



Services for March 2018

The Benefice of Spire Hill



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Stock Gaylard - Stourton Caundle

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4 March
8.00am Stalbridge – Holy Communion
9.30am Stalbridge – Holy Communion
11.00am Purse Caundle – Holy Communion
11.00am King's Stag – Morning Worship
6.30pm Stalbridge – Evening Prayer



11 March
10.00am Stalbridge – Celebration for Mothering Sunday
11.00am Stourton Caundle – Holy Communion
6.30pm Stalbridge – Evening Prayer



18 March
8.00am Stalbridge – Holy Communion
9.30am Stalbridge – Holy Communion
11.00am King's Stag – Holy Communion
6.30pm Stalbridge – Evening Prayer



25 March
8.00am Stock Gaylard – Holy Communion
9.30am Stalbridge – Holy Communion
11.00am Stourton Caundle – Holy Communion
4.00pm Stalbridge Hub – Questions, tea and hymns



26 March 7.00pm Purse Caundle – Night Prayer
27 March 7.00pm Stourton Caundle – Night Prayer
28 March 7.00pm King's Stag – Night Prayer
29 March 7.00pm Stalbridge – Holy Communion
30 March
9.00am Purse Caundle – Morning Prayer
10.00am Stalbridge – Walk of Witness
12.30pm Stourton Caundle – Midday Prayer
2.00pm Stock Gaylard – Evening Prayer



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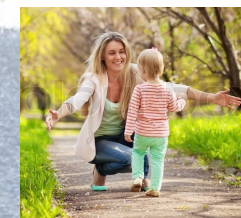
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Mothering Sunday



Palm Sunday

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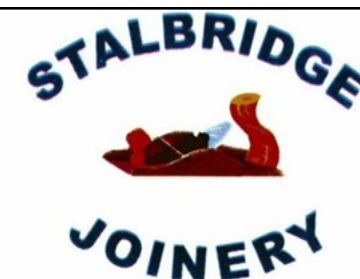
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THOUGHTS FOR MARCH

March is a funny month, to use a phrase “tis neither fish nor fowl”. Calm sunny days give glimpses of Spring that lead to frosty nights keeping us in the memory of winter. The bulbs begin to struggle through only to be battered by the storm force winds associated with the Spring Equinox. The grass needs cutting but its too wet for the mower and before you realise it you’ve missed the first opportunity to plant your early spuds. I’ll just have to have another coffee and think about it some more.

There are times when faced with writing an article you seem to spend more time thinking than writing, but during this Winter Olympic time in the background seems to run a constant theme of the question of how we speak and relate to each other. A frequent phrase heard from the younger element of our society is “you’re dissing me.” Disrespect comes in many forms and the latest form is the abuse of a position of power to force those who are less sure of themselves and their relationship to others in the organisation they work, to do things that do not form part of that working partnership, or go beyond the normal boundaries of accepted moral behaviour.

The “Me Too” campaign is an example of people saying “Enough!” The news of the abuse carried out by some who worked in Oxfam is going to colour the judgement of many and the initial people to lose out will be those who need the aid most, because those who deliver it will not be there. The employer who put pressure on members of staff to work extra/longer hours for little extra reward under the threat of “there’s plenty of others to take your place”. And don’t get me started on Brexit!

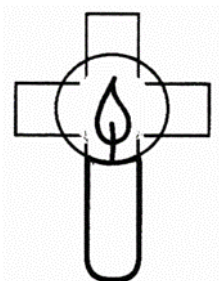
What’s the answer? I suppose if I knew that there would be a good chance I would be The First Lord of the Treasury. Can I make the case for just starting by saying “Good morning” to each other and not just the people you know. When you get to know people a little better it is surprising to find out how much we all share as common values, the differences between us manifests itself in how we all strive to achieve these aims and goals. The next time you pop into the church of “Dikes” see how many of us spend time talking and acknowledging one another. Simple stuff like “Have you seen so and so lately?” “How’s your family?”; your starter for 10 could even be about the weather.

If we are all prepared to share a little of ourselves with each other then we would be more prepared to share and question if we come across a situation we think is not quite right. You never know it may the start of a more caring, equitable, open society that will benefit us all.

