



SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2017

Church News

TODAY
Trinity 14

9:00

SPP, Dinton

Holy Communion

10:30

SJB, Stone

Morning Worship

Leaders: Adrian Collier

Readings: Genesis 39. 1-19 & Matthew 5. 3-12

THIS WEEK

Tues

19

19:30

Choir Practice, 29b Eythrope Road

Sat

23

10:30

Choir Practice, SJB, Stone

Sun

24

10:30

Harvest Family Communion, SJB, Stone

12:30 Bring and Share Harvest Lunch, Bishopstone Village Hall



National Prayer Weekend 29th September – 1st October

This year we are taking our prayers for our community out into our community. We will be prayer walking in Stone on Saturday 30th September, meeting at SJB at 2.15pm. There are several ways in which you can take part:

Join us on the walk!

We will be praying for our community. If you have any suitable prayers or would like to write some for us, please send them in to

J.Pickup@stonedintonhartwell.com or put them on the prayer table at the back of the church.

Volunteer as a prayer station host. We want several homes of church members to be prayer stations along our route. That means we will stand outside your home and pray! we would also like you to deliver a printed card to all your neighbours a day or two before so we can explain what we will be doing.

Remain in the church until we return at approximately 4.15pm for final prayers. This is to welcome any visitors coming for personal prayer.

For further details please speak to Jenny Pickup, Eryl Morgan, or Liz Tomkins.

Dinton church will be open for personal prayer and quiet reflection on the Saturday and Sunday 2-4pm. Afterwards, if you wish, stay for a cup of tea and a scone.

Harvest Lunch @ Bishopstone Village Hall 24th September

Come and join us for our bring and share harvest lunch at Bishopstone Village Hall at 12:30.
Everybody Welcome!

This will be a "Bring and Share" event but we would like to know what will be brought/what we may be short of! Please sign the list on the aisle table and what you would like to contribute.

Thank you.



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Focus Groups

Being part of a church is about building relationships, worshipping God, sharing the ups and downs of life, growing and sharing our faith, and reaching out to a world in need.

Focus Groups are a way of getting together in smaller, informal settings and exploring these issues.

The following groups are running this Autumn:

Alpha Course

Drawing and Painting

Pastoral Care

Big Questions

Parenting

Autumn Dates: Weeks beginning 23/25 Sept, 9th, 23rd Oct, 6th, 20th Nov, 4th Dec

Look out for the leaflet and book on the focus group that works for you or contact focus@wychertvale.org

Angel Tree

We are starting a new coffee cup collection for September and October. Angel Tree supports prisoners' family relationships by providing a way for them to give Christmas presents to their children. Local Prison Fellowship volunteers work with churches and prison chaplains to buy and deliver the presents. As long as prisoners are allowed access to their children, they are given the opportunity to apply for a gift to be sent to them. Each gift is dispatched as though it is from the parent in prison and is accompanied by a personal message written by the parent for their child.

Angel Tree is a very simple and incredibly rewarding way to help prisoners keep contact with their families, which has been shown to reduce re-offending.

Those prisoners being visited by a partner or family member have a 52% reoffending rate as compared to 70% for those who do not.

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SEPTEMBER 17 – 23

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'Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful.'

1 THESSALONIANS 5:23,24 (NEW LIVING TRANSLATION)

Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of dementia, which is a set of symptoms that may include memory loss and difficulties with thinking, problem-solving or language.

SUN 17 Loving Father, we pray for men and women who have dementia, and their loved ones. In the midst of frailty and confusion, may Your love touch their innermost being and impart hope that at the right time You will bring them to be in Your House forever. Amen.

MON 18 Pray that the Scottish Government's latest National Dementia Strategy will lead to policy decisions that will improve rates of diagnosis and services, the quality of ongoing care and encourage communities to be 'dementia friendly'.

TUES 19 Pray about the almost 50 million people who live with dementia, a figure predicted to double every 20 years at an astronomical economic cost. Intercede for a major breakthrough to diminish this escalating tragedy that particularly affects countries in Asia.



WED 20 Lord, please grant courage to those with early onset dementia. May they experience Your help and strength as they come to terms with this, tell their family and friends, cope with growing limitations in their lives and face an uncertain future. Amen.

THURS 21 **WORLD ALZHEIMER'S DAY** Ask God to continue to provide resources and grant success to organisations such as Age UK, Alzheimer's Research UK, Alzheimer's Society, Dementia UK and Young Dementia UK that are engaging in research, campaigning and providing support for patients, their families and carers.

FRI 22 **THANKSGIVING:** for those working in a wide range of health and social care professions that provide people with dementia with medical and practical support. Ask God to grant them patience and hope as they deal with many challenges and sad situations each day.

SAT 23 Pray that the message of Livability's free resource 'Developing a Dementia-Friendly Church' will result in many church congregations welcoming people with dementia and their carers and knowing how to accommodate their needs with kindness and compassion. (livability.org.uk)

There are 850,000 people in the UK who have dementia, this is set to rise to over one million by 2025 and two million by 2051. An estimated 225,000 individuals will develop dementia this year, that's one every three minutes. One in six people over the age of 80 have dementia and 70 per cent of people in care homes have dementia or severe memory problems.