



## **Pontesbury & Stiperstones Family of Churches**

### **Newsletter**

**6<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Dear Friends

In our Monday night Bible Study, we have reached the building of Solomon's Temple, as told in 1 Kings 5 & 6. It is an episode of paramount importance in the history of Israel, and a task not given to King David, the greatest of Israel's rulers, but his son Solomon. The text suggests that the reason that David was unable to set about building the House of God was that he was beset by conflict on every side. Fighting Israel's enemies on every frontier, David was finally able to secure his borders and bequeath perhaps his greatest gift to his son: Peace.

I suspect it's possible to apply this lesson to the world today and reach equal and opposite conclusions: either that conflict is necessary to secure long term peace or that each act of aggression pushes peace further away and restricts us from doing anything good or lasting. Whatever your view, I urge you to pray for peace to come and come quickly.

**Rev Greg**

#### **PCC Officers**

From the Spring APCMs, we are still looking for new church officers. Holy Trinity Minsterley is seeking a new churchwarden. If you would like to know more about either role, please speak to Greg about this.

#### **World Day of Prayer**

Organised jointly by the Pontesbury churches, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm at Pontesbury Congregational Church, Minsterley Road, with a focus on Nigeria.

#### **Lent Lunches**

St George's will be hosting Lent Lunches in Pontesbury throughout Lent, continuing on March 11<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. Places are limited, with only 6 remaining. Please email Greg or speak to him to secure a place.

## **Choral Evensong**

Our benefice Choir is leading the next Deanery Choral Evensong service on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. at Ford church. All welcome. Please ask Greg or Allen if you need directions.

## **Coffee morning at HTM in March**

Come and have some cake and coffee with us at Holy Trinity Minsterley on 7th March from 10am - 12pm. If you can bake for the cake stall or refreshments stall please contact Sarah. Everyone is welcome to come along for delicious cake, a hot drink and plenty of chat.

## **Service of Meditation**

St George's will be hosting a service of meditation on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7 p.m. All welcome.

## **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](mailto:joe@s-yfc.org)

## **Messy Church**

The next Pontesbury Messy Church will take place this Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30 p.m. with a Spring theme. All welcome, with a 4.45 finish.

## **Minsterley Parish Magazines**

Would the person who rearranged the distributors' stacks of Minsterley Parish Magazines in HTM on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March please contact me to avoid problems in the future. Many thanks. David Young, 01743 537081

## **Coventry Cathedral**

The benefice visit to Coventry Cathedral is booked for Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> 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).

## **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 6<sup>th</sup>

Exodus 17.1-7

Romans 5.1-11

John 4.5-42

## Calendar for the Week

- Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Prayers at HTM at 9.30 a.m.  
Coffee Stop at St George's 10-12 noon  
World Day of Prayer at Pontesbury Congregational Church at 2.30pm
- Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Holy Trinity Coffee morning 10-12 noon
- Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion at Hope at 9 a.m.  
Holy Communion at Minsterley at 10.30 a.m.  
Morning Worship at Pontesbury (no Children's Church) at 10.30 a.m.  
Evensong at Habberley at 5 p.m.  
Deanery Choral Evensong at Ford at 5 p.m.  
Meditation Service at Pontesbury at 7 p.m.
- Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Youth Café at HTM at 3.30 p.m.
- Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Foodbank at Minsterley from 10-12  
Little Dragons at St George's 10-11.30 a.m.  
Oasis at 12 noon at Minsterley Methodist Chapel  
Ichthus at 2.30 p.m. at Waterwheel
- Weds 11<sup>th</sup> Coffee Hub at HTM 10-12  
Lent Lunch 12-1 at St George's  
Tea Break at St George's 2-4pm  
Pontesbury PCC at 7 p.m. in WER
- Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Foodbank at Pontesbury 10-12  
Trinity Tots at HTM 10-11.30 a.m.  
Palm Sunday rehearsal at 6.30 p.m. at St George's
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Coffee Stop at St George's 10 -12 noon
- Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Minsterley PCC 10-1 p.m. at Snailbeach Village Hall
- Sun 15<sup>th</sup> 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.