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# SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2017

### **Church News**

TODAY Trinity 18

9:00 SPP, Dinton **Holy Communion** 

Leaders: Nigel Featherston & Canon Phil Groves Readings: 1 Kings 17.8-16 & Luke10.25-37

10:30 SJB, Stone Morning Worship

Leaders: David Pickup & Canon Phil Groves Readings: 1 Kings 17.8-16 & Luke10.25-37

14:00 Church Open, Aston Sandford

	THIS WEEK
16 19:00	Communications Committee Meeting, SJB, Stone
17 19:30	Choir Practice, 29b Eythrope Road
21 10:30	Choir Practice, 29b Eythrope Road
22 10:30	Holy Communion, SJB, Stone Leader: Rev. Nadine Rose & Jonathan Hawkins
16:00	All Age Messy Church, SPP, Dinton



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#### Harvest at Aston Sandford

ston Sandford has its Harvest Festival today at 11 am.

The Church will as always be extensively decorated by The Flower Ladies. This year, to give more people chance to see the decorated church, it will be open from 2 to 5 pm, this afternoon.

Do take the opportunity to come and see us.

#### Park Life Café

e will be holding a home produce market stall on 4th November at our Parklife Café morning 10.30 – 12.30 in the pavilion in the recreation ground. Do you make jam, or cakes or anything else that we can sell? We also need you to come on the day and buy! There will be refreshments including real coffee, and a children's craft table as usual.

### Posada 2017

t will soon be time to sign up for our Advent posada. If you have not taken part before or would just like to see what we have been up to in previous years, come along to the Parklife café morning. We are putting together a display about the posada from previous years and this will be on show for the first time at the café.

Please put 4th November in your diaries now as well as 9th December for our Christmas café and market stall.

Further details: Jenny Pickup 748170

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### **Messy Church Next Week**

essy Church is a form of church for all ages that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality. It includes a welcome, a creative time to explore the biblical theme through getting messy (craft etc); a short celebration time involving story, prayer, song, games and similar; and refreshments. It's for everyone and it's fun!"

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### **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

he year is moving on and it will soon be time for the annual poppy appeal. I hope you will be able to support this again. We had a very successful year last year but we still need more collectors and helpers.

I am sure you will agree that the appeal is still as important as ever.

I am very grateful to you for your support.

The Poppy Appeal starts on Friday 28th October. I will aim to get the collecting tins and boxes out as soon as possible.

If you can help, Please let me know,

D.Pickup@stonedintonhartwell.com

### **Benefice Evensong this Month**

n Sunday 29 October at 6.30pm we have the Wychert Vale Benefice Sung Evensong at St Mary's Haddenham. This is the first one with Chris Beattie leading the choir.

#### Martin Luther and the Reformation Talk

n Tuesday, 31st October at 8.00 pm in St Mary's Church, Haddenham, is hosting a talk by The Revd Stephen Kuhrt - Vicar of Christ Church, New Malden, who is speaking on Martin Luther and the Reformation. (31st October this year is the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther pinning his 95 Theses to the door of Castle Church in Wittenburg and what is considered by many to be the start of the Reformation. It is a suitable time to reflect on the Reformation, Luther and faith.)

All are welcome.



Wychert Vale Benefice

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### **OCTOBER 15 – 21**

### THE UNITED KINGDOM



COLOSSIANS 1:6 (NEW LIVING TRANSLATION)

- Lord, we praise You for the growing number of churches that are engaged in evangelism, community action and other projects z shining lights making You known! Please bless the leadership and congregations of the established Churches of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales as well as other denominations, streams and independent fellowships. Amen.
- MON \ Pray about attempts in Northern Ireland, Scotland and at Westminster to make abortion more accessible and remove the protection and safeguards of criminal law. Ask God to grant wisdom and courage to those who defend the rights and welfare of unborn children, and their mothers.
- TUES \ Pray about the political uncertainty in Northern Ireland following the suspension of the Assembly and the implications of the UK's exit from the EU. Remember everyone who is continuing their vital work in the nine government departments, and those seeking workable solutions for the future of the Assembly.
- WED } God of justice, please help us to reduce the poverty that affects so many in the UK: poor working families, people who are unemployed, living with a disability or serious illness, those who are ineligible for benefits or having to wait for this support, the homeless and others in desperate need. Amen.
- THURS \ In these uncertain times remember the Government, the Prime Minister and Cabinet and 19 those who advise them. Pray too for the Opposition Leader, the Shadow Cabinet and all other MPs to have true wisdom and insight.
  - **THANKSGIVING:** for the ongoing positive efforts of the Both Lives Matter initiative in the debate about extending the Abortion Act to Northern Ireland and for CARE's Open retreat for those affected by abortion, taking place in Carrickfergus this autumn. (bothlivesmatter.org, weareopen.org.uk)
  - SAT } Pray for Scotland as the debate about the future 21 continues. Pray that strongly held views on important constitutional issues will not create serious division and discord.



The United Kingdom has the third largest population in Europe and the 22nd largest in the world – an estimated 65 million in 2015. Life expectancy continues to increase and net migration figures of about 300,000 a year help to raise the figures. Across the population, 83% live in England, 8.4% in Scotland, 4.8% in Wales and 2.9% in Northern Ireland.