

Current arrangements at SJB

We do not know yet whether we will be able to hold services in church again in December. Online services will continue each week though so do log in to those if you can, and the church is open for private prayer each Sunday morning 10.30 – 11.30.

Complying with Government and Diocesan regulations, the church has been properly prepared and places are socially distanced. Hand sanitiser and anti-bacterial spray are readily available. Face coverings must be worn in church except by those under 11 years old.

The porch will continue to be open for private prayer every day during daylight hours.

Keeping up to date

We are living through a time of rapid and sudden change. It is difficult for everyone to keep up with what is required of them and this applies to the church as a whole as much as to us all as individual citizens. As soon as we print notices they are out of date! however we will do our best to keep you informed about what the church is doing. These are the main channels of communication we are using:

- The church noticeboards on Bishopstone Road and Church Way
- The parish website www.stonedintonhartwell.com
- This pewsheets. It is put together on a Friday night/Saturday morning so it is reasonably up to date. If you know anyone who would benefit from receiving it each Sunday morning please encourage them to contact us. We are not allowed to send it out to anyone who has not requested it pewsheets@stonedintonhartwell.com
- The Parish News magazine, although this may be out of date on some matters by the time you receive it. There are still articles worth reading though magazine@stonedintonhartwell.com
- By telephone – this is where we can ALL play our part. Now is the time to ring each other and check everyone is ok ESPECIALLY those who do not have access to the internet or who live alone

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Wychert Vale Benefice
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Parish of Stone, Dinton and Hartwell

Churches of: St. John Baptist, STONE; Ss Peter & Paul, DINTON; Assumption of St. Mary the Virgin, HARTWELL

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St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 22nd November Christ the King

Dear Friends,

[This week's service](#) is the last of our series with members of our Ministry Team speaking about what drives them in ministry and key Bible passages that inspire them. Rev Nigel Featherston takes us through the journey to his ordination. As it is Stir Up Sunday, I stir up a Christmas pudding as I lead you in prayer.

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Phil Groves

Associate Rector in the Wychert Vale Benefice

Phone 01296 748 390

*Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen*



Wednesday 25th November at 8.00pm - SJB church meeting
Zoom log in details and agenda to be sent out later

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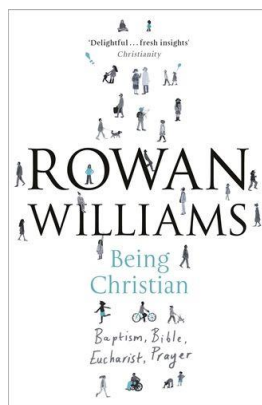
Last year we hosted the steering group of the Anglican Peace and Justice Network in our benefice. Among the members was Archbishop Samuel Peni. He has asked us all to pray for him over the next week while he attends the National Dialogue Conference for Peace in South Sudan. For more information please click [here](#).

Phil Groves

Thursday evening study group

On Thursday nights on Zoom at 9pm a group of us including Revd Phil are meeting up to discuss our faith journeys, God and lots of other stuff that comes up! It is a good way of getting to know each other a bit better. The group is very informal. We are using a short book titled 'Being Christian' by Rowan Williams as a basis for our discussions. **You are invited to join us.** You don't have to promise to come every week though. Please contact me and I will give you further details and add you to the Zoom invite list.

Naomi tel. no: 01296 747689



Today is 'Stir Up Sunday'

Stir Up Sunday started back in Victorian times, and was a tradition where families would come together to get their fruit puddings stirred up, steamed and stored ahead of Christmas. Each member of the family would take a turn to give all the ingredients a good mix and tick off the first task of the Christmas season.



It is thought that the name Stir Up Sunday comes from the opening line of the book of Common Prayer that was read at church on the Sunday before Advent which said 'Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord'.

Will you be stirring your Christmas pudding today?

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Dinton Church

Luxury Christmas Hamper
Proceeds to the Aylesbury Vineyard Food Bank
Tickets £5

Luxury Christmas Hamper contents include:

Starveall Farm Turkey, Champagne, Christmas pudding & Christmas cake, and MUCH more



The ticket this year is an envelope which you need to return with £5 or a cheque inside and your name and contact details on the outside. This will be entered in the draw instead of a ticket. Or pay by BACS to Stone, Dinton Hartwell PCC sort code **20-03-18** account **60823872**. You will still need to complete an envelope. Draw to take place on 12th December 2020
Contacts: - Rosemary Jackson 07751 393377 Nicky Bancroft 07957 431775
Valma Thompson 01296 748561

Faith leaders letter to government

Earlier this month our Archbishops signed an interfaith letter challenging the government's decision to disallow communal worship during the second lockdown. [Do take a moment to read the letter if you missed it](#) and let's pray that our churches are able to reopen without delay once lockdown ends.



Church Christmas card delivery – can you help?

As in previous years we will be delivering a church Christmas card to every house in the village. It will give a Christmas message as well as our plans for this year as we will not be able to hold our usual services. We will need plenty of volunteers to deliver the cards from 13th December onwards so if you can help with this please give Naomi a call tel no: 747689 Thankyou

Annual Posada

When Joseph and Mary undertook their journey to Bethlehem it would have been classed as 'essential travel' because it was required for the census. Unfortunately our annual Posada is not viewed in the same way, so sadly there will not be a posada around the village this year. Details of what we are planning instead will be published a bit later when they have been finalised.

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