

Stoke Orchard and Tredington Newsletter



August 2021

The History which is Stoke Orchard Church

The Monthly Message

"Sunday 25th June was a special day for Stoke Orchard Church: it was the exact day on which the saint after which the church is named, Saint James, was remembered. We held a special festal service, which was made even more special because it was the first time we sang together in church again!

There are people who know far more about the history of the church and the stories and myths surrounding St James (I defer to Chris Harrison's superior knowledge - thank you so much Chris for your sharing of your knowledge to all who are interested) but there is nevertheless a link to pilgrimage, the 'Camino', and Santiago de Compostela, where St James is believed to be buried. Walking to Santiago may be too much of a challenge for most of us, but the Church of St James is part of a local walking / pilgrimage route too, which goes from Tewkesbury Abbey to Stoke Orchard to Deerhurst and back to Tewkesbury. And as many people took up walking as part of their daily exercise routine during lockdown, perhaps this is a way to keep that walking momentum going. Leaflets about this walk will soon be available.

Now that schools have broken up and the weather has been so warm, I hope that the fantastic new playground has been and will continue to be well used!

But summer holidays are also a chance to take some well-deserved time off for rest and relaxation, if that is possible. I hope that everyone gets a chance to take a deep breath and enjoy the sunshine when and where possible.

Peace and blessings to you all,

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Sevenside Benefice—Church Services in August.

1st Aug 9.30am Morning Worship at Tredington

- 8th Aug 10am benefice Holy Communion at Deerhurst (no services elsewhere)

- 15th Aug 9.30am Holy Communion at Tredington

- 22nd Aug no service at Tredington or Stoke Orchard,

- 9.30am Holy Communion BCP at Chaceley and 11am Holy Communion at Deerhurst

- 31st Aug 11am benefice Holy Communion at Chaceley.

Benefice services for 2021:

8th August: 11 a.m. at Deerhurst

29th August: 11 a.m. at Chaceley

19th September: 9.30 a.m. at Tredington

31st October: 9.30 a.m. at Stoke Orchard

28th November: 9.30 a.m. at Forthampton

In addition to the services mentioned above, the churches will also be open for individual private prayer as follows:

Deerhurst Church will be open every day between 9am-3pm.

Apperley Church, Forthampton Church, and Tredington Church will be open on Sundays and Wednesdays between 10am-4pm.

Chaceley Church open by arrangement. Please ring the warden on 780347.

Stoke Orchard Church may be open by arrangement.

For more information please see the weekly pew sheets or email Vicky on Vicky Fowkes <vicky.fowkes@live.co.uk>

The Tredington News Pages

TREDINGTON NEWS FOR AUGUST 2021

TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD WI last met in June, and several members also visited Showborough Sculpture Gardens. It was pouring with rain, but the garden was wonderful. Afterwards 12 of us went to Brown's Restaurant at the Tewkesbury Garden Centre for an excellent lunch. Our next meeting will be on **August 10th in York barn at 3.30pm.** Joy will give a Power Point Presentation on Coco Chanel & this will be followed by afternoon tea.

In September we will be back (at last) in Tredington Village Hall. Please join us on **Tuesday, September 14th at 7.30 pm.** we are having an "in house" evening when everyone is asked to bring their favourite tips and tricks for household cleaning.

TREDINGTON & STOKE ORCHARD GARDENING CLUB are holding their annual **fund-raising Strawberry Tea in York Barn & Home Farm Garden on Saturday, 21st August from 3 – 5pm.** Tickets are **£5** to include scone, strawberries & cream, cake & tea/coffee. There will be a plant & produce stall & a raffle. Tickets available from Paddy on 01684 294053.

In September we are hoping to visit a local member's garden. More details next time.

TREDINGTON VILLAGE HALL will be open for business from July 19th. Frank Jukes continues to take bookings. Please contact Frank on: tredingtonvillagehall@gmail.com Rents are £7 per hour.

STOKE ORCHARD & TREDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



Parish Councillors from 6th March 2021 are:-

Cllr Richard Chatham, Cllr Andrew Troughton, Cllr James Gilder,
Cllr Alan McDonald, Cllr Phil Ternouth, Cllr John Newton, Cllr Tim Jukes

Contact Details – through the Clerk - Mrs Jules Owen

S.O and T P.C. phone:-07763 250303

email- stokeorchardpc@gmail.com

Minutes of Past Meetings are to be found on the Parish Council Website.