SFW

Thursdays in Lent in Spire Hill

During Lent, on Thursdays, the pattern of said services of Holy Communion at 10.00am in Stalbridge Parish Church, and at 6.30pm at Stourton Caundle Parish Church will continue. At these services, there will be a short homily to help us prepare for the festival of resurrection. We are exhorted by the writer of the letter of James to 'Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.'



Holy Week

On Monday to Wednesday, 26th to 28th March, of Holy Week, there is a service of Morning Prayer at 8.00am in Stalbridge Church and Evening Prayer at 5.00pm in Stalbridge Church. The service of Night Prayer will be held at 7.00pm held on Monday in Purse Caundle; Tuesday in Stourton Caundle Church; Wednesday in King's Stag Memorial Chapel.

On Maundy Thursday, 29th March, clergy, licensed lay ministers, eucharistic assistants, organists and many others from across the Diocese of Salisbury gather at Salisbury Cathedral at 11am for the Chrism Eucharist which includes the re-affirmation of ministerial vows.

At 7pm on Maundy Thursday, there is a special service of Holy Communion in Stalbridge Church recalling the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples.

Good Friday, 30th March, begins with Morning Prayer at Purse Caundle Church at 9.00am. The Walk of Witness starts at Stalbridge Church at 10.00am. A large wooden cross is carried through the town to The Ring for a short act of worship at about 10.20am. The cross is then carried along public footpaths to Stourton Caundle Church for Midday Prayer at 12.30pm. At about 1.00pm, the cross is carried on to Stock Gaylard Church for Evening Prayer at 2.00pm. You will be welcome to join any part of this day of pilgrimage and prayer. Those walking, please wear suitable footwear and clothing.



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Diary Dates for March 2018

Some of the events in and of the Benefice of Spire Hill.

The rector's usual day off duty is Wednesday.

- 1 7.30pm Stourton Caundle PCC meets
- 2 9.10am Stalbridge School worships at the parish church
- 4 **The Third Sunday of Lent**
- 5 8.00am Pilgrim clergy meet for prayer, breakfast and fellowship
- 6 2.00pm Rector attends diocesan training in Salisbury
- 10 9.00am Rector meets with ministers of Hazelbury Benefice
- 3.00pm Holy Baptism of Sebastian Wiles at Stalbridge Parish Church
- 11 **The Fourth Sunday of Lent / Mothering Sunday**
- 10.00am Celebration for Mothering Sunday at Stalbridge Parish Church
- 12 8.00am Pilgrim clergy meet for prayer, breakfast and fellowship
- 13 10.00am Rector visiting in Stourton Caundle
- 7.30pm Stalbridge PCC meets
- 15 9.10am Stalbridge School worships at the parish church
- 11.00am Rector visiting in King's Stag
- 7.30pm Stock Gaylard PCC meets
- 17 10.00am Marmalade Sale and Coffee Morning at the Hub, Stalbridge
- 18 **The Fifth Sunday of Lent**
- 19 **Joseph of Nazareth**
- 8.00am Pilgrim clergy meet for prayer, breakfast and fellowship
- 21 till 23 Rector with Stalbridge School's Year 5's residential at Leeson House
- 24 3.00pm Marriage of Mounir Handaji & Madeleine Bailey at Stalbridge Church
- 25 **Palm Sunday**
- 4.00pm Questions, tea and hymns at the Hub, Station Road, Stalbridge
- 26 7.00pm Night Prayer at Purse Caundle Church (Monday of Holy Week)
- 27 7.00pm Night Prayer at Stourton Caundle Church (Tuesday of Holy Week)
- 28 7.00pm Night Prayer at King's Stag Memorial Chapel (Wednesday of Holy Week)
- 29 **Maundy Thursday**
- 7.00pm Holy Communion at Stalbridge Parish Church
- 30 **Good Friday**
- 9.00am Morning Prayer at Purse Caundle Church
- 10.00am Walk of Witness from Stalbridge Church
- 12.30pm Midday Prayer at Stourton Caundle Church
- 2.00pm Evening Prayer at Stock Gaylard Church

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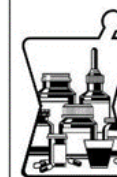
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Anon

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Common sense is a flower that, sadly, doesn't grow in everyone's garden.

