



STOURDENE

We Exist To Make Christ Known

Alderminster . Butlers Marston . Ettington . Halford . Newbold with Armscote . The Pillertons

Sunday 4th June

8am BCP Communion, Ettington

9.30am CW Communion, Halford

9.30am Morning Worship, Newbold-on-Stour

11am Morning Worship, Alderminster

11am CW Communion, Pillerton

7pm Evensong, Butlers Marston

Wednesday 7th June

10am CW Communion, Newbold-on-Stour

The following message from the Archdeacon's office was announced in our Stourdene Churches on Sunday 21st May.

Sharon would like to thank Stourdene for their prayers and patience in this period of significant struggle and suffering for herself and her family. She regrets very much her prolonged absence and the pressures this has placed on others. She has had to make the extremely difficult decision to step away from Church ministry while she continues to heal and to emotionally support her children. She hopes her resignation as Rector of Stourdene will free us into the wide-open spaces of God's future for us all. Sharon will relinquish her post with effect from 31st July 2023 and vacate the Vicarage in the week preceding. In light of Sharon's resignation and with Ruth Walker's departure, the Diocese will be putting in place interim arrangements for ministry within the benefice, and on 1st June 2023 the Revd Nicki Chatterton will join us as an Associate Minister on an interim basis.

The Churches of Stourdene continue to offer prayers for Sharon and her family as they prepare to leave Stourdene.



CHURCHYARD TEAS AT BUTLERS MARSTON

Bank Holiday Monday 29th May 2.30-4pm



WEEKLY COFFEE & CHAT IN NEWBOLD CHURCH

Each Wednesday from 10am except first Wednesday of the month when it's 10.40am, following the 10am communion service.

The First Thursday Cuppa Club in the Pillertons

A small group are offering hospitality to anyone, young or mature, single or families, in the church on the first Thursday of the month at 11am (and in Pillerton Priors Village Hall in the winter). There will be coffee, tea or soup as appropriate and the opportunity for a chat with friends old and new. For more details contact Jennifer on 01789 740688.

Resources in the Stourdene Benefice

We have some great resources in Stourdene for those wishing to supplement their regular worship.

Dave Benton in Alderminster provides daily bible readings. Email him on dtbdavebenton@btinternet.com to be added to his mailing list.

The Stourdene Bible Study Group meets at 7.30pm each Wednesday in each other's homes. Contact Jane Evans for more information.

The Stourdene Bible Book Club meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 1.30pm in Ettington Church when a different book of the Bible is discussed. The next session will be held on Tuesday 6th June when the group will continue their discussion on 'Acts of the Apostles'. Contact Jane Evans for further details. Newcomers are very welcome.



If you have accessed this Grapevine via the Stourdene Website, did you know that you can sign up to receive it automatically to your email? Contact Jane Evans on 07802 348309 or janealisonevans@gmail.com.





STOURDENE SUPPORTING LOCAL FOODBANKS

Our Benefice parishioners are very generous in their support of local foodbanks and the Stourdene churches welcome donations being left when the churches are open. Halford Church is open daily from 9am to 4pm, where there is a box for donations that are collected every day and taken to the Shipston Food Bank on Saturdays. Similarly, donations can be left in Ettington Church between 9am-4pm daily for onward transportation to Shipston Food Bank. Donations are welcomed in Alderminster Church on Saturdays between 10.30-11.30am and in Newbold Church on the 1st Saturday of the month from 9.30-11.30am.

Save the date for Bishop John's farewell service

Those who were present at the Chrism Eucharist and those who received Bishop Christopher's subsequent email will know that Bishop John intends to retire in the summer. There remain some important formalities still to complete before an official announcement may be made. However, his farewell service will be at Holy Trinity, Stratford-upon-Avon on Wednesday 12th July at 7.30 pm. All are welcome. Please put that date into your diary. Further details will follow in due course.

