunday

6.30 pm Northumbrian Evening prayer led by Karen Burridge – see details below

#### HOLY TRINITY

11.00 am **No Service** - If you are able, please join us for the **Stroud Parish Churches Annual Pilgrimage** – see details below

### SERVICES FOR SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

#### ST ALBANS

9.00 am Café service led by Ann Pearce – see details below

7.00 pm Fusebox with guest speaker Mike Dearsley

#### HOLY TRINITY

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

#### FUTURE SERVICES AT ST ALBANS

**SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE** – Methodist morning service led by Revd Robert Riddell with Holy Communion and Clergy led Holy Communion at 6.30pm

**SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE** – Local Arrangement Methodist morning service and Afternoon tea service at 4.00pm led by Revd Mandy Briggs preceded by tea and cake at 3.00pm

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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**

## **Northumbrian Evening prayer Sunday 31st May 6.30pm**

We are trying a slightly different format for 5th Sunday evening services, using prayers from the Northumbrian Community. Our time together will be a chance to reflect further on the gospel reading of the day, with prayers and possibly some music. It will be a time of reflection and quietude. The services will be led by Methodist Local Preachers and Stewards and for May 31st it will be Karen Burrige. All are welcome to join us.

## **Invitation to share service Grounded in Love**

The Cafe service on Sunday June 7th is an Invitation to Share service led by Anne Pearce. The theme is Grounded in Love and we are looking for people who would like to share a reading/story/poem/piece of music/hymn on the theme as part of the service. Please let Karen Burrige know if you would like to share, kburrige1@sky.com. Breakfast will be available from 9am, with the service starting at 10am as usual.

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK**

Many thanks to all who contributed so generously towards Christian Aid Week. We have so far raised a total of £470, listened to an engaging speaker and shared some Kenyan foods! It's not too late to either use a special envelope, the contactless machine in church or go to [christianaid.org](http://christianaid.org) to boost our total. As Revd Helen Sammon reminded us, Christian Aid needs our support throughout the year and not just for the one week! Richard Hollick





**PLEASE SUPPORT ANNE IF YOU CAN** (you can give her money in person after the event instead of donating online if you prefer)

**A youthworker, an administrator and a shop assistant walk in to a show ground...**

Don't worry, it's not the start of a terrible joke, it's what lies ahead for local charity trio: Noah Beard, Anne

Townsend and Paddy Beames, who are all training hard, ready for their sponsored run. Together they are taking on the world's largest inflatable obstacle course as it visits Bristol on Saturday, 30th May. The trio, who all work at local youth charity The Door, are hoping to raise £500 towards keeping The Door open.

The challenge - originally set to take place in October before Storm Amy had other ideas - includes over 30 different obstacles throughout the 5km circuit. Featuring giant inflatables such as Viper, Vortex and Rebel as well as slides, tunnels and bouncers, the course is set to be both exciting and exhausting for all involved.

**Noah Beard - Senior Youth Worker** who runs The Door's open access youth clubs in Cam and Dursley as well as supporting students in Rednock School said "I am joining Anne and Paddy to do the inflatable 5k as it looks like a good fun challenge, and it will be great to tackle it together and raise awareness and funds for The Door to continue to give vital support to young people in the community."

**Operations and Engagement Manager - Anne Townsend** who is usually found in The Door's offices keeping things running behind the scenes, added: "We all face obstacles every day, big and small things that get in the way of us reaching our full potential, so what better kind of way to raise funds and awareness for The Door's work breaking down barriers for young people than to take on an obstacle course. I am looking forward to it, but it's certainly going to be a challenge for me. I'm definitely looking forward to the finish line!"

**Paddy Beames - Shop Assistant at The Door Shop** and star of @DoorShopStroud's Instagram said, "I wanted to do something I wouldn't usually go for, and it looked like something I could simultaneously have fun doing and challenge myself with."

So if you are able, please do donate today at [thedoorgroup.org.uk/5km](https://thedoorgroup.org.uk/5km) to show your support for Noah, Paddy and Anne

Every penny and pound really does count and will go straight to where it is most needed, supporting The Door's community youth work projects across the Stroud District and South Cotswolds. Offering young people safe spaces, positive role models and above all hope for a brighter future.

## **AN INVITATION TO STROUD PILGRIMAGE - SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> 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](mailto:mathew@stroudparishchurches.org.uk)**

# 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 20<sup>th</sup> June** 9.30am-11.00am



## CHRISTIAN CONVERSATION

Christian Conversation continues on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June** at 7.30pm. For more information, please contact Stuart



## CRAFT AND CHAT GROUP

The next Craft and Chat group is on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:kburridge1@sky.com).



## FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Friday Night Fellowship will next be meeting on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June** at 7.30pm at the home of **Jacqui and Adrian Kilburn**. Food will be shared and fellowship enjoyed. All welcome and lifts can be arranged.



## SATURDAY AFTERNOON SOCIAL

Our next meeting date is **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.