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## 2 June

8.00am  
9.30am  
11.00am  
11.00am  
6.30pm

### The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Stalbridge – Holy Communion  
Stalbridge – Holy Communion  
King's Stag – Morning Worship  
Purse Caundle – Holy Communion  
Stalbridge – Evening Prayer



## 9 June

10.00am  
6.30pm

### Pentecost

Sturminster Newton High School – Pilgrims' Praise  
Stalbridge – Evening Prayer



## 16 June

8.00am  
9.30am  
4.00pm

### Trinity Sunday

Stalbridge – Holy Communion  
Stalbridge – Celebration for Father's Day  
Stock Gaylard – Evensong for Barnabas the Apostle

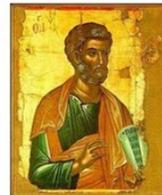


## 23 June

8.00am  
9.30am  
11.00am  
4.00pm

### The First Sunday after Trinity

Stock Gaylard – Holy Communion  
Stalbridge – Holy Communion  
Stourton Caundle – Morning Prayer  
& Holy Communion  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship @ the Hub, Stalbridge



## 30 June

10.00am

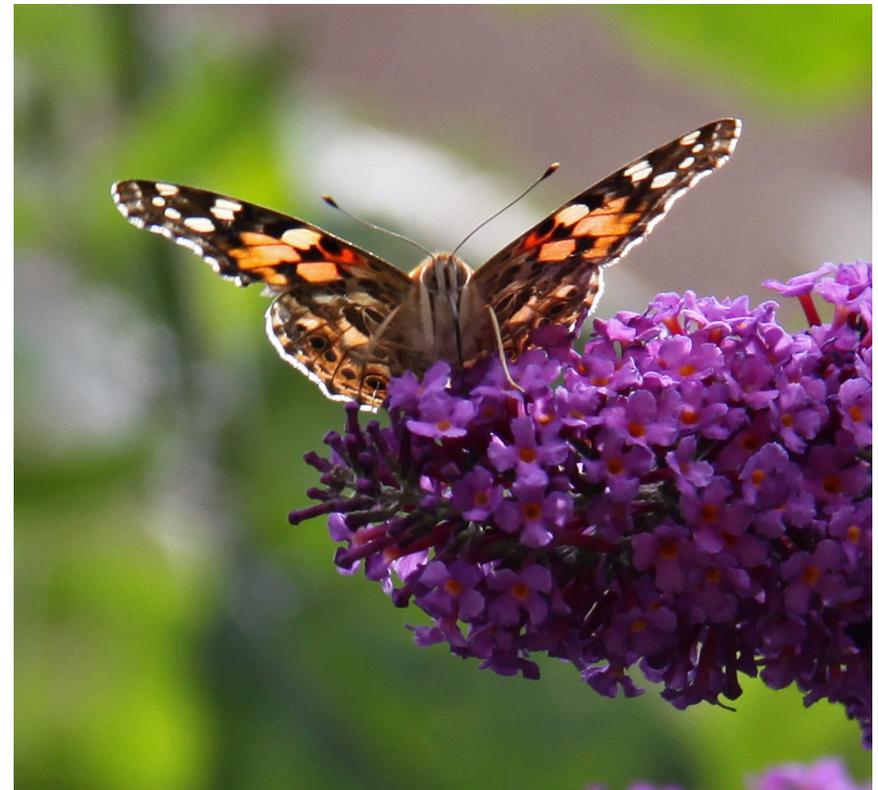
### Peter the Apostle

Purse Caundle – Benefice Celebration

# Spire Hill Church and Community Magazine

Purse Caundle, Stalbridge, Stock Gaylard  
Stourton Caundle

# JUNE 2019



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## The Editor Enthuses

It is an often stated phrase by those who write that the staring blank white sheet of paper facing you is one of the most intimidating tasks to overcome. It takes on a life of its own. You know you have to fill it, you hope what you offer is of sense, but the eternal question of where do I start is still there.

I am writing this on Tuesday morning and looking across my back garden I am struck by the quality of the light this morning. The yellow laundry basket is glowing in the sunlight, the buds on the roses, the peonies and the poppies hold full of promise; even the washing approaching a desiccated crispness doesn't look drab. But if you look long enough you notice that the nature of the light is always morphing as the changing density of the clouds move across the sky and apply differing filters to the light that left the sun eight minutes ago.

Judy and I enjoy our garden, we're not "designer" types, its evolving as we go along. The perennial plants (the ground elder and bindweed) have had their Chelsea chop to make room for some new delphiniums and lupins planted, no doubt to feed the slugs and snails, to bring a bit of colour against the stone wall. The grass needs mowing, again. There is always something to do to make it the pleasant space to sit and have a cup of tea in the afternoon, to be able to enjoy the visual fruits of our labour. Which leads me to the churchyard.

