



STOURDENE GRAPEVINE W/C MONDAY 23 MAY 2022



STOURDENE

We Exist To Make Christ Known

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

Thursday 26th May 7.30pm

Shipston Deanery Ascension Day Service in Brailes Church
(Preacher: Revd Dr Richard Cooke)

Sunday 29th May 10.30am

United Benefice Communion Service
in Butlers Marston Church

You can sign up to receive Stourdene recorded reflections by
emailing janealisonevans@gmail.com or dtbdavebenton@btinternet.com.

Let Jane Evans have any items that you would like included in the Grapevine by
the Thursday before it is published on email janealisonevans@gmail.com.

***Please contact Jane in the first instance for any queries
regarding Stourdene Benefice, by email or on 07802 348309.***

Visit the Stourdene website at: <https://www.stourdene.com/>
Follow the Benefice on Facebook @stourdenebenefice

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen

Archbishop Justin Welby & Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



Stourdene Prayer Room 'Morning Prayer' every Thursday

Join in **9am Morning Prayer** with Jane and Maggie.
It is free, simple to use and you are most welcome.

Using the rhythm of prayer resources of the Northumbria Community which are available to download at <https://www.northumbriacommunity.org/> or you can contact Jane to receive a copy by post by telephoning 07802 348309 or on email janealisonevans@gmail.com.

HOW?....

- Step 1. Dial this number from your phone: 0333 0164 757
- Step 2. When prompted, key in the conference room number to your keypad: 82803339#
- Step 3. When prompted, key in the pin number 8402#
- Step 4. You will be able to hear and speak as normal on the phone, hearing those leading the prayers and others who choose to participate out loud. But you can also simply listen in.

STOURDENE SUPPORTING LOCAL FOODBANKS

Our parishioners are very generous in their support of local foodbanks and most of the Benefice churches welcome donations being left in church when they are open. Some also have specific drop off times/days. Donations are welcomed in Aldminster Church on Saturdays between 10.30-11.30am and in Newbold Church on the first Saturday of each month between 9.30-11.30am.

WOMEN AT THE WHITE HART

The next breakfast will be at the White Hart Inn, Newbold on Saturday 16th July. Please come along at 9am for a 9.15am continental breakfast with lots of coffee and pastries. Our speaker will be JO FRENCH, who lives in Shipston with husband John and youngest son Ryan, and who is a proud Granny to 2 beautiful granddaughters. She will be sharing her personal message. If you would like to book a place for £8 contact Liz Harvey on ma.harvey@hotmail.com or 07914 026451. Do join us for a relaxed time together and hear an inspiring and encouraging talk from Jo.





Resources in the Stourdene Benefice

Here in Stourdene we have some wonderful additional resources for those who want something more than just Sunday worship or those for whom a regular pattern is challenging.

As well as the Prayer Room, which is open at 9am every Thursday morning (see separate note on this), below are some of the other resources available and who to contact to sign up or for more information.

Maggie Bannister in Halford provides a **daily prayer and song/hymn*** (maggiiebannister2@googlemail.com)

*Songs are provided for personal use only and not for distribution.

Dave Benton in Alderminster provides a **daily bible reading** (dtbdavebenton@btinternet.com)

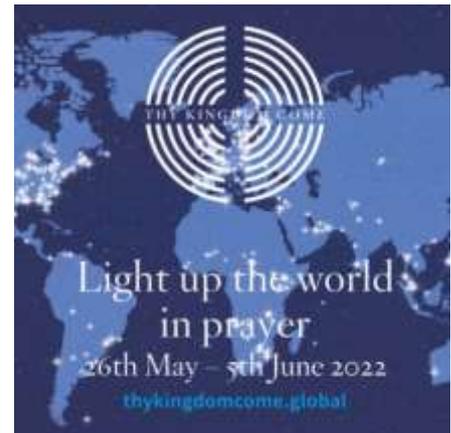
The **short reflections** continue to be produced on an ad hoc basis by members of the Benefice and distributed by Jane Evans.

The **Stourdene Bible Study Group** is held on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in each other's homes.
Contact Jane Evans.

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 is Tue 14th June (note this is the second Tuesday of the month) when the book under discussion will be the Mark's Gospel. Contact Jane Evans.



Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus between Ascension and Pentecost. After the very first Ascension Day the disciples gathered with Mary, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total - on our own we can do nothing.



