

Parish of Stone, Dinton and Hartwell

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Wychert Vale Benefice

Contemplative

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Courageous Exploring The Beatitudes

A three session course for small groups in the Diocese of Oxford

On the following Wednesdays: 11th July / 18th July / 25th July For more information contact David Pickup 01296 748170 david@pickupandscott.co.uk

Café In The Park

ur first Cafe in the Park for this season kicked off in the sunshine on 2nd June. Thankyou to those who baked, brewed, or welcomed visitors. We have booked three more sessions, all on Saturdays at 11.00am - 1.00pm. Please note the dates now - 7th July; 11th August; 1st September.

We always need cakes or help on the day. It is good fun as we have a chance to drink tea and chatter with visitors. It is an important part of our outreach as a church. However, we have to pay for the use of the pavilion so we would like to make it self funding. We do not charge for refreshments but we ask people to put a donation in a bowl. We would like to supplement this with further income so if you are able to donate any home produce for sale on any of the above dates we would be very pleased to receive it. Most of all though we would love to welcome you with a brew ! Jenny Pickup tel: 748170

Hospitality Opportunity

athrine Ngangira, whom many of you will remember visiting us for Thy Kingdom Come in 2017, is now studying for ordination in Durham. She visited Ithe benefice over last Christmas and is free to come again between 21st July and 1st August. This will be holiday time for her so there would be no expectation for her to be involved in parish events unless she wanted to. Ideally it would be good if two families in different benefice villages were each able to offer her hospitality for half of the time, while other people invited her for meals or took her on local outings. Please pray and consider ways in which the benefice can welcome her and let me know if you are able to help in any way or would like any more information. Many thanks, Tricia Stradling (291607 or pastrad@doctors.org.uk)



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Welcome to St John the Baptist, Stone



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Whether you are visiting this church for the first time or are a regular visitor you are sure of a warm welcome.

Since the Thirteenth Century this church has been at the heart of our village.

It is a beautiful setting for church services, weddings, baptisms and funerals.

This year we hope to be installing toilet facilities and a kitchen and these will make a huge difference. A big thank you if you have contributed to this project.

Like many churches the parish is now facing challenging times financially. The cost of running the parish is about £36,000 a year. The majority of our funding comes from individuals. Could you help us? Giving just £10.00 per month for a year would pay heating, lighting and water bills for about a month.

To make giving to the church easy we now have the Parish Giving Scheme, which enables people to give a set sum by direct debit.

- It is easy to set up with one simple form •
- You decide how much to give monthly, guarterly or yearly ٠
- You can cancel at any time .
- You can donate anonymously

If you are a taxpayer, the scheme automatically claims the gift aid on your donation, adding 25% to the value of your donation and saving the church volunteers a lot of time processing gift aid claims.

If you have any questions on the church or the scheme then do please speak to a churchwarden (Eryl or Raymond) or the treasurer (Naomi).

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Treasurer@stonedintonhartwell.com

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Giving to the Church

Oou can support the church regularly by signing up for the Parish Giving Scheme.

You can pay as much as you can afford and if you are a tax payer the church gets an additional amount from the HMRC. It costs you nothing and saves us a lot of work. We will not be renewing the brown envelope scheme. If you are still on that please think about signing up to the Parish Giving Scheme. For occasional donations you only need to complete a green envelope if the amount is more than £20.00. We can automatically claim tax back on anything under that amount.

Stone Fete 2018 Review

meeting to discuss what went well and what we can improve will be on Monday 9th July at 7 pm at the Jubilee Pavilion. If you cannot attend please let David Pickup have any comments about this. We will also be displaying the photographs taken at the fete. david@pickupandscott.co.uk

Job Vacancy

ychert Vale Benefice, is looking for a temporary replacement to cover a maternity leave for the post of Benefice Administrator to support our group of churches.

This is a part-time position based in St Mary's Centre, Haddenham. This will be from August 2018. The job description is attached. For any further information, please contact office@wychertvale.org

If you wish to apply for the post, please send a covering letter and your current CV to Dianne Brackley c/o St Mary's Centre, Church End, Haddenham, HP17 8AJ or by email to office@wychertvale.org

The closing date for applications is Wednesday 13th July and interviews will be held on Wednesday 25th July



Job Description

he role will suit a good administrator who is able to carry out a range of administrative tasks to ensure the effective operation of the benefice. The job is for 22 hours a week and is based at St Mary's Centre, Haddenham. This will be mainly on weekday mornings, but some evenings and possibly occasional weekends too. This will be flexible to cover holidays. Holidays: 28 days annual leave pro rata, including Bank Holidays.

A full Disclosure and Barring Service check will be required. You will be responsible to the churchwardens. Outline of job:

- Responding to all enquiries and passing on to appropriate clergy/ coordinator where necessary.
- Administration of Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms. Keeping accurate & up-to-date records of enquiries and their progress. Administration of preparation and services. Completion of invoices, certificates, registers and Diocesan returns.
- Co-ordinating logistics & maintaining rotas for services of worship. Updating registers. Producing service leaflets & booklets as required. Preparation and distribution of notice sheets.
- Management and maintenance of St Mary's Centre and the Church. Liaising with hirers, suppliers and contractors. Ensuring the Church and St Mary's Centre diary is always up to date. Maintaining an effective stock control system of resources. Ensuring that current Health & Safety regulations are in force and records are kept that meet legislative requirements.
- Attending occasional meetings, taking minutes. Acting upon the decisions from meetings, as appropriate.
- Distribution and dissemination of all mail and correspondence.
- Updating of benefice websites as required.
- Ensuring the effective operation of the office and its systems and that the office and equipment are up-to-date and well-maintained