Notice of Stoke Orchard and Tredington Parish Council Meeting

Due to Covid-19, following Government Guidance and changes in restrictions the Next Parish Council Meeting in August will be our first since Covid restrictions were lifted and will be on will be cancelled due to the extension of Covid Restrictions., and the standard Parish Council Meeting regulations. The Council will continue to maintain its work through the Clerks continued special Power Facility invoked for Covid Regulations.

– please email: clerk@stokeorchardandtredington.org.uk

The Full Minutes of the June Parish Council Meeting are available on the website www.stokeorchardandtredington.org.uk .

Speed Awareness Worries. Public Meeting.

Speeding within the Parish has long been a problem and one that has been top of the agenda for many years, Tredington had the first 40 MPH Speed Limit in rural areas. Over the last few weeks there have been several emails with comments sent to the Parish Council. As a result , we are organizing an Open Meeting to discuss the problem and also to explain the complexities of traffic calming.

The Parish Council hopes that this will raise the awareness both within the Parish and also with the Authorities who actually maintain and control all those speed limits, traffic calming and awareness signs that are allowed. Sadly the Parish Council may bring these problems to the notice of the Police and the Highways but certain parameters have to be met before these items are available. Hopefully by the attendance of the public at that meeting we may be able to support better traffic control. Sadly attendance at Parish Council Meetings and therefore public support for the PC with speed limits has always been low. The date of the meeting will be Published as soon as the Authorities have given their available date. We hope you can be there to make a difference.

Stoke Orchard and Tredington Neighbourhood Watch.

Co-ordinators John Newton - S.O.
Richard Chatham - Tred.



We wanted to concentrate this month on the latest range of Scams online and in your emails. I have had so many this week purporting to be from the NHS trying to sell me a an NHS PassPort on my phone. Yes there may be genuine ones but it is easy to check by the return email address. The second one is—as usual, a repayment from HMRC—Oh I wish. Again the return email address is the give away.

If you are enrolled with this site—you will get the best device. <https://www.yourcommunityalerts.co.uk/> If you go on this site and complete the enrolment you will receive information about local Neighbourhood watch actual promotions and warnings about all the latest SCAMS which we have been publicising on this page since the Pandemic started which has brought such a sharp increase in online fraud. If you get stung tell others— I have fallen foul twice so far of fraudsters — Two products bought on Ebay never arrived.



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An Invitation
to the residents of
Stoke Orchard and Tredington
From Tredington & Stoke Orchard PCC
St James Church - Stoke Orchard



You are invited to a short talk by Rev Chris Harrison
to learn about the
860 years history of this remarkable building
and to celebrate the recent conservation of the his-
torically acclaimed Wall Paintings in the church.

at 6.30pm on either
Monday 23rd or Tuesday 24th August.

There will be no charge for these talks, just a warm
welcome for you to see for yourself this Grade 1
listed building.

Numbers are limited so to reserve a place please call Roger or
Paddy Grimshaw 01684 294053

The rear church carpark will be open if required

Richard's Ramblings—Stoke Orchard Church

On the previous page, Roger Grimshaw, and the Parochial Church Council, extend an Open Invitation to Residents of Stoke Orchard and Tredington to listen to the Rev. Chris Harrison give a talk about the wall paintings in the Stoke Orchard Church. Lesley and I and joined a group from the Friends of the Churches recently to hear this talk and although I have read about and heard talks in the Church before it is fair to say that I and all those present were mesmerised by Chris' presentation.



In this short piece, I certainly do not wish to reveal the secrets that you will hear if you are lucky enough to get a place at the Open Evening, but I do want to whet your appetite and encourage you to take up the invitation. I spoke to Chris and Roger about the fact I would like to write about this and Chris kindly sent me

some interesting information. This painting is by Arthur Bell R.W.A (1897—1995) who lived in Swan Lane at the thatched cottage. The Church is unique and some of what you will see can only be found in Stoke Orchard Church—that is the only place in the World. It is for this reason that the Wall paintings create such world wide interest. In just my lifetime, enormous amounts of time and money and have been spent on research and conservation of these fabulous murals so why are they so important?

There are several layers of wall paintings in the nave of the Church, and parts of each layer have been revealed creating a timeline of the history of the Church. Chris will explain this in a way that relies on the levels of different restoration and conservation over the last 70 years. This photo shows paintings from more than 6 centuries. All these paintings, one on top of another, so painstakingly revealed by the conservators.