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KINGS STAG NEWS



There is morning worship at 11.00am on 4th March in the Memorial Chapel. Jesus goes to Jerusalem for the Passover, and causes uproar when he attacks the lawful business

going on in the Temple. His words and actions suggest that, through his cross, he will replace the Temple. How do you decide if an action is wise or foolish?

On 18th March at 11am in the Memorial Chapel, there is a service of Holy Communion with hymns. Some Greeks wish to see Jesus – a reminder that Jesus is for all people. Seeing what lies ahead, Jesus is unsettled; but when God speaks, Jesus says that the voice is for his disciples' benefit, not his. How do you think people hear God's voice today?



In St Barnabas Church, Stock Gaylard on 25th March at 8.00am, we start our journey through Holy Week with a special service for Palm Sunday. Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey. A woman anoints Jesus' feet during a meal. The following evening, Jesus eats his last supper, is betrayed and arrested. By the next afternoon, after a mock trial, he has been put to death on a cross.

The Methodist Church

During March the services held in the Chapel are a Holy Communion Service on the 11th, with a Worship Service on 25th March. Both services start at 6.00pm. The Coffee Morning this month is on 20th at its usual time of 10.00-11.30am. At the Coffee Morning is the Fund Raising Table; the aim of which is to raise funds for various local and national charities over a rotating 3 month period. Help for Heroes, Macmillan, RNLI have been some the charities helped in the past. This is an excellent chance not only to meet and have a chat with your neighbours but to raise some money for good causes!





WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2018

Friday 2nd March 2018

St. Mary's Church Stalbridge

PRIMARY SCHOOL SERVICE

9.10 am ALL WELCOME

MAIN SERVICE 2.00 pm

ALL WELCOME



This year the services have been prepared by the people of Suriname, a tiny country between Guyana and French Guiana, in South America.



This day is a good time to join with others all over the world to worship and pray and also to learn about the lives of those who live in Suriname. The school children are studying the country and will lead us in their own service so please come and support them and you may learn something yourself about an interesting part of our world many of us know little about.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

10.00 am Sunday 10th March at St Mary's Church Stalbridge.

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DOWN: 1, Aghast. 2, Attempt. 3, Eject. 5, Undergo. 6, No end. 7, Hasten. 9, Sacrifice. 13, Samaria. 14, Yelling. 15, Spider. 16, Dealer. 18, Asses. 20, Drake.

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President Wendy Bailey welcomed members and visitors to the February WI meeting. Having sung Jerusalem, birthday posies made by Carol Morris were handed out. Due to the heating not working in the main part of the Hall the meeting was held in the Community Hall; this was a voyage of discovery for some members who had not been in that room before.

Tickets have been obtained for the show "Land of Hope and Glory" at the Sturminster Newton Exchange in April, some members had enthused about a show they had seen there in December by the same performers.

Unfortunately the Skittles team lost the 1/4 finals, but had done really well to get that far.

SCARS informed us there will be a "Craft and Pamper" day at the Hall on 18th March from 11-5pm followed in the evening by a "Medium" using Tarot Cards 7.30-9.30pm all in aid of Cancer. Ann Turnbull gave a report from the Stalbridge Hall Committee.

The Speaker for the evening was Nicky Fidgin who enlightened us about "Labyrinth, Pathways to peace in a stressful life".

Nicky had helped at a centre for young mums and their little ones. One Monday morning she noticed one of the mums was missing, subsequently hearing that the child had died. Nicky and another helper called on the family and she agreed to sing at the funeral which she worried about a lot. Nicky had agreed to go on holiday with a friend to help look after her mother. They went to the Scilly Isles and whilst out walking came across a labyrinth, following the stone pathway which lead into the centre of the labyrinth. She stayed for a while thinking about the forthcoming funeral and it helped to calm her mind. On returning home she opened a book and found exactly the right song to sing and felt that walking the labyrinth had helped her considerably. Walking the path to the centre of a labyrinth represents life's journey, it helps to clear the mind, a form of walking meditation.