How, you may well ask? The Bishop of Salisbury is the lead within the Church of England on environmental matters and at a recent talk he gave in Sturminster, he spoke about the manner in which many churches tend and care for the churchyards that surround many of our church in the rural areas of the diocese. Some are mown, strimmed and clipped to within an inch of their lives. Some are hardly tended at all, most are a compromise between the two states of care. Many churchyards have a turf that has not been turned to expose the soil for hundreds of years. When experiments in letting the grass grow and then mowing with scythes, the range of meadow flowers that have grown has been a revelation in places, sometimes its just long grass.

It has been proved that a lot of wildlife survives thanks to our churchyards and it behoves us all to do what we can to sustain this for future generations. In the same way that farmers leave margins around their fields to provide motorways for animals and insects, may be we should consider a similar scheme here in St Mary's. I'd be glad of your thoughts.

We are asked to be more aware of our actions and the way we use the resources of the planet. Man is able to build a machine in which he can dive 7

miles down to the bottom of the Marianas Trench in the Pacific Ocean. What does he find when he gets there, in the midst of special life forms that are able to survive the enormous pressure of the depths. A piece of plastic wrapping. Yesterday on the radio was a discussion about the effects of the melting ice caps and how sea levels could rise by 2 metres! Goodbye London and think of the effect on the Pakistani and Nile river deltas, all the holiday homes in Florida and the Pacific Islands.

I am as guilty as a the next man in the amount I use the car and I will be flying to Arizona later this year to visit family. But there is something I can do. I can pay a small amount of extra on our fare, that money can be used to off-set the amount of carbon we generate by flying to plant trees or enhancing wetlands. We have lost a lot of trees in our communities, look at the old photographs to see what I mean.

This coming Sunday is Rogation Sunday, a day when we think about our world that surrounds us. So have a think about it? What can we do? How urgently should we do it? If Gloucester Cathedral can install solar panels on its roof, what small steps, that all add up, can we as a community do to help. Ed

### **Miscellaneous observations on life**

Gluttony is an emotional escape, a sign that something is eating us.

Gossip is what no one claims to like but what everybody enjoys. - *Joseph Conrad*

One of the worst things about loneliness is that you can't run away from it.

The reason some people don't recognise opportunity is that it usually comes disguised as hard work.

In the old days, men blazed trails. Now they burn up the roads.

Enthusiasm without intelligence is disaster.

The easiest way to tell the difference between young plants and weeds is to pull up everything. If they come up again, they're weeds.

It's all right for young people to have original ideas, but not in mathematics.

Running your own business is like riding a bicycle. Either you keep moving or you fall down. - *JD Wright*

A College English department could be considered the local chamber of commas.

Like a bee, the flatterer has honey in his mouth and a sting in his tail.

Is a lame duck a politician whose goose has been cooked?



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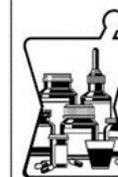
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## Diary Dates

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7.30pm Sunset Café Stompers  
 Concert in Stourton Caundle  
 Parish Church



- 2 The Seventh Sunday of Easter**
- 4 10.00am** Pilgrimage from Stalbridge Church to Stock Gaylard (and return)
- 5 9.00am** Rector with Year 6 to Salisbury Cathedral
- 6 9.10am** Stalbridge Primary School worships in church  
**10.00am** Pilgrimage from Hazelbury Bryan Parish Church to Ibberton
- 7 11.00am** Holy Communion at the Old Rectory, Stalbridge  
**6.00pm** Pilgrimage from Okeford Fitzpaine Parish Church to the beacon
- 8 9.00am** Rector meets with ministers of Hazelbury Benefice  
**10.00am** Youth Pilgrimage from Hilfield Friary to Cerne Abbas
- 9 Day of Pentecost**  
**10.00am** Pilgrims' Praise at Sturminster Newton High School  
**6.30pm** Evening Prayer at Stalbridge Parish Church