Community grants for Warwickshire

Churches in Warwickshire are eligible to apply for funding from the Councillors' Grant Fund for community projects. Every Councillor in each of Warwickshire's 57 wards has £8,000 to spend on community projects such as environmental or mental wellbeing activity. For more [click here](#). As always, Andy Duncan is available to advise on grant applications: andy.duncan@coventry.anglican.org.

Let Jane Evans have any items that you would like included in the Grapevine by the Thursday before it is published. You can also contact Jane if you have any queries regarding the Stourdene Benefice. Email janealisonevans@gmail.com or telephone 07802 348309.

Visit the Stourdene website at: <https://www.stourdene.com>

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ETTINGTON CHURCH
AFTERNOON 'GARDEN PARTY'

SATURDAY 3RD JUNE
FROM NOON TO 3PM
Gates open 11:30AM

Join us for an afternoon of delightful music
provided by Warwick Orchestral Winds



Tea & Cake – BBQ – Tombola - Licensed Bar

**A great opportunity to get together with
friends and neighbours and enjoy an
afternoon of music**



**Flypast by the
BATTLE OF BRITAIN
MEMORIAL FLIGHT**
**At 12:11PM subject
to weather**



Entry £3

Children free



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FESTAL EVENSONG

*To celebrate the Coronation of King
Charles III*

Sunday, June 4th
St Mark's Church, Bilton,
Rugby, CV22 7LX

Rehearsal, 3.30 pm.
Service, to which all are invited, 6.00 pm.

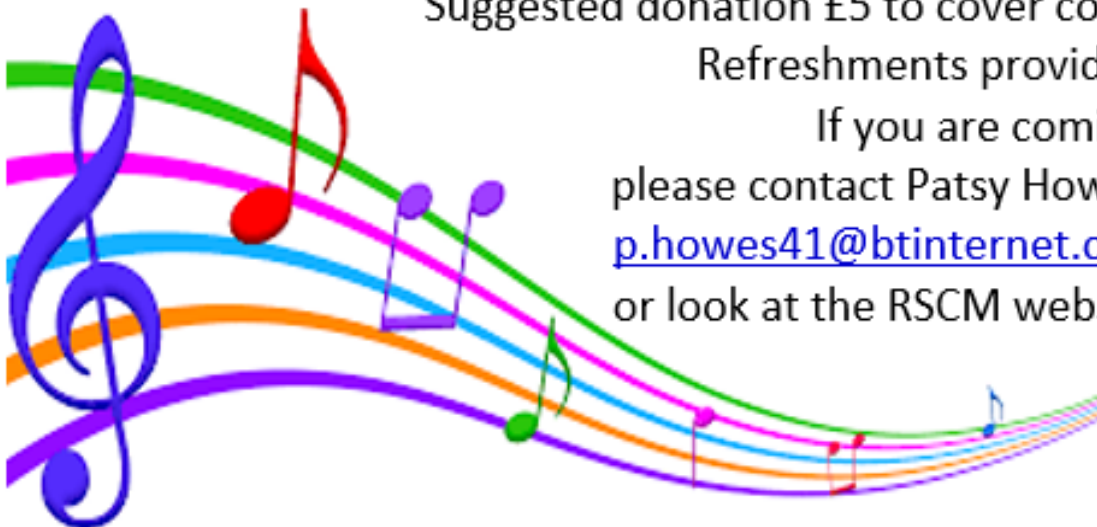
Suggested donation £5 to cover costs.

Refreshments provided.

If you are coming,
please contact Patsy Howes:

p.howes41@btinternet.com

or look at the RSCM website





A SUMMER BREAKFAST FOR WOMEN



**At the Halford Bridge Inn, Halford
On Saturday 8th July, 2023
At 9.00 for 9.15 am**

DR. KATH HUNT

will be speaking after a delicious continental breakfast,
including fruit, pastries, croissants, yoghurt, juice etc.

Kath is a GP who lives in Kenilworth, teaches at the University
of Warwick, and leads Retreats and Christian meditations.

She will be a very enjoyable and encouraging speaker.

Do Come and enjoy a breakfast together for £8



To reserve a place, please contact Liz Harvey:
ma_harvey@hotmail.com or 07914 026451