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St. Mary and St. Gabriel's Church



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From the Revd Chris Martin

Dear Friends,

Giving to Stoke Gabriel Church

For centuries the church has been at the centre of village life and, as a place of worship, has been a constant reminder of the presence of God in our daily lives, for generation after generation. The church's ministry in the village continues and needs to be resourced, so that the Church may continue to:

- -bring the community together in worship to celebrate God's love for us, -provide pastoral care and support to those in need locally, nationally and globally,
- -have our own resident priest,
- -further our work with children, young people and families,
- -be available to minister at life's significant events, such as christenings, marriages and funerals,
- -be able to meet the running costs of the church building,
- -care for and maintain our church building and grounds, so that this 'sacred space' in the community can be passed on to future generations.

The years since the Covid pandemic have been especially challenging and the Church's income is yet to recover to its pre-covid levels. This means that it will be a challenge to meet the £54,000 requested by the Diocese of Exeter to meet our Common Fund obligations in 2024, as well as the other costs involved in keeping the church at the heart of the community.

Accordingly, in June, the Parochial Church Council has decided to launch the 'Parish Giving Scheme' (PGS). This is a very simple and efficient way to make regular donations to the church and, as well as cutting down on administration, it enables the church to quickly benefit from the associated gift aid on monthly donations. There is also the possibility of automatically increasing your gift annually in line with inflation, which has the potential to transform our capacity for mission over the longer term, but this is purely optional.

All our regular givers will soon be receiving details of the PGS. If you are not a regular giver, but would like to be, please pick up one of the PGS booklets that will soon be available in church or check out either the parish church's website or www.parishgiving.org.uk

We are so grateful to those who have given so much of their time, money and skill to the church over many years, and to those who continue to do so. Please know that however and whenever you give, we are very grateful.

Revd Chris

May Services 2024

Wednesday 1st

10:00am Communion

Sunday 5th, 6th of Easter

8:15am Eucharist

11:00am Eucharist

Wednesday 8th

10:00am Communion by Extension

Sunday 12th, 7th of Easter, Sunday after Ascension

8:15am Eucharist

11:00am Eucharist

Wednesday 15th

10:00am Communion

Sunday 19th Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

8:15am Eucharist

11:00am Eucharist

Wednesday 22nd

10:00am Communion by Extension

Sunday 26th, Trinity Sunday - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

8:15am Eucharist

11:00am Eucharist

18:30pm Evensong

Wednesday 29th

10:00am Communion

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Waddeton Chapel Services to be confirmed

9:30am Morning prayer ☐ Holy Communion

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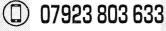
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Parish Register

Interment of ashes: 3rd April

Rodney Reginald Cummings, aged 80 years, previously of S.G.

Burial: 4th April

Mariann Ford Fairchild aged 93 years, Rydon Well, Long Rydon, S.G.

The Friends of Stoke Gabriel Church

invite you to their Annual General Meeting in the Old School Room

on Tuesday 7 May at 6pm.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Friends of Stoke Gabriel Church

invite you to a talk by Dr Rosemary Yallop:

House and Garden: How the Victorians invented the Ideal Home
Wednesday 15 May

Village Hall at 7pm, £5 entry for members and £7 for non members.

The Friends of Stoke Gabriel Church

invite you to their Summer Garden Party

Tuesday 25 June, 6-8pm at the Old Vicarage £10 entry for members and £12 for non members

The annual churchyard working party is due to take place on Tuesday May 21st from 10.00 to 12.00. There is always a lot of ivy to clear from walls and monuments, so, if you have an hour or two to spare, please join us at the churchyard suitably attired and equipped with the required garden tools.

Mike Stott



Stoke Gabriel Bell Ringers

Church Clock

Some parishioners noticed that the church clock had stopped on a number of occasions recently. An engineer was called and some maintenance work was completed. We trust that the clock, originally installed in 1906, will now continue running without any further mishap.