Stoke Orchard Church was built in the 12th Century (1100's) and is said to be one year older than Tredington. In 1974, there was serious concern that the east end of Chancel at Stoke Orchard was parting company from the main Church. I was on the Parochial Church Council at the time and several



reasons were given for the problem from trees taking moisture from the ground to the increased drainage of farm land in the 1870's. The land here being blue lias clay, is very susceptible to drying out and shrinkage so basically the foundations were crumbling. Tredington Church also suffered a similar problem and both Churches were underpinned. However,

in 1977 as part of the research as to the problems with the East Wall, an archaeological dig revealed several rebuilding works at the east end which had taken place on several occasions from the 12th century. (Sounds as if they had problems with the clay many years ago.)— If you attend , Chris will reveal all. It is certainly an eye opener even to those of us who have lived our lives here. However, the question



must be asked, why are there no painting in the chancel? On the north side of the nave, you can see in this photo, the original paintings have



been plastered over where some remedial building work has been carried out.

With its dedication to St. James, the first Apostle to be 'received into heaven', the church was regularly visited by pilgrims in Medieval times. As a Martyr to the Faith, the shrine of St. James at Santiago de Compostela in Northern Spain became a magnet for pilgrims.

We can imagine that this church, though at times a place of quiet, would have been quite different with the noisy throng of its ancient visitors as they journeyed towards the boat awaiting at Bristol to take them to Compostela or rejoicing, weary perhaps, on their return to their towns and villages. I have taken this paragraph from Chris' writings in 2020.



From this you will realise that the original paintings are devoted to the life of St James, each panel representing part of that life. The story board is defined by two very distinct borders as can be seen here. To this original work, others have added a series of extra murals.

So who painted these panels, who paid for them, what is the history and the story that lies behind these amazing works? It is all tied up in the history of the Parish itself - something for you to discover. I will go no further with description because, I hope you will take the opportunity to see for yourself and discover the History in our midst. What still amazes me is the fact that groups of Pilgrims from North Wales and the North of England found their way to Stoke Orchard at a time when there were no printed maps, no radio, television, or internet. Here to rest before carrying on their way to Northern Spain. They came up the path and through this North door



I don't believe it matters of what faith you profess or if any for that matter, but the Church at Stoke Orchard is a gem, one highly revered around the world. Take just some time to wonder at the history of this little chapel of comfort nestling at the west end of the village. Roger Grimshaw and the PCC, as those before them, have devoted considerable time in providing the funding for this work, and in making it possible for that work to be achieved and that once more we can enjoy the great depth of History

WANTED! CARING RESIDENTS.

Not sure if many of you know but we are finally at the stage where the responsibility for the public open space on the estate will be handed over finally from Bloor to our Parish Council.

As you will have seen, there have been aspects of the maintenance and care that have been wanting, and the efforts to get Bloor to comply with both that and to meet the terms of the initial contract, have occupied many hours of work for the PC, especially our chair, Richard.



Bloor have donated a sum of money to maintain the area for the next 15 years. So, with that in mind, Cllr Newton, Cllr Macd and an interested resident walked the area to try to put together a programme of works to allow us to put out a tender for the contract to some garden companies.

This is such an attractive area in the middle of the estate, and it deserves to be pretty and well kept. The outlook for the houses that border it must be rather nice. Some suggestions made so far are for a wildflower meadow in the area behind the bungalow, perhaps with some beehives – local honey, yum! – and a duck pond at the far end where the brook flows past the orchard. Other ideas would be welcome.

There will be grass-cutting, planting, weeding, and pollarding to do, along with ensuring the brook flows freely. Whilst the garden company will do this work, having a small team of residents who could monitor the area and flag up any issues or problems would be so helpful. We already have two community minded residents and would love to have a few more. Please could you help, as the few can't do everything, and we all would want a pretty and well-maintained estate.

Can you help make a difference?

alanwmacdonald@outlook.com if you can.

THE ORCHARD STORE AND AMY'S COFFEE SHOP

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND PATIENCE WHILST WE HAVE BUILDING WORKS CARRIED OUT, THEY ARE NEARLY FINISHED!

It will not be long!!!!



Soon, we will have a much larger shop to stock more products. We will also be bringing back Amy's Coffee Shop! The Management Committee and staff are very excited about the next phase of the shop. With the extra space we are looking for volunteers to help our staff for a few hours a day. If you are interested in working in our shop, talking to our wonderful customers, getting to know new people whilst helping, please contact info@stokeorchard.org

We still have Andy Hill and Sons Butchers meat every week and we are very happy to order in more should you wish a particular type of meat. We also still take orders for the weekend. If you wish to order, please pick up an order form from the Shop and as long as we receive it by 7pm Thursday evening, your order will be delivered to the shop by midday on Saturday. If you wish to order via email this can also be arranged – please contact info@stokeorchard.org

We will also very soon be taking orders for fresh bread products – more information will be released soon!

Thank you as always for your continued support and custom!

