



Pontesbury & Stiperstones Family of Churches

Newsletter

12th June 2026

Dear friends,

Well, it's been formally announced that we will be moving to Chirbury as I take up the post of the Rector of the Chirbury Hills Benefice. I'm excited, frightened and sad all at once.

We knew a move was going to happen at some point this year, so we've been going through cupboards and drawers to clear out old rubbish, stuff that we've kept but never used, clothes that are now too small for the children and so on. I have to say we've done a good job and the house rather feels like a hot air balloon that's ready to take off and is pulling against the guy ropes.

Having the responsibility for a whole Benefice is rather scary. No more Training Incumbent to go to and say "oops...I've made a mistake!" But we have confidence in God who goes before us, whether it's for a career move like me or any other challenge that you may be facing. God goes before each of us in whatever circumstances and you can be confident in Him.

Richard

Holiday Club

We are planning to run a holiday club in Minsterley from Monday 20th – Friday 24th July from 10-12 each morning. Anyone willing and able to help out for one or more days should let Rev Fran know at revfran@btinternet.com

Hope/Shelve Fete

The grand total of funds raised at our summer fete was just over £700. Considering the constraints imposed by the inclement weather conditions, this is a fantastic achievement! A big well done and thank you again to all who played their part

Minsterley Praise

For the first time, this Sunday, the Minsterley Praise service at the Methodist Chapel is being led by the Anglicans as a sign of our deepening partnership with our sister church.

80th birthdays celebration at HTM

This year we have lots of our congregations celebrating their 80th birthdays. So we've picked a date somewhere in the middle to commemorate them all!

This Sunday 14th June we're holding a bring and share buffet lunch and have invited all the birthday girls and boys. Everyone is welcome to join us - it'll be around 12pm, after the post service coffee. If you'd like to bring a plate of something to share that would be great but all are welcome with or without a plate.

Time Out

We have relaunched Time Out, our friendship group for those struggling with anxiety, our next session takes place on Tues June 16th at 2 p.m. at the Pavilion. We would like to recruit an additional volunteer for the third Tuesday of each month to supplement the team. Please speak to Allen Marsden, Stephen & Jackie Winwood or Helen Pitt if you would like to know more.

Sponsored Run

Greg was successful in completing the Dun Holm Half Marathon. Sponsorship was for the Minsterley Audio-Visual project. Many thanks to those who have already donated. It's still not too late to sponsor him retrospectively. Contributions can be given directly to Greg or via <https://www.gofundme.com/f/minsterley-av-project>. All sponsorship very gratefully received.

This week is the last opportunity to contribute. The installation of the screen and projector is scheduled for w/c 29th June.

Bible Study

The next Bible Study will take place at 3 Earls Court on Monday June 15th at 7 p.m. We will then start a new study in the books of Ruth and Esther, starting Monday July 6th at 7 p.m. at The Deanery.

Clothes swap 20/6/26

Come and enjoy a chat and social afternoon at Snailbeach village hall on 20 June from 2-4.30pm. You can bring some clothes to swap or just come and browse and enjoy the company - entry is £5 which will cover your clothes bargains! Refreshments and raffle as well, plus local crafts and Avon stall.

Prayer Breakfast

St George's is hosting the Shrewsbury Youth for Christ Prayer Breakfast this Saturday June 13th at 8.30 a.m. All welcome.

House for Duty

We are currently advertising for Fran Brealey's replacement with the closing date for applications June 14th. Please do pray that the right person will be prompted by God to apply.

HTM at Minsterley Show

HTM will be running the refreshments stall at Minsterley Show again this August (15th). Could anyone who is able to bake some cakes for us to sell (as slices or as whole cakes) please let Sarah know asap. We also have a freezer available to store anything that's made in advance.

Readings for Sunday June 14th

Exodus 19.2-8a

Romans 5. 1-8

Matthew 9.35- 10.8

Calendar for the Week -

- Fri 12th June Prayers at HTM at 9.30 a.m.
Coffee Stop at St George's 10-12 noon
- Sat 13th Shrewsbury Youth for Christ Prayer Breakfast at St George's at 8.30 a.m.
- Sun 14th Holy Communion at Hope at 9 a.m.
Morning Worship at Pontesbury with Children's Church at 10.30 a.m.
Holy Communion at Minsterley at 10.30 a.m.
80th Birthday Celebrations at Minsterley 12.00
Evensong at Habberley at 5 p.m.
Meditation service at Longden at 7 p.m.
- Mon 15th Youth Café at HTM at 3.30 p.m.
Bible Study at 7 p.m. at 3 Earl's Court
- Tues 16th Foodbank at Minsterley from 10-12
Little Dragons at St George's from 10-11.30 a.m.
Time Out at the Pavilion at 2pm
The Gathering at 7 p.m. at Marton Village Hall
- Weds 17th Coffee Hub at HTM 10-12
Tea Break at St George's 2-4 p.m.
Messy Church at HTM at 3.30 p.m.
- Thurs 18th Foodbank at Pontesbury 10-12
Trinity Tots at HTM from 10-11.30 a.m.
- Friday 19th Prayers at HTM at 9.30 a.m.
Coffee Stop at St George's 10-12 noon
- Sat 20th Clothes Swap at Snailbeach Village Hall 2-4.30 p.m.
- Sun 21st Worship Together at Shelve at 9 a.m.
Minsterley Praise at Methodist Chapel at 10 a.m.
Holy Communion with Children's Church at Pontesbury at 10.30 a.m.