Bank Holidays and other notable days during May

There will be a total of two bank holidays this May. The first Monday is known as May Day or early May Bank Holiday and this year it falls on 5th May and on 27th May, the final Monday of the month, is called the Spring Bank Holiday. During May 2024 we also celebrate the first anniversary of the Coronation of King Charles III on 6th May, Ascension Day on 9th, Whit Sunday and St Dunstan's Day on 9th and Trinity Sunday 26th.

Training Day - 3 May: The Devon Association has arranged a series of training days at venues throughout the county with the next event on 3 May at Ilfracombe. This particular event is designed to provide ringers with further skills; it is a judging workshop so open to aspiring judges, established judges or ringers who wish to know more about judging.

Bell Sunday 12 May

Bell Sunday is an annual opportunity to celebrate the contribution of bell ringers to the life of the church, and to acknowledge the part that bells play in worship and community life all the year round. This year Bell Sunday falls on 12th May 2024, and it is hoped that many churches will take this opportunity to highlight bell ringing in whatever way is appropriate locally. Bell Sunday is always kept on a Sunday close to St Dunstan's feast day, May 19, who is known as the patron saint of bell ringers due to his experimentation in the early forging of bells in the 900s and his encouragement of the use of bells in parish churches. Today, the day is designed to raise awareness of bell ringing, to emphasise the importance of the sound of bells in our communities and how it can help bring church and community together.

Why is St. Dunstan the patron saint of bell ringers?

Dunstan took a keen interest in the physical trappings of the church. A noted musician, who not only played the harp but also composed several hymns, Dunstan recognised the power of music to call people to worship. Together with his knowhow in metalworking, he experimented with the design and forging of church bells. now interwoven into the very fabric of life in towns and villages across England. It is said Dunstan even predicted the date of his own death; bell ringers have always been good at timekeeping. Beloved for centuries, Saint Dunstan, formally canonised in 1029, became patron saint of bell ringers. His other patronages include blacksmiths, goldsmiths, locksmiths, musicians, and silversmiths. He is buried at Canterbury Cathedral. (continues page 5) Page 4



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(bellringers, continued)

Report on the striking competition held at Ide on 6 April 2024.

I am pleased to report that 18 teams entered this competition and that Stoke Gabriel came a commendable 4th. The local team hosted a wonderful tea and the competition ran very efficiently with the teams being able to ring at the allocated time. This is an annual competition at Ide that is usually held on the first Saturday in April and regarded as the first invitation competition of the season.

Notable Dates, Competitions and Events

- 4 May Totnes Deanery competition TBC; 5 May Early Spring Bank Holiday
- 6 May First anniversary of the King's Coronation; 9 May Ascension Day
- 11 May South Devon Qualifier at Ilsington
- 12 May Bell Sunday; 19 May Whit Sunday and St Dunstan's Day
- 25 May Minor Final at Dalwood
- 26 May Trinity Sunday; 27 May Spring Bank Holiday
- 1 June Stoke Gabriel annual outing
- 8 June Major Final at Kentisbeare
- 15 June Trooping the Colour, the King's birthday parade
- 22 June Loddiswell invitation competition Michael Webster, Tower Captain.

The Easter Crafty Event in the Old Schoolroom

A really good time was had by all at the Easter Crafty Event in the Old Schoolroom, on Easter Saturday. Lots of children came with their families and enjoyed learning about the story of Easter in the things that they were making. They made Easter crosses, planted seeds, made Easter baskets with chocolate eggs, did some braiding, played a game and made a beautiful Easter garden to put in the Church. Then the children went into Church for a story, some prayers and some lovely songs, led by Rev. Chris on his guitar. The songs were