### 11 Barnabas the Apostle

**10.00am** Rector visiting in Purse Caundle

### 16 Trinity Sunday

**9.30am** Father's Day Celebration at Stalbridge Parish Church

**4.00pm** Patronal Evensong at Stock Gaylard Parish Church

**18 10.00am** Rector visiting in Stourton Caundle

### 20 Corpus Christi (Day of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion)

**9.10am** Stalbridge Primary School worships in the parish church

**11.00am** Rector visiting in King's Stag

### 23 The First Sunday after Trinity

**4.00pm** Worship at the Hub, Stalbridge

### 24 The Birth of John the Baptist

**28 7.00pm** Purse Caundle's Summer Party at Church Farm

### 29 Peter and Paul, Apostles

### 30 The Second Sunday after Trinity

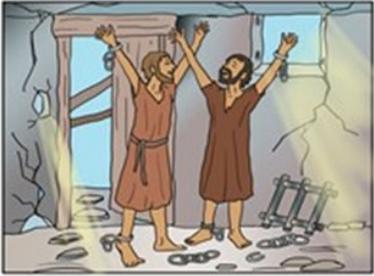
**10.00am** Benefice Worship at Purse Caundle Parish Church



## Worship in June 2019

Places and times of worship can be found on the back page of this magazine.

**2<sup>nd</sup> June The Seventh Sunday of Easter** Acts 16.16-34; John 17.20-end



As we give thanks for the life and mission of our ascended Lord, we give thanks for his loving union with the Father. Let us celebrate together before him in worship, praise and thanksgiving. We hear how Paul and Silas make powerful enemies and are flogged and imprisoned. Their chains are miraculously unfastened but they do not escape, and the gaoler and his family are baptised and become followers of Christ.

In the gospel reading on the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays for the disciples who will be left to continue his mission, and for those who will later believe through them. His prayer is that their relationship to Christ and God will be so close “that they may be one”. When in a dark place, how can pray-ers help people?

**9<sup>th</sup> June Day of Pentecost** Acts 2.1-21; John 14.8-17

At Pentecost, Jesus’ disciples experience being filled dramatically with God’s Holy Spirit, the culmination of many centuries of waiting for the fulfilment of God’s promise, made known through Old Testament prophets. How do you think the disciples felt when they saw flames on each other’s heads and heard themselves speaking foreign languages? When did you last feel really excited about something? How could you help other people to experience God’s Holy Spirit in their lives?



The only morning service on this day is the Pilgrims’ Praise service at Sturminster Newton High School, the concluding act of worship for our annual pilgrimage, The Spirit unites.



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## 16<sup>th</sup> June Trinity Sunday Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31; John 16.12-15

Jesus speaks to his disciples and, in just a few words, describes the experience of God that flows from the coming of the Spirit, highlighting the three-fold – or trinitarian – shape of God's revelation. Do you find it easier to think about God as Father, Son or Holy Spirit? How do we work out what 'truth' is? Jesus said, 'When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you to the truth.'



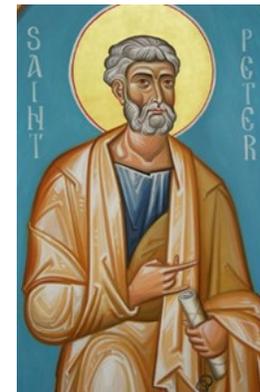
At Stalbridge Church at 9.30am, we shall be celebrating Father's Day. In the reading from Ephesians 6.10-20, Paul the apostle invites us to reflect on the armour that God our Father provides for us to meet the daily challenges we face. Join us in worship as we give thanks for the care and protection given to us by our heavenly Father and by our earthly fathers.

## 23<sup>rd</sup> June The First Sunday after Trinity Isaiah 65:1-9; Galatians 3:23-end; Luke 8:26-39

God calls for our single-minded allegiance. He is our king and we are citizens of his kingdom. So we need to take care to live lives that show our allegiance to God. Each of the readings ask us what we are living for, where our true loyalty lies. What does it mean to you to belong to a church community?



## 30<sup>th</sup> June Peter the Apostle Ezekiel 3.22-end; Acts 12.1-11; Matthew 16.13-19



As we call to mind the faith and obedience of Peter the Apostle, let us follow his example as we offer our lives to God and respond to God's word. Like Peter in the gospel reading, Ezekiel is given a moment of recognition, when he knows the divine presence. The Old Testament reading ends with a commission very similar to the one Jesus gave Peter. From Acts of the Apostles, chapter 12, we hear how when Herod Agrippa began to try to crush the church, he put Peter in prison. But the church prayed for him and God's messenger came to release him. The gospel records how Simon is inspired to give Jesus his true title of Messiah, Saviour, and in return is given his new name of Peter, the rock.



# The Methodist Church

The Methodist Chapel in Kings Stag warmly invite you to join them for three services this month. On 9th and 30th June 26th there are Worship Services, with a Holy Communion Service on 23rd. All these services start at 6.00pm. Don't forget the Coffee Morning on 18th from starting at 10.00am till 11.30am, an auspicious date as it's the anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo and several local peoples birthday!



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## Canon William Ridding

This is the last opportunity I have to let you know of the afternoon tea party in Stalbridge Hall on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 3.00pm, to celebrate William's retirement.

