



# **Pontesbury & Stiperstones** **family of Churches**

**Sunday 10th March 2024**

**4th Sunday of Lent**

**Mothering Sunday**



## **Services today**

9:00am	Holy Communion	- Holy Trinity, Hope
10:30am	Holy Communion	- St George's, Pontesbury
10:30am	Holy Communion	- Holy Trinity, Minsterley
3:00pm	Mothers Day Service	- St Luke's, Snailbeach

## **Services in Stiperstones and Pontesbury next Sunday 17th March** **5th Sunday of Lent** **(Passiontide begins)**

9:00am	Morning Prayer	- All Saints, Shelve
10:00am	Morning Worship	- Minsterley Methodist Church
10:30am	Holy Communion	- St George's, Pontesbury
5:00pm	Holy Communion	- 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 Samuel 1: 20-end

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.'

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young.

Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli.

And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD.

For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.'

She left him there for the LORD.

## **2 Psalm 127: 1-4**

*A Song of Ascents. Of Solomon.*

Unless the LORD builds the house,  
those who build it labour in vain.  
Unless the LORD guards the city,  
the guard keeps watch in vain.  
It is in vain that you rise up early  
and go late to rest,  
eating the bread of anxious toil;  
for he gives sleep to his beloved.  
Sons are indeed a heritage from the LORD,  
the fruit of the womb a reward.  
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior  
are the sons of one's youth.

## **3 John 19: 25b-27**

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.'

Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.'

And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

### Events this coming week

Monday 11th	3:30pm	Youth Café - Holy Trinity, Minsterley
	5:00pm	Evening prayer - Holy Trinity, Minsterley
	7:00pm	Pontesbury Fundraising & Outreach Cttee - 15 Manor Park
Tuesday 12th	10:00am	Foodbank - Holy Trinity, Minsterley
	10:00am	Little Dragons - St George's, Pontesbury
	6:00pm	Palm Sunday Rehearsal - St George's, Pontesbury
	7:00pm	Minsterley open meeting - Minsterley Parish Hall
Wednesday 13th	10:00am	Coffee Hub - Holy Trinity Minsterley
	12:00pm	Lent Lunch - St George's, Pontesbury
	3:20pm	Pontesbury Youth Café
	7:00pm	Pontesbury Festival meeting - The Pavilion
Thursday 14th	10:00am	Foodbank – St George's, Pontesbury
	10:00am	Trinity Tots - Holy Trinity, Minsterley
	12:00pm	Lent Lunch - Hope Village Hall
Friday 15th	10:00am	Coffee morning - St Georges', Pontesbury

### Notices

**Pontesbury Festival:** Plans are afoot for a Pontesbury Festival in the summer of 2025. There is an initial exploratory meeting on Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup> at the Pavilion at 7 p.m. to which all are welcome.

**Open Meeting:** There is an Open Meeting at Minsterley Parish Hall on Tuesday 12th March at 7p.m. when plans will be shared for the development of the church. Free entry to a £50 prize draw to all who attend. Everyone welcome.

**Year of Faith Event:** On Thursday March 14th, there is a Bishop's Study Day at the Craven Arms Community Centre, where Paul Williams and Andrew Ollerton of the Bible Society are leading us. Some of you will know Andrew Ollerton as the leader of the Bible Course that some of us have been following on Monday evenings. Tickets are available via the Diocesan website. Booking is advisable since the event is likely to sell out.

**Marriage Preparation:** We are hosting four couples on Saturday 23rd March for marriage preparation. If anyone would be willing to help prepare lunch for 10 people on that day, please contact Greg.

**Palm Sunday:** Lent is here and thoughts turn to the Palm Sunday Passion Drama, which will be enacted at St George's at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in contributing to this in any way (acting/stage management/music/narration/directing/technical) please speak to Greg at your earliest convenience.

**Sunrise Service:** There will be a Sunrise Service on Easter morning at Lower Camp on Pontesford Hill at 6.30 a.m. Greg would be pleased to hear from anyone who would be willing to read at this service.