



# STOURDENE

We Exist To Make Christ Known

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

## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March

9.30am Morning Worship, Halford

9.30am CW Communion, Alderminster

10.30am Mothering Sunday Service, Pillerton

11am CW Communion, Ettington

11am Mothering Sunday Service, Newbold-on-Stour

11am Mothering Sunday Service, Butlers Marston

This week's Lent Lunch is in Ettington Church, where a selection of homemade soups with bread will be served, followed by tea/coffee. Lunch is free but any donations received on the day will be sent to support the work of Christian Aid.

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

## A COURSE ON THE LORD'S PRAYER

Revd David Jessett will be leading a 6-session course based on the Lord's Prayer. This will take place on Thursday afternoons, gathering from 2.15pm for a 2.30pm start and finishing

at 4pm. The start date will be Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup> and the other dates will be 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of March and either 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> April or 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> April and 4<sup>th</sup> May depending on what suits the majority of the group best. Booklets will be available to purchase at £6 each or to borrow and return at the end of the course. Please contact David by email at [d.jessett@btinternet.com](mailto:d.jessett@btinternet.com) if you would like to join in or have any questions.

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A COURSE FOR THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY



## Shipston Deanery

Lent Services 2023  
Tuesdays at 2.30pm

This year our deanery Lent services are slightly different. We are meeting in the afternoons following feedback that it is difficult for some people to travel in the dark and will review it afterwards. We know that whenever we meet, it won't suit everyone, so apologies if this makes it tricky for you this year.

Our time together will be deliberately practical and interactive. Each week there will be a chance to hear about a different way of praying and an opportunity to experience it ourselves. We hope that through Lent you will find something new to resource and help you. Do come along, we'd love to see you. Each session will end with refreshments and a chance to chat. If you need more information, please contact Revd Sarah Edmonds at [rector@shipstonchurch.org](mailto:rector@shipstonchurch.org) or on 01608 661210.

## Prayer

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at St Peter & St Paul, Long Compton

O Lord hear our silence / Revd Craig Grocock

Craig is the Diocesan Spirituality Advisor and Vicar of Shottery. He has a background in a variety of faith traditions including Pentecostal, Baptist and Anglo Catholic, served in the Church Army and as a Diocesan Youth Minister before ordination. Experience of this breadth of traditions continues to shape his spirituality. In this afternoon he will guide us through some centring prayer.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at St Mary's, Ilmington

Praying with icons / Revd Susan Mobberley

Susan is a priest in Coventry diocese, and lives and worships in this deanery. She is a gifted icon writer and in 2021 her icon of Thomas Beckett was lent to Southwark Cathedral for a service to mark the 850<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death. During this afternoon, Susan will explain about icons and how they can be used and there will be an opportunity to see some of her icons and use them ourselves in prayer.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March at St Edmund's, Shipston-on-Stour

Deep Peace in the afternoon / Alison Tomkinson and Ros Wakefield

Using Matthew, the gospel of the year, and drawing on material from the psalms, this afternoon will offer the opportunity for reflection using a variety of 'prayer stations' around the church. As well as experiencing them for yourself we hope you may be inspired or resourced to use ideas in your own context. Alison and Ros are Readers in the deanery and experienced in leading and developing reflective prayer spaces.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March in Holy Trinity, Ettington

Power in the name – praying with the Jesus Prayer / Revd David Runcorn

The Jesus Prayer, with its simple but profound repetitions centred on the name of Jesus, is one of the gifts of the Orthodox Church to Western Christians. We will learn its history and Bible basis, with time for discussion and reflection. We will make our own prayer ropes and close by praying the prayer together. David describes himself as a 'free range priest' living in Devon and writing on faith, spirituality and prayer exploring new ways to 'be present to an exciting and restless culture, but one impulsively adrift from any spiritual roots and unable to recognize its perils. More at [davidruncorn.org](http://davidruncorn.org). We are delighted and privileged to welcome him to Shipston Deanery.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March - no meeting.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April in St Peter's, Whatcote

Praying with Music / Revd Canon Dr Jill Tucker

This is our annual Holy Week Eucharist, and is being convened and planned by Jill Tucker using music to help us worship. If you would like to be involved, including in a special choir, please get in touch with her but of course it is fine just to turn up on the day.



## The Things He Carried

Thursday evenings in Lent at 8pm  
Beginning on 23<sup>rd</sup> February

### COMPLINE ON ZOOM

with reflections from Stephen  
Cottrell's book

To join please use this Zoom link:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85126165965>  
(Meeting ID: 851 2616 5965)

### 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.

Following the recent death of Revd Cath Vickers, one time Rector of the Stourdene Benefice, her husband Geoff has arranged for a memory book to be placed centrally in Stourdene in Ettington Church so that anyone who wishes to share their memories of Cath can do so. Church is open daily from 8am. Details of funeral arrangements will be made available once they are known.





# LENT LUNCHESES IN STOURDENE

*in aid of Christian Aid*

Every Wednesday throughout Lent, come along and enjoy good company and a variety of homemade soups served with crusty bread, followed by coffee and tea.