Our local communities from Purse Caundle, Stourton Caundle, Kings Stag & Stock Gaylard, together with Stalbridge, have an opportunity to say thank to William and to wish him and Gwen a happy retirement. This will be the only opportunity for the parishes to collectively say thank you for his ministry and for all the work he has done over that time.

William's last service will be on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am. You are all most welcome to join us for a "Songs of Praise" style service.

The churchwardens have set up a special account in the names of John Foster-Pegg and Derek Bollen to enable those who wish to donate towards a leaving present. There will be a dedicated box available in the Stalbridge Post Office for all donations. All donations can be made in a blank envelope containing

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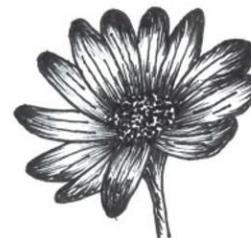
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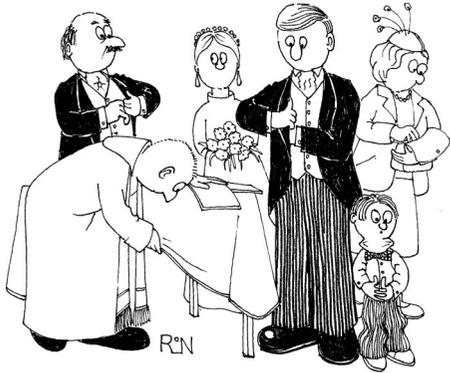
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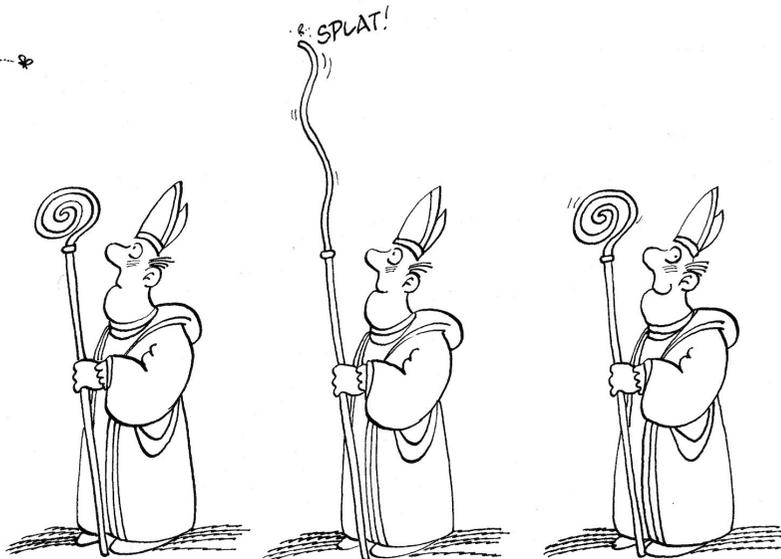
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There was a hold up while they looked for the pen

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## Church council

The minister was praising his church council. "Unlike others I have known, where half the council does all the work and the other half are hopeless, in this church it is completely the reverse!"

## Worship in the benefice from 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019

As you are probably aware the Rector Canon William Ridding is taking his well earned retirement on 14th July. Whilst William enjoys his time with fewer demands on his life, the work of the church here in the Spirehill Benefice will continue. This means the churches will have to "import" clergy to take some of the services. Following a meeting with the churchwardens and the church administration teams in Dorset the following patterns of services has been agreed at the four annual church meetings. Each church has accepted some changes from what they are used to, but it does mean that we can provide nearly the same level of services as at present. We will be dependent on local retired clergy and our lay ministers. It is planned that some services are to be taken by the Bishop of Sherborne, staff from Salisbury Cathedral as well as the Archdeacon and Rural Dean. So if you see a "new" face don't be surprised. The pattern is laid out below. Ed

Day	Time	Place	Service	Officiant
1st Sunday	9.30am	Stalbridge	Holy Communion CW1	Ordained
	11.00am	Kings Stag	Morning Worship CW	Lay Led
	11.00am	Purse Caundle	Holy Communion CW1 Trad	Ordained
	6.30pm	Stalbridge	Evening Prayer BCP	Lay Led
2nd Sunday	9.30am	Stalbridge	Holy Communion CW1	Ordained
	11.00am	Stourton Caundle	Holy Communion CW1	Ordained
	6.30pm	Stalbridge	Evening Prayer BCP	Lay Led
3rd Sunday	8.00am	Stalbridge	Holy Communion CW2	Ordained
	9.30am	Stalbridge	Morning Worship	Lay Led
	11.00am	Kings Stag	Holy Communion CW1	Ordained
4th Sunday	8.00am	Stock Gaylard	Holy Communion CW1 Trad	Ordained
	9.30am	Stalbridge	Holy Communion CW1	Ordained
	11.00am	Stourton Caundle	Morning Prayer	Lay Led
5th Sunday	10.00am	Where ever	Benefice Service	Various



