

Notices: Cafe: Line Dancing: Walking Group:usual times

Thu. 26. Bible Study – 7.30pm

Sat. 27. Soup Lunch 12 Noon – 2pm Entry by donation.

Today is the summer solstice, the longest day of the year.

People celebrate in different ways, some staying up to meet the dawn in what they consider sacred sites.

I'm sure it is a lovely thing to take part, but whether it makes any difference to anything or not, I'm not sure.

Still, sacred time is to be treasured, but it should also make a difference. Just like being a keen church-goer should make a difference, but often doesn't.

The word “solstice” comes from the Latin sol and sistere, which translates as the “sun stands still”.

Being still is a good way to hear the will of God, to relearn your place in the scheme of things.

The day will be different tomorrow, the sun will seem to travel a different path and that path will grow more different as the weeks and months progress.

Take your holy time. Be still. Let what you learn change and guide the path you travel thereafter.

The Friendship Book 2026



Sun. 21 June Jonah 4:1-11 Working it out

Mon. 22 June Jeremiah 32:6-15 Symbolic transactions

Tues. 23 June Jeremiah 38:1-13 Putting him down

Wed. 24 June Ezekiel 8:1-16 Dealing with it

Thu. 25 June Ezekiel 12:1-7 Acting it out

Fri. 26 June Hosea 3:1-5 Living it out

Sat. 27 June Zechariah 11:4-17 Leading us out

Sun. Father's Day: Ask the Lord, to please encourage fathers, whether they are content in their role within the family, concerned about problems, sad because they are separated from their children, regretting past decisions, or rejoicing in His blessings. Pray that they may call upon the Lord for strength.

Mon. Although many boys are excelling, a concerning number are underperforming across each stage of education. Pray for wise and practical approaches to be identified, adopted, funded and fast-tracked to raise expectations and support boys who struggle, restoring confidence and aspiration to apply themselves well.

Tues. Bring to the Lord of all compassion, about the tragic rate of male suicides, with 14 men dying every day – overwhelmed by external pressures, by loss of hope, meaning and social connection, or when radical changes in their lives act as a tipping point. Ask the Lord to please lead those at risk to seek help urgently, and by His grace, rescue and restore them.

Wed. Intercede for a reversal of current influences in our culture that promote ideas of masculinity and promote gender stereotypes that distort God's command to 'be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.' (1 Corinthians 16:13,14) Ask God instil the desire in boys and men to be like Jesus.

Thu. Praise the Lord, that more young men are attending church and discovering the life-changing power of the gospel. Pray for them to be well disciplined and nurtured, to find joy and purpose for their lives that the Lord has ordained for them.

Fri. Pray for more boys and young men to engage in physical and social activities that increase their sense of wellbeing and identity, build strong relationships and bring them great enjoyment and satisfaction.

Sun. Reasons people have found it difficult to enter employment over the past two years. Lack of confidence and low self-esteem (24%) Caring responsibilities (1 in 10) Anxiety and depression (42%) Pray for each of these groups, and ask God to remove the barriers they're facing. Pray for UK decision-makers, such as your local MP and the Government, to understand the barriers people are facing and prioritise offering the right support to help people get back into work.