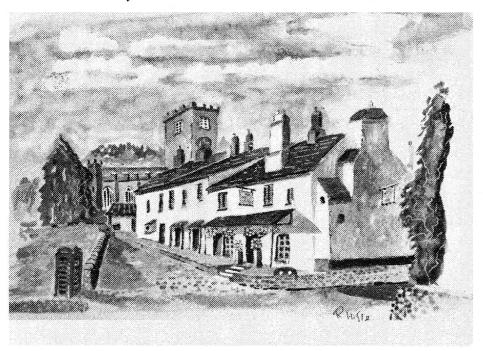


so popular that one tiny tot could be heard singing them all the way along the path to the school room, as the children made their way back for a delicious tea with a special cake made by Pat, decorated on top with the Easter story. The theme of the day was 'The Missing Piece' and the children learned that, though we often search for all kinds of things in life to make us feel happy and satisfied, there is often that feeling in our hearts that there is something missing and that Jesus, who died and rose again for us at Easter, is that missing piece that we are all searching for. The children learned that Jesus loves us more than we can ever imagine and that it is by letting him into our hearts that we find that missing piece and discover real joy.

The next crafty event in the Old Schoolroom will be on Saturday 18th May, so put the date in your diary and bring along your friends for a lovely afternoon, sharing time together, crafting and learning and eating cake! Martine

The Church House Inn

Continuing with excerpts from Raymond Hifle's illustrated book about Stoke Gabriel with words by Mike Stott



The Church House Inn, formally the Church House, was originally built in the mediaeval period reputedly to provide accommodation for those building the church. At different times over the centuries, the ground floor became the inn and the first floor was used as the village school, the vestry, and the local court providing the governing body of the parish. It was also used to store the parish's armour and weaponry during the 17th century.

On the wall of the Church House is a case displaying a mummified cat which is over three hundred years old. It was found in the roof space of the verger's cottage, an apparently common practice to ward off evil spirits.

The Church House continues to be owned by the church and was developed in 2019 to provide new toilets, a beer cellar and an upstairs (continued on page 7) room.



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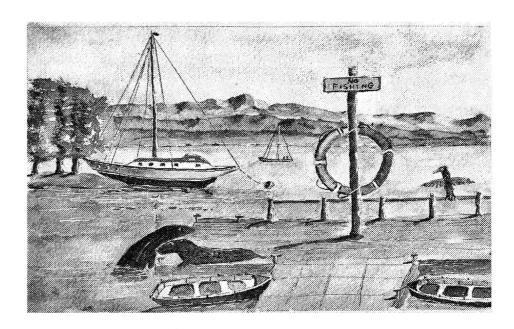
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Salmon fishing

The village was the headquarters of the Dart salmon fishery. No licenses are available today, but in the early 20^{th} century there were seven licensed fishermen. Their interests were championed by the local vicar the Rev'd Napper Nevill. In 1912, he led a village revolt against a landowner who had erected a gate across a footpath that crossed his land to the fishing boats. Without access to their boats, their livelihood was threatened, so the vicar took a handsaw and destroyed the gate in front of the new owner, much to the evident joy of the fishermen.

The Dartmouth based Newfoundland fishing industry provided employment for local men during the 17th and 18th centuries. The cod were caught in Newfoundland and then exported to Mediterranean countries where a better price could be obtained. A hazardous job at the best of times, it became a worry when the boats were being seized by Barbary pirates off the African coast and the captured men were ransomed or sold into slavery.



The pontoon: seals and cormorants ignore the "No Fishing" sign

STOKE GABRIEL BOATING ASSOCIATION SPRINGS INTO ACTION – AND IS OPEN TO ALL!

