



# STOURDENE

We Exist To Make Christ Known

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

## Thursday 18th May

### Ascension Day

7.30pm Shipston Deanery Eucharist Service in Tidmington Church

## Sunday 21st May

8am BCP Communion, Pillerton

9.30am Morning Worship, Halford

9.30am CW Communion, Alderminster

11am CW Communion, Ettington

11am All Age Worship, Newbold-on-Stour

11am Family Service, Butlers Marston

## Sunday 28th May

### Pentecost

10.30am Benefice CW Communion in Alderminster,  
to include farewell to Revd Ruth Walker/Alderminster Village Hall  
(*this is the only service in Stourdene that day*)

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](mailto:janealisonevans@gmail.com) or telephone 07802 348309.

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

Follow the Benefice on Facebook @stourdenebenefice

## **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.



Thy Kingdom Come is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. Since it began in May 2016, God has grown Thy Kingdom Come from a dream of possibility into a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions, so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ. Every person, household and church are encouraged to pray during the 11 days in their own way that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world, will hear it for themselves and respond and follow Him. Each and every Christian across the globe is invited to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call. Whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, you are invited to take part and join in. Below are some links to resources you might find useful.

#### Online prayer diary

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/sites/default/files/2023-03/TKC%20Prayer%20Journal%202023%20DIGITAL%20%281%29.pdf>

This year's Novena written by the Very Revd Bob Key

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/sites/default/files/2023-04/TKC%20Novena%202023%20DIGITAL.pdf>

*"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities."*

Archbishop Justin Welby

### **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.



STOURDENE GRAPEVINE FOR W/C MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> & 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2023



# Shipston Deanery

Thursday 18th May  
at 7.30pm

# ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

Church of the Ascension  
Tidmington

Preacher:  
Revd Hannah Gregory  
*Curate in Shipston  
benefice*





## 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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> June when the group will continue their discussion on 'Acts of the Apostles'. Contact Jane Evans for further details. Newcomers are very welcome.

## A Breakfast for Women on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Dr Kath Hunt will be coming to the Halford Bridge Inn to speak to us. Kath lives in Kenilworth with husband Andy, and besides being a GP, teaches at the University of Warwick. She supports her local church and also leads Retreats and Christian meditations. It will be a pleasure and a great opportunity to hear Kath speak to us. The morning begins with arrival and welcome at 9.00am, then a delicious continental breakfast at 9.15 am with the talk to follow. We usually finish around 10.45am. The cost is £8 and to reserve a place please contact Liz Harvey on email [ma\\_harvey@hotmail.com](mailto:ma_harvey@hotmail.com) or telephone her on 07914 026451.



**CHURCHYARD TEAS AT  
BUTLERS MARSTON**

**Bank Holiday Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2.30-4pm**



## 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 first Saturday of the month between 9.30-11.30am.

Churches Count on Nature 2023 is coming up from the 3rd to 11th June. Churches Count on Nature is part of Love Your Burial Ground Week, focusing on the brilliant wildlife to be found in churchyards and chapel yards. Churches Count on Nature is a joint initiative promoted by Caring for God's Acre, A Rocha UK, the Church of England and the Church in Wales. The count aims to bring people together to discover the wildlife in their local church yard. Participants are encouraged to record the species they find, and their results will be collated onto the Beautiful Burial Ground portal within the National Biodiversity Network (NBN), a nationwide database of wildlife in the UK. Find out more about the Churches Count on Nature [here](#).

## 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.



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](mailto:janealisonevans@gmail.com).





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

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> May 3 - 7 p.m.



## **ETTINGTON CHURCH**

### **AFTERNOON 'GARDEN PARTY'**

**SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE  
FROM NOON TO 3PM**

**Gates open 11:30AM**

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



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:

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or look at the RSCM website