Labyrinths are mostly Catical in design, one can be seen at Tintagel, also Seaton Gardens and in the Scilly Isles, one of a Medieval design can be seen in the Chartreuse Cathedral in France. There is also one of the eight remaining on

the Village Green at Hilton in Cambridge. There are other shapes and designs such as the Miz-Maze at Breamore.

Nicky sometimes takes a portable Labyrinth to Junior Schools around the area which the children enjoy and seem to gain some benefit from using the labyrinth. I think we all benefited from her talk, although I had heard of them I did not know anything about them but found it very interesting.

The competition for "Flower of the Month" was won by Karen Robinson, 2nd Wendy Bailey 3rd June Harman and "An unusual stone or pebble" 1st was Frances Ryall, 2nd Me (Yeay!), with all others having equal votes.

For the next meeting on 1st March we will have Writer Tracy Baines telling the story of "My Family and other Lies". Visitors are most welcome to our meetings, we'd be pleased to see you.

Elizabeth Wareham

Annual meeting

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETINGS

At the church Annual Meetings in April, two churchwardens are elected to serve for one year in your parish. Nominations must be in writing and the forms will be in the churches from 15 March. If you are interested in the responsibilities and duties of the churchwarden, visit <http://www.churchwardens.com/duties.html> or ask the Rector for a paper copy of this information.

The Annual Meeting also elects representatives of the laity to the Parochial Church Council. Those elected would serve up to three years and can be re-elected on completion of their three years if they want to. The responsibilities of parochial church councils are described in the Church Annual Reports which should be available in the churches in the first fortnight of April. Do ask the Rector if you would like this information beforehand.

The dates of the church annual meetings are: Purse Caundle, 23rd April 2018; Stalbridge, 17th April 2018; Stock Gaylard, 19th April 2018; and Stourton Caundle, 26th April 2018.

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DAYS OFF

Being a priest is not a normal job, certainly not one where regular office hours apply. To try and keep a grasp of reality the Rector normally takes a day away from parish duties on a Wednesday,

Weekday Worship at Stalbridge Parish Church

Monday to Friday
 8am Morning Prayer and 5pm Evening Prayer
 Thursday at 10am Holy Communion



PURSE CAUNDLE NEWS



On 4th March at 11am, we gather at St Peter's Church for Holy Communion. Jesus challenges us to create a space in our lives where we can spend time with God. He wanted to create space in the Temple in Jerusalem by clearing out the traders. How do feel



when you go to a place of worship? Is there space to worship God?

STOURTON CAUNDLE NEWS

At 11am on 11th March in St Peter's Church, we celebrate Holy Communion on this Mothering Sunday, giving thanks for Mother Church and for all who have taken on a maternal role in our lives.



Our Palm Sunday service is at 11am on 25th March. At this special holy communion, we shall hear the Passion of our Lord according to Mark read in full.

FOURTH SUNDAY @THE HUB

25th March at the Hub, Stalbridge

We gather at 4pm for a cup of tea and some cake (thank you to our generous bakers). We shall hear from the key participants who describe the events at the end of Jesus' life.

On a small hill just outside Jerusalem, beneath an empty cross stands a group of very sad people. One of them speaks.

'Oh no, what an end! Who would have thought this would happen? What are we going to do now? Where have Peter and all the others got to? Where did it all go wrong...?'

Some of Jesus' disciples, some Roman and Jewish officials tell us what they saw and said.



The Stalbridge Singers
present
The Big Spring Sing

A fundraising Concert
to help light up the children's faces
and shine a light on school productions

Stalbridge Primary School
Sunday 25th March @ 2.00 pm

Tickets £5.00

available from
Stalbridge Primary School Office

For more information call
Becky Rocheleau on 0795 713 3317



THE STALBRIDGE ARCHIVE SOCIETY

The Archive Group are still busily cataloguing our ever-growing collection of historical photographs and documents. We are also preparing a small display for the Hub Open Morning on 7th April. This display is about William Lovelace who opened a garage in 1911 making bicycles. He also had a charabanc service offering trips to Weymouth and Cheddar.