The Stoke Gabriel Boating Association (SGBA) is open to all and offers a low-cost way of getting out on the water and involved with water-based activity on the Dart Estuary. We have over 50 club-owned craft available to all members (paddleboards, kayaks, canoes, sailing dinghies and dayboats), and two motor boats available for hire to those with an RYA Power Boat 2 Certificate (after a safety check), for a minimal fee. Please come down to the Clubhouse at Mill Point on a Sunday (about 2 hours either side of high water) to see what is on offer and learn more about the club. Members with their own boats are also very welcome: we have storage space on the foreshore for dinghies, or in racks for kayaks, canoes, paddleboards and inflatable tenders (there is usually a waiting list for boat spaces). The good news: there is no waiting list to join, membership rates are set at a reasonable rate, and all club boats are bookable on a first come basis. We offer plenty of training opportunities, for both beginners and the more experienced. This season, we have kicked off with a course for new Dinghy Instructors which will add to our homegrown talented pool of young experts. Also, in April and May we have training for power boat helms and adult dinghy sailors as well as our first Junior Sailing Course of the year at half term. (Opportunities continue throughout the summer with further Junior Sailing Courses in July and August). For a full programme of events see www.sgba.org.uk/events.

As part of SGBA's work with **Stoke Gabriel Primary School**, several free places on our Junior Sailing Courses are available to eligible school pupils and in mid-June we are providing boating activities for Years 5 and 6. These and other initiatives form part of our charitable activities to encourage water sports on the Dart. The main attraction is the dinghy sailing but the children are also

given the opportunity to try **kayaks and paddleboards** to become all round water safety aware. SGBA can offer sailing experiences to other children's organisations.

There are plenty of ways for adults to enjoy the water too and we always welcome new faces to come and enjoy what the Club has to offer, whether an organised paddle to the pub, supported Sunday sailing and boating or more formal training.

SGBA has been working with Dart Harbour and the Parish Council to bring additional benefits to the Community, including the **proposed new pontoon** at Mill Point.

Further training courses for children and adults will continue until September, and we also hope to be participating in the **Stoke Gabriel Carnival** events including the infamous Mill Pool Challenge (in partnership with FOSS). SGBA is affiliated to the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) and an RYA Recognised Training Centre (subject to annual inspection). We have received support from Sport England and are a Registered Charity. SGBA aims to meet and, if possible exceed the requirements of the relevant bodies for Equality, Diversity, Safeguarding, Environment, Health and Safety. The Club is run entirely by volunteers and always welcomes new members.

PLEASE VISIT MILL POINT ANY SUNDAY APRIL TO OCTOBER to see what we offer or feel free to contact us by email: commodore@sgba.org.uk for more information.

Peter Waite, Chair of Trustees, SGBA



Learning water skills - Sam Simmons

Cover photo: Junior Sailing - Mel Gillmore

Stoke Gabriel Cricket Club

Finally the weather appears to be turning to something more favourable. The amount of rain we have had has caused delay in getting the ground ready for playing cricket, a busy couple of weeks ahead! Friendlies arranged for April were unfortunately not possible to play but the season openers look like being the first action for the teams. Come along and enjoy an afternoon at the J E Eastley Memorial Ground supporting the club and teams.

May home fixtures

Sat 4th 2nd XI v Stokenteignhead 1pm; Sat 11th 1st XI v Clyst St George 12pm Sun 12th Friendly XI v Broadclyst 1.30pm; Sat 18th 2nd XI v Kingsbridge 1pm Sat 25th 1st XI v Bideford/Littleham/Westward Ho! 12pm

Sun 26th SGCC Women v Cornwood 10.30am; SGCC Women v Plympton Stoke Gabriel Cricket Club have now formed a Womens cricket team and entered the Devon Women's Super 8's League in their inaugural season.

The league is designed to provide a stepping stone between the Women's Softball and Hardball League. Three teams play two games each on a Sunday. The games are 8 aside and short 16 over matches. Winners of each group will go through to the Trophy competition. **Our fixtures this season are:**

Sunday 05 05 24 v Cornwood and Plymouth (away)

Sunday 26 05 24 v Cornwood and Plympton (home)

Sunday 16 06 24 v Plympton and Plymouth (away)

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Allstars (5 -8 years) and Dynamos (8-12 years) starting 31st May. Sign up opens April 10th. Matt Kerr 07875056150 for more details. Start Friday 31 May.

