



Pontesbury & Stiperstones Family of Churches

Newsletter

13th March 2026

Dear Friends,

As I write this there are undoubtedly more bombs dropping on Iran and the surrounding countries. We obviously pray for peace but at the same time it seems harder and harder to know what to pray or what to do - we seem more divided than ever with all sorts of statements being made by all sorts of people on social media and some of the lies are absolute whoppers! So what do we do? Well, we are still in the middle of Lent and so I'd recommend that you take time away from the newsreels and the various types of media you consume and instead still your heart in God's presence. Throw your cares and worries and anger on him and let him care for you. I think you'll feel a lot better for it and will find that it may put you in a position to pray for your neighbour, the person down the street who clashed with you on Facebook or on what you said, whoever else you can think of and especially if you don't want to! These are times where we can trust only in God and that isn't a bad place to be, even amid all the seeming chaos and bad news.

Fr. Richard

Lent Lunches

St George's will be hosting Lent Lunches in Pontesbury throughout Lent, continuing on March 18th from 12-1 p.m. in the West End Room. All welcome.

Passover Supper

St George's will be hosting a Passover Supper, in which we will be remembering the Last Supper and sharing in the liturgy Jesus would have used on that occasion, as well as eating a Passover meal. This takes place on Tuesday March 31st at 7 p.m. Places are limited, with only 2 remaining. Please email Greg or speak to him to secure a place.

Choral Evensong

Our benefice Choir performed magnificently at Deanery Choral Evensong last Sunday at St Michael's Ford. Many thanks to all concerned.

Coffee morning at HTM

Thanks to all those who supported the Minsterley Coffee Morning last Saturday. £350 was raised towards church funds. Congratulations to Susan Bates who won the quiz.

The Gathering

The next praise and worship evening at Marton Village Hall takes place on Tuesday 17th March, 7 for 7.30pm.

Youth Café

Both Youth Cafes (in Minsterley on Mondays and Pontesbury on Wednesdays) would benefit from additional volunteers. It is not necessary to commit to every week. If you would like to know more about the role, please contact Joe Barnes at joe@s-yfc.org

Coventry Cathedral

The benefice visit to Coventry Cathedral is booked for Tuesday 28th April. We have booked a coach, but places are at a premium. To reserve your place, please pay £20 to Sadie Preece as soon as possible (there is an additional £10 charge if you would like to join the guided tour). If you are not able to make payment at a service, you can post/deliver to Sadie at 1, Jubilee Cottages, Main Road, Pontesbury (next to the pharmacy). We have two spare places only.

Electoral Roll

We will be revising our electoral rolls in the next few weeks. No one who has previously been a member needs to renew their membership. However, if you have never signed an electoral roll form, and are a regular worshipper with us, please get hold of the short form and complete it. Talk to Greg if you are unsure.

Items currently required by the Foodbank

Tin meat for sandwiches	Jam/Marmalade
Sweet Biscuits	Tinned fruit
Custard	375g packs of cereal or smaller
Rice pudding	Small packs of Porridge
Tinned fish	Rice
Tinned potatoes	

Readings for Sunday March 15th

1 Samuel 1. 20-end

Colossians 3. 12-17

Luke 2. 33-35

Calendar for the Week

Fri 13th Prayers at HTM at 9.30 a.m.

Coffee Stop at St George's 10-12 noon

Sat 14th Minsterley PCC 10-1 p.m. at Snailbeach Village Hall

Sun 15th Worship Together at Shelve at 9 a.m.

Mothering Sunday Worship at Snailbeach at 9 a.m.

Minsterley Praise at HTM at 10.30 a.m.
 Holy Communion at Pontesbury at 10.30 a.m.

Mon 16th Youth Café at HTM at 3.30 p.m.
 Bible Study at 3 Earls Court at 7 p.m.

Tues 17th Foodbank at Minsterley from 10-12
 Little Dragons at St George's 10-11.30 a.m.
 The Gathering, Marton Village Hall, 7 for 7.30pm

Weds 18th Coffee Hub at HTM 10-12
 Lent Lunch 12-1 at St George's
 Tea Break at St George's 2-4pm
 Rea Valley Prayer Group at 7 p.m.

Thurs 19th Foodbank at Pontesbury 10-12
 Trinity Tots at HTM 10-11.30 a.m.

Fri 20th Coffee Stop at St George's 10-12 noon

Sun 22nd Morning Prayer at Hope at 9 a.m.
 Family Service at Pontesbury at 10.30 a.m.
 Holy Communion at Minsterley at 10.30 a.m.
 Holy Communion at Habberley at 5 p.m.