

Stoke St Gregory Baptist Church
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News



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From Sonya

I wonder whether you are thinking of making a New Year's resolution this year? I've been thinking recently about why people do this. I think it is because the ability to make a fresh start, to begin again and live better in the coming year is an attractive one.

Unfortunately, although most of us begin with great intentions we often lack the strength and perseverance required to make a genuine difference to our lives.



There is good news though. Our God is the God of fresh starts. If we look at the life of Jesus, he was constantly giving those who were willing, the chance to begin again and live differently. Our God is longing to give us a fresh start today and enable us to live better. What we need to do is to confess to God where we have not been living up to Jesus' example and ask God to transform us and to help us to make changes. It will still not be easy and we will need to work at it, but the Holy Spirit is able to give us the strength and perseverance that we need to make genuine changes to the way that we live. Why not think of one small change you would like to make and start working with God on it. You never know where God will lead you.

Happy New Year to you all,

Blessings, Sonya

You crown the year with a bountiful harvest; even the hard pathways overflow with abundance. *Psalm 65:11 (NLT)*

For our Prayers

Anne Gadsby
David and Gillian Akerman
Dawn and Jamie Marriott, Alice and Luke
Jimmy and Sian Higginson, James and Marley
Our schools, teachers and pupils



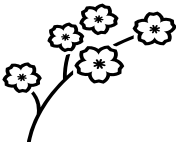
BMS Birthday Scheme



We celebrate the birthdays this month of Tony Yaskin on 27th and Freda Gadsby on 28th.

We thank them for supporting the scheme and wish them a joyful day.

January Flowers



1st No Service
8th Alison White
15th Gillian Akerman
29th Dianne Callaghan

February 5th Anne Coate

January 2023 Calendar

Day	Time	Event
Sun 1st		NO SERVICE TODAY
Thurs 5th	9.30am-11.30am	TWiGs in the Schoolroom
Sun 8th	9.30am	Covenant Communion Service (Stoke Stampede)
Weds 11th	12 noon	Luncheon Club in the Schoolroom
Thurs 12th	9.30am-11.30am	TWiGs in the Schoolroom
Sun 15th	10.30am	FAMILY SERVICE
Weds 18th	7.30pm	Deacons meeting
Thurs 19th	9.30am-11.30am	TWiGs in the Schoolroom
Sun 22nd	11.00am	JOINT SERVICE at St Gregory's Church (week of prayer for Christian Unity)
Weds 25th	12 noon 7.30pm	Luncheon Club in the Schoolroom Homegroup
Thurs 26th	9.30am-11.30am	TWiGs in the Schoolroom
Sun 29th	10.30am	FAMILY SERVICE followed by Church Members Meeting