## 2019 Pilgrimage 2 - 9 June 'The Spirit Unites'

**Thursday 30 May** 11 am Pre-event service

**Holy Communion for Ascension Day** St Mary & St James, Hazelbury Bryan

**Sunday 2 June**

Services in home churches at usual times

**Tuesday 4 June**

10 am Morning prayer, St Mary Stalbridge 10.30 am Walk to 'The Old Rectory', Stock Gaylard 2.15 pm Walk to St Peter, Stourton Caundle 3.30 pm evening prayer

**Wednesday 5 June**

Schools Pilgrimage events in individual benefices

**Thursday 6 June**

10.30 am Morning prayer, St Mary & St James, Hazelbury Bryan  
11 am Walk to 'The Ibberton'. Lunch (own expense)

**Friday 7 June**

6.15 pm Walk from St Andrew, Okeford Fitzpaine to the Beacon 7 pm Open Air Evening Service at the Beacon.

**Saturday 8 June**

10.30 am A walk between two Holy Places, from the Friary of St Francis, Hilfield to St Augustine's Well, Cerne Abbas. Event is open to all but is primarily aimed at 8-16 yr olds.

**Booking essential.**

**Sunday 9 June – Pentecost**

10.15 am Celebration of the 18 parishes in 'Pilgrims' Praise' Sturminster Newton High School with The Archdeacon of Sherborne

Full programmes and booking forms in churches early May



### Stalbridge Hall

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### Contacts for local clubs meeting at Stalbridge Hall

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Coffee Group.....	Ann Turnbull.....	01963 364622
Garden Society .....	Tony Moore .....	01963 365848
Lunch Club.....	Marigold Edwards.....	01963 363875
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Toddlers .....	<i>new contact to be appointed</i>	
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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

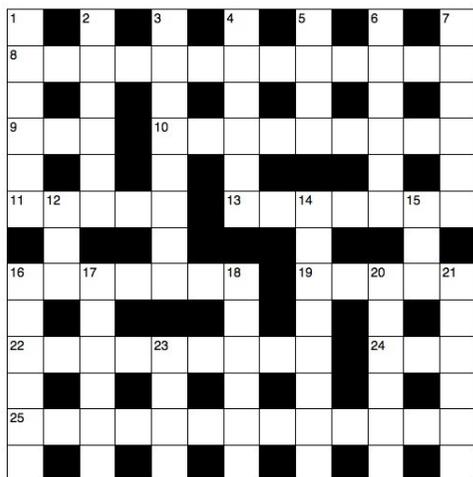
Monday to Friday

8am Morning Prayer and 5pm Evening Prayer

Thursday at 10am Holy Communion



## A Crossword for June



### Across

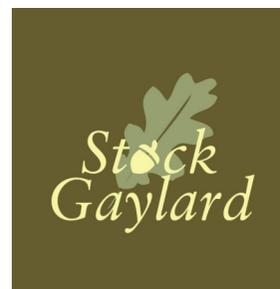
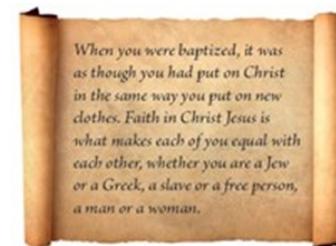
- 8 Laban complained he had not been allowed to kiss them when Jacob fled with his family (Genesis 31:28) (13)  
 9 In favour of (3)  
 10 'The child's father and mother — at what was said about him' (Luke 2:33) (9)  
 11 Swagger (Psalm 12:8) (5)  
 13 'Terrors — him on every side and dog his every step' (Job 18:11) (7)  
 16 Bay bits (anag.) (7)  
 19 Preach, address an audience, speak in public (5)  
 22 Holy Communion (9)  
 24 'On their way to — out the land, Joshua instructed them, "Go and make a survey of the land"' (Joshua 18:8) (3)  
 25 Joseph advised Pharaoh to appoint these to administer his grain storage plan (Genesis 41:34) (13)