After the Second World War, the Lovelace bus business was bought by Patrick Lewis having returned from serving in the Canadian Airforce. With more modern buses Pat continued to provide trips, he also ran the school bus service to Sturminster Newton which many will still remember. If you have any photographs of those days with Lewis Coaches, we would love to see them.

Just a reminder that the first AGM of The Stalbridge Archive Society is on Monday 5th March at 7.30pm at The Hub. Everyone welcome



- 21 'As you can see, he has done nothing to — death' (Luke 23:15) (7)
- 22 Name applied by Isaiah to Jerusalem (Isaiah 29:1) (5)
- 23 'All the people — — one man, saying, "None of us will go home"' (Judges 20:8) (4,2)
- 24 Lazarus, who was carried by angels to Abraham's side when he died, was one (Luke 16:20) (6)

Down

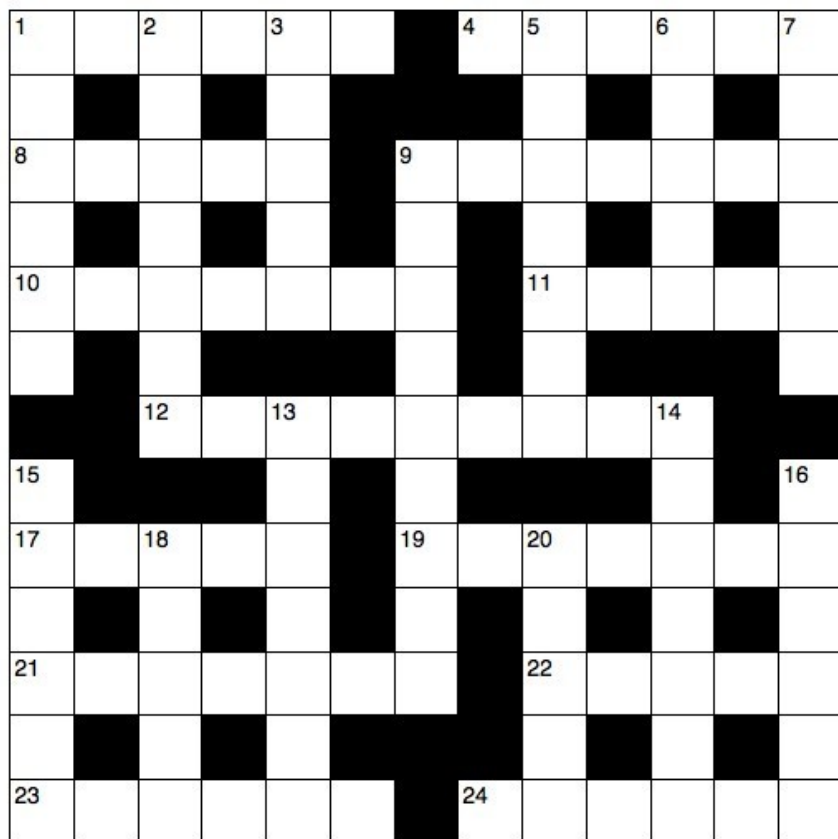
- 1 Appalled (Job 26:11) (6)
- 2 'In an — to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea' (Acts 27:30) (7)
- 3 Expel (Acts 18:16) (5)
- 5 'But I have a baptism to — , and how distressed I am until it is completed!' (Luke 12:50) (7)
- 6 'Of the increase of his government and peace there will be — — ' (Isaiah 9:7) (2,3)
- 7 Hurry (Psalm 119:60) (6)
- 9 'For I desire mercy, not — , and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings' (Hosea 6:6) (9)
- 13 One of its towns was Sychar, where Jesus met a woman at Jacob's well (John 4:5) (7)
- 14 Shouting (Acts 7:57) (7)
- 15 Arachnid (Isaiah 59:5) (6)
- 16 One of Paul's first converts in Philippi was Lydia, a — in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (6)
- 18 Donkeys (5)
- 20 Raked (anag.) (5)

So you think English is easy?