*The Orchard Store and Amy's Coffee Shop Management Committee
and Staff*

Stoke Orchard Community Centre

WE ARE OPEN FOR PRIVATE HIRES as of the 19th July lifting of restrictions.

Please contact booking@stokeorchard.org or go to the website www.stokeorchard.org to book the hall for a birthday party, christening or even a business meeting!

CLASSES ARE BACK ALREADY AND IF YOU WANT TO BOOK A PLACE AT A CLASS, PLEASE CONTACT THE INSTRUCTOR DIRECT – DETAILS ARE ON THE CLASS TIMETABLE.

If you would like to run a regular fitness class or want to hire the hall at a regular slot in our wonderful, airy, very clean hall, please contact booking@stokeorchard.org

We are still asking all that attend the hall to still wear masks wear possible, socially distance and sanitise.

Due to holidays, there will be no pub nights in August but there will be 2 in September, dates will be released shortly.

Its lovely that you are all enjoying the new play park. More bins have been added but should the bins be full, please take your rubbish home with you. Keeping a clean and tidy park is much better then one that is covered in rubbish!

[Currently we still have the builders in and we apologise for any disruption caused but all should be done by the end of the month, fingers crossed!](#)

Thank you so much for continually supporting the hall.

booking@stokeorchard.org or visit www.stokeorchard.org

Class timetable and events

Please see below our class timetable with dates of classes returning. Please contact the supplier directly on the email provided.

Monday	Zumba 09:30-10:30am michele.darnell@btinternet.com	Pilates 10:40-11:40am GravityFitness@live.com (no classes in August)		Yoga 7:30pm – 8:30pm info@greentreeyoga.co.uk
Tuesday	Pilates 09:30-10:30am pilatesbycharlotte@gmail.com		Kettlercise 6:30pm-7.15pm Pilates 7.30-8.15pm tredtraining@outlook.com	
Wednesday	Teddies parent & toddler 09:30 – 11:00am https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/Tredingtontoddles.org/uk/bookings/ nTeddiesBabyand Toddlers@tredingtontoddles.org/uk/bookings/ (No classes in August)			Zumba 7.00pm-8.00pm michele.darnell@btinternet.com
Thursday				Hatha Yoga 7.30-9pm sadiehawson@gmail.com FROM 20 TH MAY
Friday	Pilates 09:30-10:30am GravityFitness@live.com	Yoga 12pm to 1pm nfo@greentreeyoga.co.uk from 27 th August		
Saturday	Didi-Rugby Keith Smith keith.smith@didirugby.com 09.00 – 10.00am	Zumba 10:30–11:30am michele.darnell@btinternet.com		
Sunday	Kettlercise 09:00-10:00am tredtraining@outlook.com			

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Please see the list of Church Services on Tredington News Pages.

Assistant Priest	Rev. Kay Mundy	01452 780634	therevkaymundy@gmail.com
Priest in Charge	Revd Ilse Ferwerda	01452 780880	apperleypriest@gmail.com
Church Warden	Tessa Mills	01684 216563	
Hon Associate Minister	Rev. Tom Curtis, Stonehills Tewkesbury, GL20 5FB	01684 295298	
Readers	Mrs Vivienne Troughton Tredington, Tewkesbury GL20 7BW 01684 293540	01684 293540	
Children & Young People's Church	Vivienne Troughton	01684 293540	
Tredington Primary School	Liz White. Head Teacher	01684 293617	Head@tredingtonprimary.org.uk www.tredington.gloucs.sch.uk
Tredington Teddies Playgroup & Tredington Teddies Baby & Toddler	Tina Taylor – Play leader/Manager Children aged 2 years to school age Monday to Friday 9am – 3pm Morning sessions 9am – 12.30pm	01684 293617	info@tredingtonteddies.org.uk www.tredingtonteddies.org.uk Stoke Orchard Community Centre Wednesdays, 9.30am – 11.00am £1.50 entry, no need to book
Village Hall	Frank Jukes	01684 294053	tredingtonvillagehall@gmail.com
Stoke Orchard Community Cen-	Helen	07437 533 132	info@stokeorchard.org
<p>Recycling and Waste Collection Dates for August Stoke Orchard and Tredington.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Blue - Thursday 12th Thursday 26th, Green. Thursday July 5th , Thursday 19th</p>			

FLOWER Volunteers are needed to help with flowers and decorating Stoke Orchard Church, especially at Christmas, Easter and Harvest. No skill is required - just a love of flowers! Please contact Tessa Mills (Churchwarden) if you can help. Thanks! Tessa's contact number: 01452 780434

Tredington Flower Rota. N/A at present.



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