### Down

- 1 'Assyria's pride will be brought down and — sceptre will pass away' (Zechariah 10:11) (6)  
 2 'And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in — with God and men' (Luke 2:52) (6)  
 3 The descendants of Esau (Genesis 36:9) (8)  
 4 The components of the crown that Jesus was made to wear before his crucifixion (John 19:2) (6)  
 5 Colour of cloth which was to cover holy objects in the tabernacle when moving camp (Numbers 4:6–12) (4)  
 6 One of the gold articles plundered from the Midianites offered to the Lord by the Israelite army 'to make atonement' (Numbers 31:50) (6)  
 7 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set — — ' (Jeremiah 31:29) (2,4)  
 12 Ate (anag.) (3)  
 14 'We ourselves... groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our — as sons' (Romans 8:23) (8)  
 15 Abram's nephew (Genesis 14:12) (3)  
 16 Rupture (Job 30:14) (6)  
 17 'Yet to all who received him... he gave the right to — children of God' (John 1:12) (6)  
 18 'I... asked him the true meaning of all — . — he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things' (Daniel 7:16) (4,2)  
 20 Military units (Exodus 14:20) (6)  
 21 'Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to — her to public disgrace' (Matthew 1:19) (6)  
 22 Diva (anag.) (4)

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday @ 4pm @ the Hub, 23rd June

An informal hour with a cup of tea and cake to dip into the world of Paul the Apostle at Galatia. Galatians is a strong letter, dealing with controversial matters. At its heart lies Paul's own commitment: 'May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.' Galatians is probably one of the earliest of Paul's letters, written to churches he himself had established in the central-southeastern heartland of modern-day Turkey.



Our Summer Concerts are being held on the dates shown below, starting at 6.00pm they last approximately an hour. The proceeds are in aid of the Church Roofing Works.

For tickets and information please contact Mrs Josie Langmead at [office@stockgaylard.com](mailto:office@stockgaylard.com) or phone 01963 23215. Additional information

### June 9th

Young Voices.

Amelia Monaghan (soprano) and Jordan Berry (tenor) have both recently completed their studies at Sherborne schools and will delight us with their singing.

### July 14th

Anthony Dodds and Colin Thompson will play guitar duets from England, France, Germany, Italy and South America. Their programme is a mixture of original pieces and arrangements covering 400 years of music.

### September 22nd

Andrew Stewart (counter tenor and lute), Louise Stewart and Frances Eustace (viols) will provide an evening of baroque music perfectly suited to the intimate atmosphere typical of the Stock Gaylard Summer Concerts.

## STALBRIDGE GARDEN SOCIETY

### May Meeting.

This evenings talk was on “How to impress the Photographic Judge” with Bob Indge, who is our Annual Summer Show judge.

Tony Moore our Chairman had previously written to all of the people who had entered their photographs in last year’s show, as he thought that this talk might be useful, when taking photographs for this year’s show, a super idea!

This also helped boost our members for the evening and it was nice to see some new and old faces too.

Bob who said that he does not usually give talks, but was however was happy to come along this evening to give us some of his knowledge and advice, to help make our photographs, perhaps be winners!

He began by explaining about the rule of thirds, this is when you take a picture, , separate it up into thirds, rather than splitting it into two sections, by doing thirds, e.g.; beach, sea, sky , it will be much more pleasing on the eye, rather than e.g. sea then sky, it makes for a better photo., when in thirds.

Another tip was to offset your photo e.g. if you are taking a picture of a castle or house set it away from the centre, perhaps get a small trees at the side, the same thing with taking a pathway slightly off set so that it draws your eye around rather than straight to it.

When taking a sunset or rise focus the picture with the sunset at the top two thirds, and the foreground only the bottom third.

Sense of scale, when taking something tall, e.g. a light house, or cliff face, where possible take the picture with a person in it wearing a bright colour, this gives a great sense of scale to your photograph.

Bob told us if you are taking a horizon, make sure that the picture is level, e.g. ships going uphill looks very strange.

Focus; when taking a picture of a flower, wildlife etc., focus sharply on the subject matter, blur the back ground and make sure that the back ground is not too fussy.

Cropping; if you have a nice photo but with debris around it then cut it down it does not have to be a set size, this will make the photo much clearer, and have more impact.

Framing; where possible use natural framing on photos for e.g. of a river, or a



## The Community Information Office @ the Hub

The Community Information Office is located in the Stalbridge Hub adjacent to the Library and is open on the following times:

Mon	09.30-11.30am	Wed	09.30-11.30am
Fri	2.00-4.00pm	Sat	09.30-11.30am

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

Our tea and coffee afternoons are now held every Friday afternoon between 2.00pm and 4.00pm, all are welcome to pop in, have a cuppa and a chat.

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 1<sup>st</sup> April between 10.00am and 12 noon. As well as refreshments and a happy chat with others, there is help with information and advice for individuals and their carers. Details about SCARS, the cancer support group can be obtained from Tracy White on 07834 996473.