Our Social membership is a great way to support your local club:. Membership is just £10 for the year. Come along and sign up at one of our social events or email the club secretary. Off the field our social events continue to be well supported, our monthly Sunday lunch at the club being as popular as ever. Places for this go very quickly so if you are keen to come along then please contact Tom Hannaford-Hill or Tony Rowe to find out more. DATE FOR THE DIARY - SUNDAY LUNCH MAY 19TH For general club hire for parties etc please contact Tom or Tony, they will be very happy to speak to you.

New website coming soon! www.stokegabrielcricketclub.co.uk

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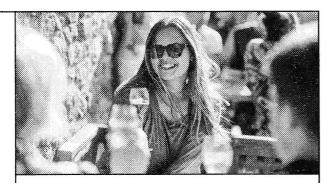


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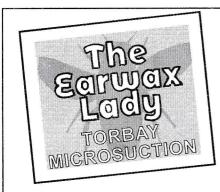
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September 21st - Tim Mirfin, an illustrated talk, 'The phenomenon of the Opera Singer' (The Village Hall at 7.30)

STOKE GABRIEL ART GROUP

We welcome the month of May and hope it brings us the long awaited sunshine that has been eluding us all!

Our recent AGM on April 11th was well supported and took place after our usual Thursday Workshop. There was a competition for the O'Callaghan Cup based on the theme 'Colours?' The well-deserved winner was a new member Helen Toll, who painted a stunning view of Brixham with all its colourful properties rising up from the harbour with the Golden Hind and sails on boats creating a wonderful picture of the nearby busy town and port.

On Tuesday 7th May we have Catherine Kennedy coming to the Village Hall for a demonstration in Oils of waves and seascapes. Everyone very welcome! 7.30 pm start with refreshments. £2 members, £3 non-members.

A date for your diary is the evening of Tuesday 4th June when we are trying something completely different with an open evening of some of our very own Artists. They will be showing the different styles of Art that goes on during our Thursday morning workshops -- Oils, Acrylics, Watercolour, Pastels, Sketching etc. We hope it may encourage you to take a look and contemplate ioining our group where all abilities and artistic licence thrive!

Our final Thursday workshop is on Thursday 13th June then we will take a Summer break until our Exhibition in September. We look forward to having a few 'en plein air' sessions in various locations.

We always look forward to seeing new faces, so please pop into the Village Hall and say Hi!

Please contact me for further details regarding joining us. Thank you - Jackie Tucker tucksatarvu@yahoo.co.uk 07564 227250

Got an event? - Let us know about it!

Have you a forthcoming event or meeting? Would you like the village to know about it? It can be included in the events diary on Stoke Gabriel Parish Council website. This will enable you to view and check for clashes. Please email your event details to :- Events@stokegabriel.co.uk Michelle King

Stoke Gabriel Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday May 20th in the Village Hall at 7 p.m. This meeting gives all clubs/groups the chance to come along and give a short presentation of their events and activities in the past year. All electors are invited to attend as it is your meeting.

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Our next event is the **annual Flower Show on Saturday 8th June.** Please note this year entry forms will be available from Stoke Gabriel Stores to be brought together with your entries on the day.

Stoke Gabriel & Torbay Police Football Club



Home fixtures for MAY

South Devon League Division Three Saturday 4th May - Ashburton Association 2.30pm South Devon League Cup Finals Friday 10th May - Herald Cup Final 7.30pm Friday 24th May - Dartmouth Cup Final 7.30pm Bar and kitchen will be open (Note: Dates and opponents are liable to change)

Clubhouse is available to hire for Birthday Parties, Weddings, Social Events etc. Please contact Tim Perrin, Club Secretary on 07736 428296 or email tim@stokeandtorbaypolicefc.com for bookings

National Lottery Bonus Ball: Club runs two draws with a £10 per month entry. Spaces available so please contact Tim Perrin on 07736 428296 or email tim@stokeandtorbaypolicefc.com for details how to enter **Winners:**

Saturday 16th March: Nathan Newbury and Hannah Smith £75 each - (51) Saturday 23rd March: Helen Seaman and Lisa Walton £75 each - (28) Saturday 30th March: Kris Chapman and Luke Smith £75 each - (17) Saturday 6th April: Pro Build and Laura Anderson-Ford £75 each - (33) Saturday 13th April: Dominic Rea and Rachel Thomas £75 each - (47)

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We are always on the look out for helpers at the club either on a Saturday or Sunday in the running of the bar or kitchen.

