



**Pontesbury & Stiperstones  
family of Churches**

**Sunday 28th July 2024  
9th Sunday after Trinity**



**Services today**

9:00am	Baptism and Holy Communion	- Holy Trinity, Hope
9:30am	Holy Communion	- St George's, Pontesbury
10.30am	Holiday Club Celebration	- St George's, Pontesbury
4:00pm	Teatime Service	- Minsterley Village Hall

**Services in Stiperstones and Pontesbury  
next Sunday 4th August  
10th Sunday after Trinity**

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

**For more information visit** [st-george.org.uk](http://st-george.org.uk) **or** [stiperstoneschurches.org.uk](http://stiperstoneschurches.org.uk)

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## **1. Ephesians 3. 14-end**

### **A prayer for the Ephesians**

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

## **2. John 6. 1-21**

### **Jesus feeds the five thousand**

Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing those who were ill. Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming towards him, he said to Philip, 'Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?' He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

Philip answered him, 'It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!'

Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, 'Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?'

Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, 'Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.' So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, 'Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

### **Jesus walks on the water**

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were frightened. But he said to them, 'It is I; don't be afraid.' Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

## **Events this coming week**

Tues 30th	10:00am	Foodbank - Holy Trinity, Minsterley
Wed 31st	10:00am	Coffee Hub - Holy Trinity Minsterley
Thurs 1st	10:00am	Foodbank – St George's, Pontesbury
Fri 2nd	10:00am	Coffee Stop - St George's, Pontesbury

## **Notices**

### **The Gathering**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July, refreshments from 7pm, 7:30pm start. An evening of praising and worshipping God. Everyone welcome. Marton Village Hall.

### **Garden Service**

Everyone is warmly invited to the Garden Service hosted by Pontesbury Congregational Church on Sunday August 11th at 2.30 p.m.

### **Group Service**

Please note that the next Group Service will be at Shelve at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday August 25th

### **Minsterley Show baking**

Could our fabulous bakers please let me know what you've already baked and frozen and / or what you're intending to making for the refreshment tent at Minsterley Show please? I'm trying to ascertain how much more we need to organise or if we're on track. You can email me on [sarahedwards90@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahedwards90@hotmail.com) or call/message 07971 984925

**Singing Workshop** -The Melody Makers (formerly the Halfway House Ladies Choir) Several members of Holy Trinity Minsterley sing in this choir and David Young is the accompanist. An open invitation to come along and join in our singing workshop 7.30pm - 9.00pm on Thursday 15th August at Minsterley Methodist Chapel led by the amazing Charlotte Woodford. Open to all, ages 16+. Arrive 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start; enjoy a cuppa and a chat after. Just £10 per person; booking essential. For more information contact Karen on 07917 620110, or David Young on 01743 537081.