The snowdrop memorial book is held in the Hub and forms to have a loved one remembered in the book are available for completion.

Many organisations are now using the Hub so please look at the Stalbridge community website for information: [www.stalbridge.info](http://www.stalbridge.info) This excellent website will give you details of what’s going on in Stalbridge, its businesses, its clubs, the Town Council, the churches, its school and many other ideas.

Free welcome packs for new residents in Stalbridge are available, please call in for one if you have just moved in.

The Hub is proving to be a valued resource for our community of Stalbridge and is run by an enthusiastic band of volunteers. 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. Your help would be valued as we need more volunteers.





# Stalbridge Congregational Church

Affiliated to the Congregational Federation

June 2019

Sunday Morning Worship: 10.00 am  
worship is a mixture of traditional and modern

1st Sunday Breakfast Church meets at 10 am for  
breakfast followed by informal all age worship

Coffee Mornings - Wednesdays from 10 until 11.30am  
Coffee, Tea and chat

Wednesdays 10 am – 12 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 Diana 07907202473 or Angela Goss 07510575565  
The church is open for quiet thoughts or to speak to someone

Little Wridders Wednesdays 10 am – 11.30 am

Parents' and baby group – all welcome  
pre-school siblings welcome for art/craft time

Facebook Family Groups at the Congregational Hall Stalbridge

Rhythm, Rhyme & Story Time - Thursdays 9.30- 10.30

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm Film Night tbc

Messy Church– June 19th 3.30 – 5.30 pm  
Messy Church for parents and children-crafts worship and food

Body and Soul Bible Study/ Lunch Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June  
12 pm

For more information contact Sandra on 01202 822133,  
email [sturner158@btinternet.com](mailto:sturner158@btinternet.com)

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and or for Hall hire Pam Tredger on 01963 363106

tree on a hill, natural framing, could be some branches in the foreground, but light needs to be filtering through, don't overdo the framing to detract from the picture its self.

Other things Bob covered were exposure, clarity, impact, and the wow factor. He also said that it's not when taking a photo e.g.; of the best rose in your garden is sure to win! If it's not focused and sharp, then it is not going to make the grade.

This was a brilliant talk by Bob, with lots of question, he certainly taught me a great deal, and I'm sure everyone will look at photography in a whole new light when taking a photo. I look forward to some super pictures in our annual show.

Tony ended with thanks, and wishing us well with the plant and jumble sale on Saturday, as he was going to be away with the Bonsai group in France, a great opportunity for him.

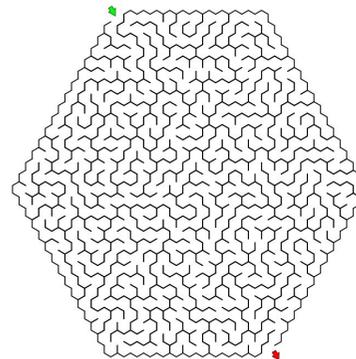
Michelle gave out details of the up and coming trip in July, to Yews farm in Martock.

The evening ended with coffee, biscuits and the raffle lead by Marigold. Thank you also to William Ridding for the use of the slide projector, it was a great help.

Next month the talk is our very own Geoff Greenough on "From Garden Boy to Woodland Supervisor" which we all look forward to. Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 7.30p.m at the hall

Time to sow and plant up and out in your garden, beans, lettuce, pot up containers, tubs, window boxes, and not forgetting hanging baskets. Don't forget to enter your hanging basket into the competition, for the annual show in August, pick up a form at Dike and Son who very kindly sponsor it.

Watch out for late frosts, you still might need that fleece! *Michelle Howell*



Amazing!

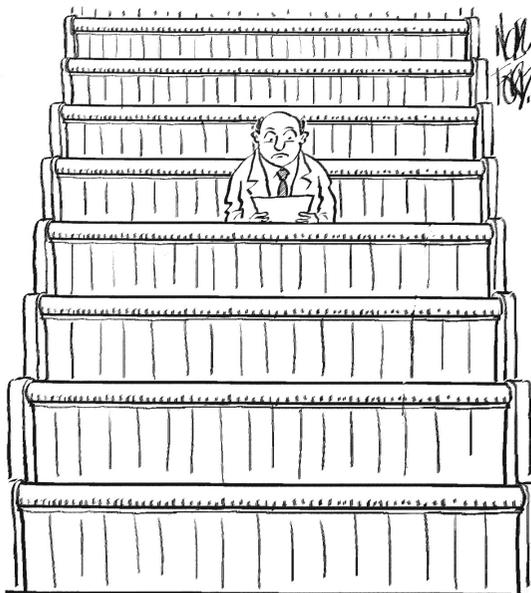
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## News from St Barnabas

Please join us for Choral Evensong at 4.00 pm on Sunday, 16th June, at Stock Church, in celebration of our Patron Saint, St Barnabas. This service will be followed by a cream tea and a warm welcome is extended to all who would like to come.