All lunches run from 12.30pm-2pm

Lunch is free however any monetary donations received will go to support the important work of Christian Aid.

1<sup>st</sup> March - Halford Village Hall

8<sup>th</sup> March - Newbold Village Hall

15<sup>th</sup> March - Ettington Church

22<sup>nd</sup> March - Alderminster Village Hall

29<sup>th</sup> March - Pillerton Priors Village Hall



## **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.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**Newbold Plant Sale - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

### **Resources in the Stourdene Benefice**

Here in Stourdene we have some wonderful resources for those who wish to supplement their regular worship. Contact Maggie Bannister in Halford at [maggiiebannister2@googlemail.com](mailto:maggiiebannister2@googlemail.com) to be added to the mailing list for her daily prayer and song/hymn (songs are provided for personal use only and not for distribution and distribution is currently not done daily) or contact Dave Benton in Alderminster at [dtbdavebenton@btinternet.com](mailto:dtbdavebenton@btinternet.com) to be added to his mailing list to receive a daily bible reading.

The Stourdene Bible Study Group meets each Wednesday at 7.30pm in each other's homes and throughout Lent will be following a Lent Study from Embrace (formerly Biblelands). 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 11<sup>th</sup> April (note change of week) when the book under discussion will be Malachi. Newcomers are always welcome. Please contact Jane Evans for more information about either of these groups.

### **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.



## BMCS 2023 Programme

Sunday April 23rd - Warwick Piano Trio

Roger Coull (violin), Nick Roberts (cello) and Lynn Arnold (piano)  
Programme to include Mendelssohn Trio No. 1 in D minor Op. 49  
and Brahms Trio in C minor Op. 101

Sunday June 25th - Peter Mallinson (viola) and Lynn Arnold (piano)  
"Brief Encounters"

Discover a world of composers, haunting melodies and toe-tapping delights  
that have fallen out of the limelight. Programme to include works by  
Nadia Boulanger, Vadim Borisovsky and Zemlinsky

Sunday September 3rd - Francesca Barritt (violin) and Lynn Arnold (piano)  
Programme to include Mozart Sonata No. 32 in B flat major K. 454, Prokofiev Five Melodies  
Op. 35a Lili Boulanger Nocturne & Cortege, Brahms Sonata No. 3 in D minor Op. 108

Sunday October 29th - Four Hands: Lynn Arnold & Charles Matthews (piano duet)  
Programme to include works by Schubert, Reger and Dvorak

All concerts are on Sundays at 7pm in the Church of St Peter & St Paul, Butlers Marston.  
Tickets are £13 (under 18's £5) and include a glass of wine or a suitably delicious alternative.  
Tickets are available from [ButlersMusic@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ButlersMusic@hotmail.co.uk).  
Early Bird Season Ticket - £50 for all four concerts!

## Our Commitment to the Environment

The Diocese of Coventry is committed to the Church of England's target to be Net Zero by 2030. Our commitment to the environment strongly influences the decisions we make. In November 2022, our Diocesan Synod carried the following motion: "that this Synod, recognising the increasing severity of climate events now resulting from anthropogenic carbon dioxide emissions, strongly affirms the current diocesan policy of no investment in fossil fuels and commits not to reverse this policy in the future without Diocesan Synod's approval." Read more here: <https://www.coventry.anglican.org/our-commitment-to-the-environment-.php>





## Calling all Singers/Choirs

On the last Tuesday in Lent we have traditionally held a Deanery Eucharist. This year it will be a gentle, sung Eucharist at **2.30pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 4<sup>th</sup> in Whatcote Church**. You are all therefore invited to come along and help us to lead the singing. If you were at the Taizé services we help in Whatcote before lockdown, you will remember that we sang in the round and we plan to do the same thing here. We are going to use the Shipston Mass, written by Julian Harris for the visit of the previous Archbishop of Canterbury and a number of Taizé chants. It will all be either very familiar to you or easy to learn. I am hoping that it will be a very special service, which basically will be using music as prayer. I am delighted that Maddy Evans is coming to play the organ for us. There will be an informal rehearsal the previous Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm, also in Whatcote Church. It would be helpful to have you there but if you can only come on the day, I am sure that will be fine. It would be lovely to see you there. Email me at [revjill.tucker@btinternet.com](mailto:revjill.tucker@btinternet.com) to let me know if you are likely to come (not binding!) so that we know how much music to produce. Every blessing, Jill.

### REGISTER NOW FOR BARD'S DRIVE 2023

Classic & Vintage Car Rally

SATURDAY 22ND JULY 2023

This year's Classic & Vintage Car Rally starts at Honington Hall (CV36 5AA) with a great photo opportunity

<https://mailchi.mp/c924636325fc/bardsdrive-10353954?e=d9235e2f40>

### Ettington CE Primary School

You may remember the previous prayers that the children of Ettington School provided for us on 'Ukraine' and 'Friendship'. The children have now kindly provided prayers on 'Respect' and these have been turned into a recording which we hope you will enjoy listening to. With thanks to Dave Benton for editing the recording and making it available to share.

Please click the link to listen: [Respect](#)

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