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Welcome to Stoke Green Baptist Church

'The Church on The Green'

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Notice sheet for week commencing Sunday 10th June 2018

A very warm welcome to our service this morning.
If you're visiting or if it's your first time here, we do hope that you will enjoy your time with us as we gather together for worship.

What's Happening Today

This morning's speaker is Carol Richardson

Today's reading: Colossians 3 v 1 - 17

Our theme today: 'Becoming More Like Jesus'

After a time of all age worship there will be an opportunity for our younger folk including any visitors to go out to their own groups.

Crèche for children under 3 years old

Bubbles for children over 3 up to School Year 1

Splash! & **XSTREAM** for School Years 2 to 5

 for school Year 6 and above

The flowers today have been given by Jeanette and Jill in memory of Jean Black.

If you'd like to give flowers on any particular dates please add your name to the calendar located in the front porch.

Jeannie Barker will be pleased to help you if requested.



Please do join us in the Loaves and Fishes area in the halls complex behind the church for light refreshments and a chat after the service.



For best results please sit in the rear half of the church and set your aid to **T**

Verse of the Week

Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

Col 3:v2-3 [NIV]

Prayer and Healing Team

If you have an illness, or other problem and would like to talk to somebody, we have people who would be happy to have a chat and perhaps pray with you. If you'd like to do this, please speak to Roly or one of our stewards after the service.



We have a box in the Loaves & Fishes for gifts of non-perishable foodstuffs with a long shelf life.

Catch Up With Past Sermons

You can stream or download past sermons using the links from our website.
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What's Happening At SG This Week:

Please pray for all the meetings and activities taking place during this week.

Mon 11th	Open The Book team into Willows, Halifax and Hillside schools Deacons meeting	19:45
Tues 12th	Welcome Break - Social group for the over 50's Lunch Break - Open to all for a Lite Bite or a full midday meal Women's Fellowship	10:00-11:30 11:30-13:00 14:30
Wed 13th	Ladies Keep-fit Home groups meet as arranged	09:30
Thu 14th	Home groups meet as arranged (Not Brian & Mary's)	
Fr 15th	Jelly Tots - Group for parents/carers & pre-school children	08:45
Sat 16th	No meetings today	
Sun 17th	Morning Worship with Communion led by our worship group	10:30

Details of other activities, future events, things of interest, and events further afield are posted on the main notice board by the door in the L&Fs.

The following items are required for the next Messy Church on the 30th June:

- Cardboard boxes of various sizes
- Small oddments of knitting wool

We would also like a passport size photo of all the congregation, if you don't mind, or alternatively you could provide a drawing of your face. These are needed for a montage of 5000 faces!

Thank you, *Joyce*



For those reading online or via email, please note there is a third page this week.



Many happy returns to Jill Ratchford who celebrates her birthday this week.

If you'd like to know more about the BMS birthday scheme please speak to Joyce.

Next Week's Notice Sheet: Please let me have anything you want included in next Sunday's notice sheet by **Thursday evening at the latest.** Many thanks, *Steve.*

Appointment of a Part-Time Youth and Children's Worker

As many of you will know, the Church Meeting agreed on May 24th that we would proceed with the appointment of a part-time youth and children's worker in conjunction with Ipswich Christian Youth Ministries (CYM). The person appointed would work for three days a week as part of CYM as a Chaplain at Stoke Academy and two days a week for the Church.

We have sought God's leading in this area for several years and as a church we have prayed for the schools in our community. We have been privileged to take Open the Book assemblies in local primary schools and many of the children from these schools move on to Stoke Academy. We have felt the need for experienced support and a younger perspective in our youth, children's and family work and have considered a number of options without clarity.

During the last few months, the way forward has opened up in an amazing way. CYM had a request to fund a chaplain in Stoke Academy following successful experience in three other high schools in Ipswich. CYM have made joint appointments with two other Ipswich Churches, including Rushmere Baptist Church. After a few months, the funding has now become available and CYM and the School are keen to proceed. We feel it is right to focus on youth and children's work in this appointment to meet a clear need and so that we have a better opportunity of finding someone with the right skills and experience. Our new minister, Iain supports this and will be able to take part in the recruitment process and mentor the person appointed.

We would like to begin the recruitment process soon so that we can have someone in place for the start of the autumn term. To that end we need to raise around £12,000 to fund our share of the first year of this appointment. We believe that God has clearly led us thus far and we believe that the money we need will be forthcoming through the generosity of his people. The Bullard family have blessed us with a most generous gift of £4000 in memory of Jean and a further gift from 'Lunch Break' has brought the total raised to £5000 to date.

There are lots of ways you can help,

- You can make a one-off gift now
- You can also make a pledge now for a one-off gift to be made at any point from September onwards as funds become available, this will help Gary to plan ahead.
- If a single lump sum gift does not work well for you but you could commit to increase your monthly or weekly giving specifically for this work please let Gary know.

Naturally if a combination of the above suggestions would work best for you please discuss this with Gary.

As a reminder if you are a taxpayer, applying gift aid to your giving will increase it by 25% with no extra commitment from you.

All gifts whatever the size will be a blessing to the Church, as we seek to invest in the future by bringing the message of the Gospel to new generations of children and young people. Please let Gary know if you can help in this way. Thankyou.