Through the centuries Christians have gathered at that time to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. 'Thy Kingdom Come' picks up this tradition. Over the years more and more worshipping communities have dedicated the days between Ascension and Pentecost to pray 'Come Holy Spirit'. Since its start in May 2016 God has grown Thy Kingdom Come from a dream of possibility into a movement. Christians from 172 countries have taken part in praying 'Come Holy Spirit', so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Households, churches and communities are encouraged to pray in their own way and there are resources available on the [Thy Kingdom Come website](#) to help and guide them. The [Cheeky Panda resources](#) are back this year. The flagship resource is an 11-part fun-filled and Bible based video series, with songs, animated stories, prayer and interviews with special guests, all based on the daily themes of Thy Kingdom Come. These episodes are designed for use in church services, school assemblies, children's ministries and at home within the family.

The Diocese have created a [Thy Kingdom Come group](#) on the Equip Hub which anyone is welcome to join. During the period from Ascension Day to Pentecost, this group will host a daily video to go alongside the Thy Kingdom Come prayer journal. You can use the prayer journal if you would like to follow along, but you don't need the journal to be able to engage with the videos (speak to Jane Evans regarding available resources). Each video will be a short, meditative reflection with time for response. Within this group page there is also a discussion board where you can share with others in the group any reflections you would like to.

Keep up to date with what is happening on the [Thy Kingdom Come page](#) of the Diocesan website.



WEEKLY COFFEE & CHAT IN NEWBOLD CHURCH
Each Wednesday from 10am except first Wednesday of the month
when it is 10.40am, following the 10am communion service

Energy Footprint Tool

The Energy Footprint Tool has reopened for churches around the country to enter their 2021 utility bills and find out their carbon footprint.

In February 2020, the General Synod announced an ambitious target for the Church of England to become net zero by 2030. The Energy Footprint Tool is an important step in measuring a baseline of current emissions, and to measure progress towards achieving this goal.

This is a first step for the Church of England to understand and monitor the footprint of some 40,000 buildings across England. More and more parishes are getting involved and adding their data every day. Helping to build up a picture for the church to take action. The Energy Footprint Tool is available for all parishes using the [Online Parish Returns System](#) and only takes ten minutes to complete. The Diocese of Manchester have created a [short instructional video](#) in how to use it. To complete the tool, you will need to have the whole of last year's electricity and gas/oil bills. The Energy Footprint Tool will tell your church the amount of carbon produced annually by heating and lighting your church buildings. There are two useful graphs that show you your efficiency scores: one for energy efficiency based on building size and one for attendance. It can take account of separate buildings such as church halls, as long as you have the utility bills for them.

The EFT is now open for you to enter your 2021 utility bills. It remains open until July 31st 2022.

For more information and answers to FAQs, see the Diocesan [Energy Footprint Tool page](#).



In aid of St David's Church Newbold on Stour with Armscote

Saturday 28th May

10 am - 12.30 pm

Newbold

Plant Sale

in St David's Churchyard

Tombola

Great variety! Great value!

Card payment preferred

Plant donations greatly appreciated

Please contact Gilly Marsden 01789 459168 or
deliver to Church on Friday 27th May 3 - 7 p.m.





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Saturday 18 June 2022

1pm-5pm Thanksgiving at 5pm

The House of Bread, The Mill, Burmington,
near Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire, CV36 5AF

Guided Tours

Cream Teas

Art Exhibition

Book Stall

Live music

Plant Stall

Craft stall



The House of Bread

OPEN DAY

The House of Bread is a Christian community, retreat and conference centre. It occupies the site of an ancient mill and has extensive grounds.

Proceeds in aid of
the House of Bread
building fund.



BARD'S DRIVE 2022 **Classic & Vintage Car Rally**

SUNDAY 10 JULY 2022

Come and join us for a great day out! Bard's Drive Classic & Vintage Car Rally starts at magnificent Maxstoke Castle and tours around the beautiful Warwickshire countryside.

Our Classic and Vintage Car Rally 2022, supporting the preservation of historic churches, starts at Maxstoke Castle

Sunday 10th July 2022

with kind permission of Mr and Mrs George Fetherston-Dilke

*** Meet at 14th century moated Maxstoke Castle (near Coleshil B46 2RD ([///stove.shield.rigs](http://stove.shield.rigs)))**

*** Timed entry between 9.30 and 11.30am (choose when you register)**

*** Take photos at the front of the castle and in the courtyard**

*** Visit historic churches and stop for lunch**

*** Take part in our fun Quiz or Photo Competition**

£30 per car (including all passengers)

Earlybird offer: £25 (if booked before 30 April)

Book now at

[RiderHQ](http://RiderHQ.com) (Bard's Drive 2022)

We look forward to seeing you at Maxstoke Castle!

The Bard's Drive Team

Email: info@bardsdrive.co.uk