

JUN 26 – JULY 2

WOMEN AT RISK



- SUN 26 } Thank You, Jesus, that women and men are equally precious in Your sight and that You care for all human beings, created male and female in God's image. May Your Church lead the way in respecting, enabling and valuing women and speaking out for justice. In Your name. Amen.
- MON 27 } Lord our Deliverer, we intercede for pregnant women living as refugees, and in other overcrowded and dangerous places, to receive the care they need to give birth and to raise their children. Please protect and strengthen them. For Jesus' sake. Amen.
- TUES 28 } Compassionate Saviour, we pray for very poor women in the developing world – many of whom, with no husband at home because of migration, divorce, separation or desertion, support their families alone. Thank You for improvements in education, healthcare and money-making opportunities that are beginning to improve their lives. By Your grace. Amen.
- WED 29 } God of love, we intercede for an end to early and forced marriage which violates an individual's freedom and can place them in a cycle of poverty and powerlessness, especially the 12 million girls who are married each year before they are 18. Please demonstrate Your mercy. Amen.

'You, O God, are both tender and kind, not easily angered, immense in love, and you never, never quit. So look me in the eye and show kindness, give your servant the strength to go on, save your dear, dear child!' PSALM 86:15-17 (MESSAGE)

- THURS 30 } Lord, we intercede on behalf of the thousands of victims of rape each year. We pray for changes in the criminal justice system so that women can be more confident that the police and other agencies will treat them well, will believe and act upon their testimonies, and provide proper protection and support. May mercy and justice prevail. Amen.
- FRI 1 } **Father, thank You that the Government has now ended the access to home medical abortion** that was allowed during the pandemic, resulting in cases of serious side effects and coercion for thousands of women. We pray for their healing and wellbeing through Your amazing mercy. Amen.
- SAT 2 } Lord, please help victims of domestic violence to find refuge and safety. We pray that the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 will lead to a clearer understanding of these crimes and greater effectiveness in providing protection and bringing perpetrators to justice. In Christ's name. Amen.

'Domestic abuse is any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse – physical, emotional, psychological, sexual or financial – between women and men from any ethnic group aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or family members. This includes honour-based abuse and forced marriage.' (restored-uk.org)

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St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 26th June

10:30am **Patronal Festival Holy Communion with Choir**
led by Revd Phil Groves

Tuesday 28th	10:00am – 12:00noon	CAFÉ IN THE PARK
Wednesday 29 th	8:00pm	SJB Meeting at SJB
Saturday 2 nd	10:00am – 12:00noon 10:00am – 4:00pm	CAFÉ IN THE PARK SJB Churchyard Working Party
Sunday 3rd	10:30am	Family Service, SJB

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Saturday 2nd July from 10am
The beautiful churchyard at St John The Baptist, Stone needs you!

We would like to:

- trim around the graves
- clear the ivy off the trees, wall and graves
- remove moss from the gravestones
- tidy up the bushes on Churchway & Bishopstone Road
- paint some handrails, grave surrounds and railings
- protect the wildlife by leaving areas of wild flowers but cutting other areas
- enhance the whole churchyard experience for everyone



Would **you** be willing to help?

If so please come along on Saturday 2nd July at any time between 10am and 4pm with your gardening tools, dressed ready to work and enjoy great company.

We will provide refreshment and a toilet so please come and help.

Even if it's only for a short time it will all help to make the churchyard and surrounding areas look so much better.

If you would like to help financially then please go to our website and make a donation to The Fabric Fund. Thank you

St John The Baptist Fabric Committee

FOURTH TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP

The Fourth Tuesday Fellowship meets this week : 2.30 p.m. @ the Chapel
We welcome Coralie and Ken Payne who will be talking about the work of the MERCY SHIPS.

PLEASE PUBLICISE THIS AS FAR AS YOU CAN – as this is a meeting OPEN TO EVERYONE
With an extra-special BRING & BUY so that we can make a useful donation to the work of Mercy Ships



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The Power of Thinking Small

One of the key bits of thinking that Bishop Steven has been encouraging us to reflect on recently is the power of thinking 'small'. What he means by this is that often we can become discouraged because of small numbers of people attending confirmation courses, or church events or services, or Christian basics courses. He challenged us to value the small. If even one person is helped to grown in faith or is supported through the church activity then we are doing what we are called to do, sharing the Gospel, the good news of God's love. So rather than complaining about small numbers we should be thinking small and the power that is in one person's life being changed.



God of gentleness and love

Draw near to us as we draw near to you Dwell in every heart and conversation Fashion in us the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Help us to discern together all that you are calling us to be And all that you are calling us to do.

Assist us, by your Spirit, to become a more contemplative, more compassionate and more courageous Church.

For the building of your kingdom and the glory of your Son.

Amen

You may like to know that our YouTube services which also go out on Red Kite Radio are continuing, you can access them here:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsW_rDktNqSs4IoTkQ3WvBA

or tune into Red Kite Radio just before 12pm on Sundays.

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