

Stoke St Gregory Baptist Church  
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News



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## From Sonya

**Galatians 5:25** “Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.”



In many ways, now that the problem of the stable behind the chapel has been sorted, Stoke St Gregory Baptist Church is now moving into a new season and can look forward. The Holy Spirit is always on the move. It is so easy for us to either run ahead with our own plans and not wait to see what the Spirit wants to do, or to lag behind and not move when the Spirit is prompting us to. So how can we as a church make sure that we keep in step with the Holy Spirit?

Firstly, we need to take time, both as individuals and as a church together, to listen to what God is saying to us, to wait on God until He reveals to us the next step that we need to take. We need to take the time to hear God rather than rushing ahead with our own good ideas. The ideas which the Holy Spirit gives will always be far more effective than our own ideas.

We also need to be willing to step out in faith when the Holy Spirit prompts us to. Most people like to be in control and get anxious about change, but as a church, our greatest danger is really to lag behind the Spirit and try to ‘play it safe.’ God has great plans for this church to move forward into the future and we can trust God to lead us clearly on the right path.

So together let’s seek to keep in step with the Holy Spirit.

Blessings to you all, Sonya

## For Our Prayers

Chris and Anne Coate  
Steve and Charlotte Pimm and Megan  
Betty Woodland and family  
Tony Williams  
Jonathan and Karen Stannard, Eleanor, Toby  
and Matty  
The deacons  
Chris and La Donna Pitman  
Anne Jackson  
Mary Strange  
Our Armed Forces and their Veterans  
Peace in Israel and Palestine



## November Flowers



<b>5th</b>	Messy Church	<b>12th</b>	Remembrance
<b>19th</b>	Gill Yaskin	<b>26th</b>	Amanda Saunders

***December 3rd*** Messy Church



## Charity Lunch

A charity lunch will be held in the Schoolroom at SSG Baptist Church on **Monday 27th November at 12.30pm** to raise funds for The Farming Community Network.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit. *Jeremiah 17:7-8*

## November 2023 Calendar

Day	Time	Event
<b>OCTOBER</b> <b>Tues 31st</b>	2.00pm	Open the Book planning meeting
<b>Weds 1st</b>	12 noon	Luncheon Club in the Schoolroom
	7.30pm	Home Group
<b>Thurs 2nd</b>	9.30am– 11.30am	TWiGs in the Schoolroom
	7.30pm	Deacons meeting
<b>Sun 5th</b>	10.00am	<b>MESSY CHURCH</b> with breakfast starting at 10am
<b>Weds 8th</b>	7.30pm	Home Group
<b>Thurs 9th</b>	9.30am- 11.30am	TWiGs in the Schoolroom
<b>Fri 10th</b>	10.45am	Short Remembrance service with SSG Primary School on the Memorial Playing Field. Villagers welcome to join us.
<b>Sun 12th</b>	10.45am	<b>VILLAGE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE</b> at SSG Baptist Church
<b>Weds 15th</b>	12 noon 7.30pm	Luncheon Club in the Schoolroom Home Group
<b>Thurs 16th</b>	9.30am- 11.30am	TWiGs in the Schoolroom
<b>Sun 19th</b>	10.30am	<b>FAMILY WORSHIP</b>
<b>Weds 22nd</b>	7.30pm	Home Group
<b>Thurs 23rd</b>	9.30am- 11.30am	TWiGs in the Schoolroom
<b>Sun 26th</b>	10.30am	<b>FAMILY WORSHIP</b> Church Members Meeting after the service
<b>Weds 29th</b>	12 noon 7.30pm	Luncheon Club in the Schoolroom Home Group
<b>Thurs 30th</b>	9.30am- 11.30am	TWiGs in the Schoolroom
<b>DECEMBER</b> <b>Sun 3rd</b>	10.00am	<b>MESSY CHURCH</b> with breakfast starting at 10am