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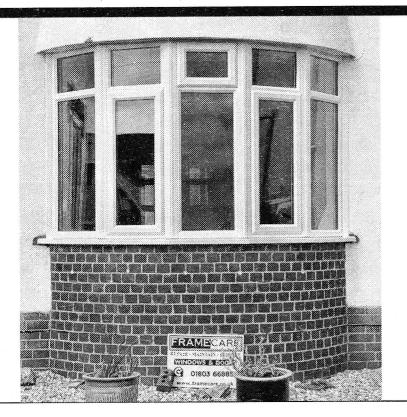
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Stoke Gabriel WI

We were delighted to welcome 3 new members to our meeting this month at which Mike Temple spoke to us about the charity to which he belongs, Mercy Ships. This is a



fascinating organisation that owns 2 cross channel ferry sized ships, both kitted out as hospitals which they take to areas in greatest need of medical help. Their aim is to bring "hope and healing to the poorest of the poor".

Clearly all those who belong to this organisation are totally committed to their cause, giving their time free and funding their own board and lodging whilst aboard. This includes doctors and nurses as well as all other staff members. The main area on which they focus at present is Western Africa and Madagascar, although over the years since their inception in the 1970s, they have visited 55 countries worldwide. For 10 months they remain berthed in their chosen country offering medical services to those who are in dire need of it. He told us that he has knowledge of someone who had been waiting for his operation for 16 years, before getting it done on board. After they leave, the country retains a legacy of an established hospital on land.

We also continued to firm up our outings due later in the year, back stage at Paignton's Palace Theatre, Powderham castle and a canoe trip on the Dart. There are still spaces available on the latter 2 trips is anyone is interested. We also have a series of outings to gardens in the area which members are able to join if they wish.

Our next meeting: Tuesday 11th May. This is our General meeting. Pia Barrett (Should you wish to have further details on the WI please email me on stokegabriel@devonwi.org.uk)

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12 – 18 MAY

This year's Christian Aid collection is to help the poorest in Burundi with training to form village co-operative banks and small businesses to create more secure incomes. If you could contribute to the annual collection this week, as you have done so generously in previous years, it would be fantastic. Stoke Gabriel has a wonderful record of generosity for this cause - £934.28 last year + £150.54 in Gift Aid.

You will receive a red donation envelope through your letter-box, delivered by kind village volunteers, but in the majority of cases we will not be knocking on your door to collect it. Please leave contributions in the red Christian Aid bag with Roz or a member of staff in the Village Shop/PO by the end of May.

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--- Editor's Notes --

After what seems like an eternity of mud, at last the ground is drying up a bit. Here comes the sun! The "green blush" is spreading over Southdowns woods, the apple blossom is out, and at the back of my garage a Robin is sitting in her nest, built of dried leaves and twigs and moulted Labrador hair. I can just see her beady black eye.

Events scheduled for May include the Horticultural Society's Plant Sale (4th), a talk by Rosemary Yallop of Sandridge Park on the Victorian Ideal Home (15th) and The Organists Entertain with Ian Curror and Matt Davies, (18th). Copy for the June issue by 15th May please. Georgina Foss

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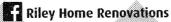




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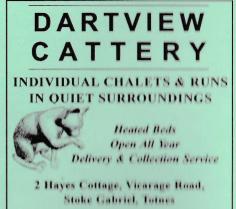
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