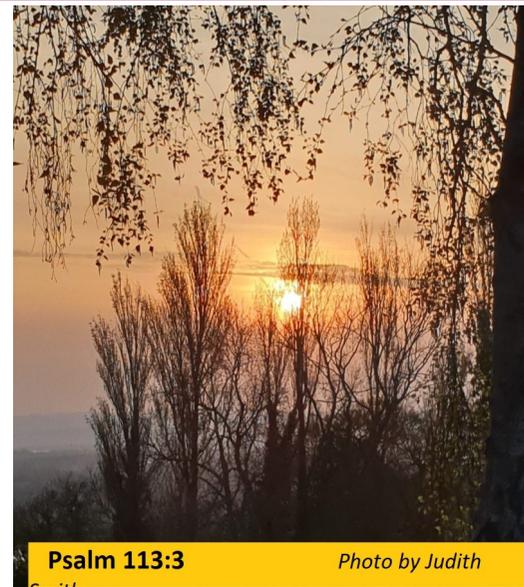


## March 2026 Calendar.

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> .	Church Service& Communion with Trailblazers and Prayer Team	10.30.	3C's Church
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	Open-the-Book (Wk B)	13.00.	The Blue Room
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> .	Church Fasting & Prayer Day	10.15.	Coaley
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> .	Morning Community Gp	19.30.	The Blue Room
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> .	Martins Community Gp	10.30.	Springfields Lounge
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> .	Wild's Community Group	19.30.	Private Home
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> .	'WhatsApp' Prayer Group	10.30.	Private home
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> .	Worship Team Meeting	16.00.	'On-Line'
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> .	Church Service with Trailblazers.	19.30.	3C's Church
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> .	Team Leaders Meeting.	10.30.	3C's Church
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> .	Open-the-Book (Week A)	19.30	TBC
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> .	Woodlands Community Group	10.15	Woodfield
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> .	Martins Community Group	19.30	Verlaques Home
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> .	Wilds Community Group	19.30	Private Home
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> .	'WhatsApp' Prayer Group	10.30	Springfields Lounge
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> .	Men's Group meeting	16.00	'On-Line'
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> .	Prayer Course	19.30	The 'Old Spot'
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> .	New Men's Group 'Bacon Bap'	18.00	The Blue Room
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> .	Church Service & Communion with Trailblazers and Prayer Team	08.00	3C's Church
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> .	Craft Group meeting	10.30	3C's Church.
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> .	Sunday Prayer Team Meet	10.30	Private Home
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> .	Open-the-Book Team (Week B)	10.30	TBC
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> .	Morning Community Group	10.15	Coaley
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> .	Martin's Community Group	19.30	Springfields Lounge
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> .	Wild's Community Group	19.30	Private Home
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> .	'WhatsApp' Prayer Group	10.30	Private Home
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> .	Ladies Group Breakfast	16.00	'On-Line'
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> .	Church Service with trailblazers	09.30	Spring Villa
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> .	Church AGM	10.30	3C's Church
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> .	Open-the-Book (Week A)	12.30	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> .	Woodlands Community Group	10.15	Woodfield
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	Martins Community Group	19.30	Verlaques home.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	Wild's Community Group	19.30	Private Home
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> .	'WhatsApp' Prayer Group	10.30	Springfields Lounge
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> .	Prayer Course	16.00	'On-Line'
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> .	Church Service & Communion With Trailblazers and Prayer Team	18.00	Blue Room.
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> .	Church Service & Communion With Trailblazers and Prayer Team	10.30	3C's Church
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> .	Frampton - Songs of Praise	14.15	Frampton.

# 3C COMMUNITY CHURCH

Newsletter - March 2026



Psalm 113:3

Photo by Judith

**Welcome to 3C Community Church.**

**We hope you enjoy being with us today. Please stay for a hot drink after the meeting.**

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## What is “Open-the-Book”?

“Open-the-Book” is an outreach programme which offers Primary School children the opportunity to hear the traditional stories of the Bible presented as a dramatic and verbal retelling during school assemblies throughout the academic year. It is a free service given to local schools by teams of Christians from local churches, who present the stories during times of collective worship.

“Open-the-Book” material aligns with the criteria used by OFSTED and our sessions are selected from a stock of five years worth of studies provided by the Bible Society. Each episode takes about 15 minutes and endeavours to use the children themselves as well as ‘actors’ and a ‘Narrator’ to portray the story.

3C’s Community Church has two schools in its remit – Woodfields Primary School and Coaley Primary school – who are visited on a regular fortnightly rota every Tuesday morning during term time. We have a team of about 6/7 volunteers led by Phil who staff a rota that requires about 4 people on each occasion. Sometimes, after a Sunday morning service, you might notice Phil and a few others disappear for a short while – they are gathering together to have a quick ‘Whose doing what this week?’ session!

Are there any opportunity for others to be involved – YES PLEASE!- we always need extra bodies to cover the inevitable holidays etc. Please contact Phil if you would like to be involved.

### Reminder!

It is the churches AGM on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. So if you have any particular questions you would like addressed please contact Peter Smallridge in advance so he can ensure answers are provided.

## Latest Roof Project Information

### History

Work began in the Autumn and in order to put in the steel supports at the hipped (trees) end of the roof the tiles were stripped to provide the right access. To prevent rain getting in a “Top Hat” scaffolding system was erected. Although it was anticipated that more damage to the roof timbers would be found as the work progressed, what was actually found during the stripping was worse. The extent of the problem was determined to be greater than could be covered by the existing permissions granted by Stroud District Council (SDC).

### Recent Events

Representation was made to SDC before Christmas, unfortunately the person dealing with the communication had left SDC and no reply was forthcoming until further robust enquiry was initiated after Christmas. As a result of what was learned from SDC, it was agreed that rather than seek to persuade SDC that work could continue under the existing SDC permissions, further permissions would be sought. It was felt that the argument that the rot now revealed was to be expected, was a little weak given how much had been found.

WH Architects have now sent an application to Stroud District Council with regard to the additional work to replace the rotten timber, i.e. a wall board and problems at the bottom of a number of Trusses. It will be possible to extend the bat licence, but Natural England will only allow an extension until April, and we can't extend it twice. It may be better to apply for a completely new (bat) license. The estimate we have from Longcroft is that the whole works will need six months and that includes two months for SDC to make a decision and at least three to do the work taking us beyond the scope of the existing Bat license even with an extension.

We are awaiting a decision from SDC on our application.

Please pray for a swift positive decision from SDC and encouragement to all involved to see our worship place restored to our use and God's service.

### Reminder! – New Men’s Group Initiative.

The new Men's group Saturday “Bacon Bap & Coffee” discussion and Testimony gathering commences on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March from 8 – 9.30am as outlined in the last Newsletter.