The PCC take this opportunity to issue a gentle reminder about the retirement of our Rector, and if anyone would like to donate to his leaving gift, please contact Mike Williams (817616) or Janet Minikin (817180). Grateful thanks are extended to those who have already contributed, and we look forward to seeing many of you at William's social occasion on 13th July from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm in the Village Hall, Stalbridge, and at his final service at Stalbridge Church on 14th July at 10.00 am.

JM



With the congregation depleted by the bug that was going around, it suddenly dawned on Roy that he wouldn't be able to get away with just miming to the hymns this week

One who boasts of being a self-made person relieves the Lord of a lot of responsibility.

If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

Try Jesus. If you don't like Him, the devil will always take you back.

You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?

As long as there are exams, there will be prayer in schools.

Go to church this Sunday - and avoid the Christmas rush.

## May Meeting

This month's meeting was held in the Congregational Church as the local elections were taking place and began with congratulations to Elizabeth Wareham who has taken over the position of President from Wendy Bailey who has done an excellent job over the years.

A warm welcome was given to all members and visitors, Jerusalem was heartily sung and four exquisite birthday posies made by Karen Robinson were presented to the birthday girls.

A lively social evening was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> April with Henstridge WI, where a friendly skittles match was held at the Bird in Hand Henstridge, this turned out to be a very enjoyable evening. Loud laughter filled the alley where we were soon clapping and shouting encouragement from both sides. An enjoyable buffet was served to us after the game where a lot of friendly banter was to be had around all the tables. Pleased to say that Stalbridge WI won the game. Stalbridge WI are looking forward to having another friendly skittles evening of laughter and fun in the near future.

Our speaker for the 4<sup>th</sup> May WI evening was Janet Ridout from Hands on Flowers Workshop who very kindly Demonstrated the art of flower arranging. Janet showed us some magnificent flower arranging tips and techniques to make the best use of the flowers for different situations.

We all made amazing flower arrangements with a wide assortment of flowers that were available to us, the scent of the flowers filled the Hall with the heady aroma. Ladies walking around the tables looking at the flowers saying how nice their arrangements are. A fierce competitive spirit then ensued which led to Janet Ridout very kindly agreeing to judge all the arrangements. 1st place went to Wendy Bailey, 2nd to Tracy White and 3rd place was awarded to Ann Hunter. Well done to the three ladies.

Our next meeting is on the 6<sup>th</sup> June at the Village Hall where we will be having a talk from Sandie Ferguson who will be telling us about the Women on the Oregon Trail-Quilts.

*Yvonne Lound*

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INSPIRING WOMEN

according to the hope of eternal life.

**Saturday** (*John 20.19-23*)

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

**Response**

*A time of Silence for reflection, ending with*

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people  
**and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

**Prayers**

Prayers may include these concerns:

- God's royal priesthood, for empowerment by the Spirit*
- Those who wait on God, that they may find renewal*
- All people, that they may acknowledge the kingdom of the ascended Christ*
- The earth, for productivity and for fruitful harvests*
- All who are struggling with broken relationships*

**The Collect**

Almighty God,  
who sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of his grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Conclusion**

May God kindle in us the fire of love.  
**Amen.**

**Prayer During the Day in July**  
**(celebrating the Holy Spirit)**

*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.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us,  
**and clothe us with power from on high. Alleluia.**

**Praise**

Blessed are you, creator God,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
As your Spirit moved over the face of the waters  
bringing light and life to your creation,  
pour out your Spirit on us today  
that we may walk as children of light  
and by your grace reveal your presence.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

**The Word of God**

<i>Sunday</i>	Psalm 104.26-end	<i>Thursday</i>	Psalm 48
<i>Monday</i>	Psalm 36.5-10	<i>Friday</i>	Psalm 118.19-2446.1-7
<i>Tuesday</i>	Psalm 150	<i>Saturday</i>	Psalm
<i>Wednesday</i>	Psalm 33.1-12		

## Scripture Reading

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

### Sunday (Joel 2.28-32)

Then afterwards I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

### Monday (John 14.15-17,25,26)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.'

### Tuesday (Galatians 5.16-18,22-26)

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

### Wednesday (Romans 8.1-11)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

### Thursday (Acts 2.1-6,12,13)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

### Friday (Titus 3.3-7)

We ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, despicable, hating one another. But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs