

**Stoke Prior, Wychbold & Upton Warren Churches**

 **April 24 Services & News**

**Funerals:** 20th March Peter Henry Amess at Wychbold Church

 25th March Angela Marion Brookes at Wychbold Church

**Ashes:** 19th March Donald Burden at Stoke Prior Church

 25th March William and Edith Bowen at Stoke Prior

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**SERVICES FOR APRIL**

**We return to our usual services until the end of May.**

**Upton Warren**

 7th 9am Holy Communion

 21st 9am Iona Celtic Morning Prayer

Midweek service Tuesday 16th at the home of **Tom Hickinbottom**

see Paula for details

**Wychbold**

 7th 10:45am Service of the Word

14th **NO SERVICE – Karen away**

 21st 10:45am Holy Communion

**Stoke Prior – PLEASE NOTE THE TIME REMAINS AT 5pm**

 14th 10:30am 20 is Plenty

 14th 5pm Holy Communion

 21st 5pm Evensong

 28th 5pm Informal (Kate)

Midweek service at 11am in Upton Warren on 24th

THANK YOU to all those who arranged Easter flowers in church and for the Easter Garden. They were truly wonderful.

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCMENT:**

**Rev Paula is to step down as incumbent of Stoke Prior, Wychbold and Upton Warren at the end of May. A farewell service of Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 2nd June at 10:30am in Stoke Prior Church. This will be a Team Service at which Paula will preside and David will preach.**

**INVITATION FROM ARCHDEACCON NIKKI GROARKE:** There is to be a meeting with Archdeacon Nikki on Monday 22nd April at 7pm in Stoke Prior Church to discuss the way forward after May. Please make this meeting a priority. Your thoughts are valued.

**THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING**: **TUES 14TH MAY 7:30** in Stoke Prior. Deadline for electoral roll applications - to John Brown (Wychbold) or Paula – **by 14th April.** Reports to Paula by the end of April.

**Heritage Friends Group – St Michael & All Angels, Stoke Prior**

**Events 2024 - Update**

Again, we have decided **NOT** to organise a Craft Fair and Table Top sale this year and the events below are now confirmed.

Wherever possible, please come along and give your support and remember, there are events held for the joint benefit the churches of Stoke Prior, Upton Warren & Wychbold.

**Event Date or To Be Confirmed**

80th Anniversary of D-Day Thu 6th June 2024

Quiz TBC

Ride & Stride Sat 14th September 2024

Brilliant Builders\* Sat/Sun 14/15th September 2024

Heritage Open Days\* Sat/Sun 14/15th September 2024

Stories in the Stones\* Sat/Sun 14/15th September 2024

Bazaar Sat 23rd November 2024

Halloween Sat 26/11 or Fri 01/11

Brunch with Santa Sat 21st December 2024

Christmas Tree Festival 30/12/24 – 03/01/25 inc.

 \* to be run at the same time

PLEASE GENEROUSLY SUPPORT THE LOCAL FOODBANK – donations can be left in all three churches. Include toiletries and washing powders, etc as well as food.

Find us on Facebook (United Parish of Stoke Prior, Wychbold and Upton Warren), or

on our individual church websites (A Church Near You + the church name)

We are also part of the Bromsgrove Parish Website or **scan this QR code….**

**Reverend Paula Honniball**

Team Vicar in the Bromsgrove Parish (part-time)

with responsibility for Wychbold, Stoke Prior, Upton Warren Churches

*Usual Parish working days Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Sundays.*

Tel. **07902 098 500 -** *For urgent enquiries on other days please contact the Parish Office on:* ***01527 577759 or*** *Rev David Ford on* ***01527 873831*** *for any urgent pastoral issues.*