Read on:

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 4) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 5) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 6) A sea bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 7) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 8) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 9) After going out after having done some sewing, a sewer fell into a sewer.
- 10) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear

March's Crossword



Across

- 1 Arouse (Song of Songs 2:7) (6)
- 4 Extinguish (Isaiah 1:31) (6)
- 8 "They — — ,” you will say, “but I’m not hurt!” (Proverbs 23:35) (3,2)
- 9 Unhappiness (Nehemiah 2:2) (7)
- 10 Jewish (7)
- 11 Dirge (anag.) (5)
- 12 ‘A truthful witness gives honest — , but a false witness tells lies’ (Proverbs 12:17) (9)
- 17 Paul quoted from the second one in his address in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:33) (5)
- 19 ‘Do not use your freedom to — the sinful nature’ (Galatians 5:13) (7)

STALBRIDGE GARDEN SOCIETY

February Meeting

Geoff Jeans our Vice Chairman welcomed us all to the January meeting, he told us how our chairman Brian was doing, and we all signed a get well card for him.

Geoff asked for nominations to chair the Society at the AGM in March as the whole committee will be standing down. Some members will be standing for re-election, others wish to come off, as they have been on the committee for a good number of years. Tony Moore gave out announcements, and welcomed this evening’s speaker, being Judith Stewart, this talk was entitled “Bach Flower Remedies”.



Judith explained all about the history of the “Bach Company”. How Mr Bach was born in the 1880s, and studied to become a doctor and surgeon, whilst he understood conventional medicine, he also wanted to discover, the herbal possibilities. After finishing his studies at Birmingham university, qualifying as a doctor, on his time off he began walking the fields and hills in Wales collecting wild herbs, plants and flowers, but only when the sun shone as it was very important to catch the natural dew.

At his home in Brightwell he set about preserving his collections in spring water and brandy thus creating the natural remedies that we can still buy today.

In all he kept finding new remedies up until two months before he died, in total 38 remedies were produced, helping people and pets, with all manner of problems, such as agoraphobia, fear of heights, flying, panic attacks, healing after operations, stress and low self-esteem. The bacteriology found in these remedies, to date works well alongside conventional medicine.

Judith has also trained in massage and reiki healing and along with other volunteers she gives her time to places like St Margaret’s Hospice.

This was an inspiring talk and we all learnt much more about the little yellow bottle of “rescue remedy” that I’m sure we all have in our cupboard, if not we need to purchase a bottle to use on those tricky days that we all have!

Next month is our A.G.M. so if you think that you would like to join the committee you are most welcome. This is also the “Spring Show” so if you have any daffodils or spring bulbs in bloom please do bring them along, they will make a lovely show. The date, Thursday 8th March. Time, 7.30pm. Venue, the Hall.

Michelle Howell

THE COMMUNITY OFFICE @THE HUB

The Community Information Office is located in the Stalbridge Hub next to the Library in Station Road and is open during the following hours:

Mon	2-4.00pm	Wed	9.30-12 noon
Fri	2-4.00pm	Sat	9.30-12 noon

The office will be closed on Tuesday mornings from March onwards.

Church surgeries are no longer held in the office, but messages can be passed to Canon William Ridding in confidence.

Bill Batty-Smith will be available on Saturday 3rd and Saturday 17th March, for enquiries pertaining to District Council matters.

Future events include a Book Fair on Saturday 24th March at which local authors will be attending and story time for children will also be happening. Teas, coffee and cakes available.

Details on how to contact Age UK, Age Concern, The Dorset Credit Union, CAB and First Point You are held in the office. The Mindful Café, supporting people with memory problems and their carers, will be open on Monday 5th March between 10am and 12noon. As well as refreshments and a happy chat with others, there is help with information and advice for individuals and their carers. SCARS, the cancer support group, will meet on Friday 30th March from 2 – 4pm.

The Age Concern IT wizards are in the hub on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings to give free advice and help with any laptop, computer or I Pad problem you may have.

There will be an open afternoon on Friday 2nd March with tea and coffee available, come in for a chat. This will be repeated on the first Friday afternoon of the month.

