



**Pontesbury & Stiperstones
family of Churches**



**Sunday 26th May 2024
Trinity Sunday**

Services today

9:00am	Morning Prayer	- Holy Trinity, Hope
10:30am	Holy Communion	- St George's, Pontesbury
4:00pm	Tea-Time Service	- Minsterley Parish Hall

**Services in Stiperstones and Pontesbury
next Sunday 2nd June
1st Sunday after Trinity**

9:00am	Holy Communion	- All Saint's, Shelve
10:30am	All Age Worship	- St George's, Pontesbury
10:30am	Holy Communion	- Holy Trinity, Minsterley
5:00pm	Evensong	- St Mary's, Habberley

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1. Isaiah 6. 1-8

Isaiah's commission

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: with two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another:

'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.'

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

'Woe to me!' I cried. 'I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.'

Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, 'See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?'

And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'

2. Romans 8. 12-17

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation – but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, '*Abba*, Father.' The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory

3. John 3. 1-17

Jesus teaches Nicodemus

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.'

Jesus replied, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.'

'How can someone be born when they are old?' Nicodemus asked. 'Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!'

Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, "You must be born again." The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.'

'How can this be?' Nicodemus asked.

'You are Israel's teacher,' said Jesus, 'and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven – the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.'

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Events this coming week

Mon 27th

Tues 28th 10:00am Foodbank - Holy Trinity, Minsterley

12:00noon Oasis bereavement group - Minsterley Methodist Chapel
7:00pm The Gathering - Marton Village Hall

Wed 29th 10:00am Coffee Hub - Holy Trinity Minsterley
7:00pm Rea Valley Prayer Group

Thurs 30th 10:00am Foodbank – St George’s, Pontesbury

Fri 31st 10:00am Coffee morning - St George’s, Pontesbury

Sat 1st 10:00am Table Top sale & Duck race - St George’s, Pontesbury
10:00am Minsterley Away Day - Snailbeach Village Hall

Notices

Hope and Shelve Fete: The Hope and Shelve Summer Fete will take place on Saturday June 1st from 2-4pm at Leigh Manor, Minsterley SY5 0EG. We need your unwanted books for the bookstall, as well as someone to do some face-painting. Please contact Rev Fran if you can help.

Table Top Sale: June 1st. Tables £10. Book with Mary Worrall.

Duck race. Ducks £1, Starts at 12.noon

Callow Run: The Callow Run will be happening again this year on June 1st, organised by Anna Bayliss. Do contact Anna (07816 679216) if you would like to take part or for more info. The Run immediately precedes the Hope and Shelve Parish Fete at Leigh Manor, so why not make a day of it and enjoy both events?

Romans Course: A course on the Book of Romans, St Paul’s great masterpiece, started last Monday and continues on June 3rd at 7 p.m. at 3 Earls Court. Please speak to Richard or Allen if you would like to know more. Missing the introductory session is no bar to attendance.

Minsterley Jumble Trail: Declutter your home and make some money for you and Holy Trinity! Minsterley Jumble Trail is taking place on 15th June from 10am - 2pm. Book a sellers spot for £10 and your address will be added to the FREE Jumble Trail map which will be circulated to the wider community. For more information and to book your table contact Sarah on 07971 984925

Archdeacon’s Visitation: Our churchwardens will be sworn in by the Archdeacon at a Visitation Service at St George’s on Monday June 17th at 7 p.m. Do come along to this to hear the Archdeacon’s vision for the Deanery and support our wonderful churchwardens.