Many organisations are now using the Hub so please look at the Stalbridge community website for information: www.stalbridge.info this excellent website will give you details of what's on in Stalbridge, businesses, clubs, the Town Council, churches, schools and many other ideas.

There will be an open day on Saturday 7th April, more details in the next newsletter. The results of the bus survey will be displayed on this day.

If you would like to become a volunteer in the community office please contact us on 01963 364177 or call in during our opening hours to find out more. We are in need of more volunteers.

The office will be closed from Good Friday 30th until Easter Monday 2nd April. It will reopen on Wednesday 4th April



Stalbridge Congregational Church
Affiliated to the Congregational Federation

March 2018

Sunday Morning Worship: 10. 00 am

worship is a mixture of traditional and modern in a non-liturgical style

First Sunday 4th Breakfast Church -
food fun fellowship faith from 10 am

3rd Sunday Communion

Coffee Mornings - Wednesdays from 10 until 11. 30am
fair trade Coffee, Tea and chat

Wednesdays 10.00am-12.00 noon THE FOOD BANK
is open for donations and collections.

Food Parcels can be collected from the Church by arrangement

For more information about how or what to give or if you need our help please contact

Jean Hopkins on 01963 364517 or Diana Biddiscombe on
07907202473

Little Wrigglers Wednesdays 10 am – 11.30 am
Parents' and baby group – all welcome
pre-school siblings welcome for art/craft time

Body and Soul bible study group with lunch
12.30 – 2.30 Wednesday 14th and 28th

Rhythm Rhyme and Storytime Thursdays 10.30- 11.30
Parents, carers and their children – all welcome

Wednesday 14th at 7pm Film Night – Hacksaw Ridge

Wednesday March 21st Messy Church 3.30 – 5. 30 pm
Messy Church for parents and children-crafts worship and food

Easter Sunday 1st April – Breakfast Church

Thanks to all who supported our Concert for Ben Tinkner which raised £230 and those who supported the Bible Society Tea and Pancake Supper which raised £75 and £121 respectively

For more information contact Sandra on 01202 822133

email sturner158@btinternet.com

or visit our website www.stalbridgecongregationalchurch.weebly.com
and or for Hall hire Pam Tredger on 01963 363106

Prayers

Prayers may include these concerns:

The persecuted Church

The oppressed peoples of the world

All who are lonely

All who are near to death

All who are facing loss

The Collect

Soul of Christ, sanctify me,
body of Christ, save me,
blood of Christ, inebriate me,
water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me:
hide me within your wounds
and never let me be separated from you.
From the wicked enemy defend me,
in the hour of my death, call me
and bid me come to you,
so that with your saints I may praise you
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Anima Christi (14th century)

The Lord's Prayer

The Conclusion

May Christ our Saviour give us peace.
Amen.

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Prayer During the Day in March (Passiontide)

Many people have evolved a daily Quiet Time, for reading Scripture and for praying. With this in mind, Prayer During the Day is offered as a framework for personal devotion; it follows a pattern which may be shared with others. In this way Christians can be united in their worship.

Be comfortable. A lighted candle or a cross in front of you may be helpful.

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

My trust is in you, O Lord.

I have said, 'You are my God.'

Psalm 31.14

Praise

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.

We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and praise and glorify your holy resurrection:
for by virtue of the cross
joy has come to the whole world.

from the Liturgy of Good Friday

The Word of God

Read one of these psalms

Sunday	27.1-8	Thursday	23
Monday	43	Friday	69.1-13
Tuesday	142	Saturday	130
Wednesday	143		

Scripture Reading

Read the Bible passage and notes from New Daylight (*The Bible Reading Fellowship*), or other notes, or one of passages below.

Sunday (Hebrews 2.10-12)

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

Monday (Mark 8.31-35)

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

Tuesday (Isaiah 53.4-6)

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we ac-

counted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Wednesday (1 Corinthians 1.18,22-25)

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Thursday (1 Peter 2.24,25)

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Friday (Romans 5.6-8)

While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Saturday (John 12.23-26)

Jesus answered Andrew and Philip, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.'

Response A time of Silence for reflection, ending with

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.