## **Prayer ministry**

Prayer requests can be sent in to the website. These will go to a prayer team within the church community who are committed to praying to God for situations and for others. If you have a prayer request or would like to be part of the prayer team please contact Raymond who is one of our churchwardens raymond.medhurst@stonedintonhartwell.com

## **Parish Church & Community News**

We are organising a **Parish Virtual Garden Show**. A chance to show off your horticultural achievements! This year has been a unique opportunity to spend more time in the garden and we are planning a virtual summer flower and produce show. This is a chance to celebrate and share all our local gardens.



Full details will be given in the July edition of the Parish magazine. We will be inviting you to submit photographs, either on line or by post, of flowers, fruit/vegetables, plants grown by children, or general views of your garden. There will be a display of photographs in the October magazine. There will be certificates for winners.

Enquiries can be sent to <a href="magazine@stonedintonhartwell.com">magazine@stonedintonhartwell.com</a>.

# Pathways magazine

There are no printed copies of the latest edition of Pathways, the Oxford Diocesan magazine. It is available online though in PDF format: <a href="https://www.oxford.anglican.org/pathways-pdf-version/">https://www.oxford.anglican.org/pathways-pdf-version/</a>

# **Stone Community Volunteers**

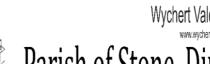
The volunteers have been amazing throughout the period of lockdown, serving others in so many practical ways. Although restrictions are easing it is still **not too late to volunteer** as others may have to go back to work. It is hoped that the group will be able to continue in some form even beyond the pandemic so watch this space. Thankyou to EVERYONE who got involved. You know who you are! To volunteer please contact Naomi and Clive on 01296 747689

Contact details: Pewsheet pewsheet@stonedintonhartwell.com

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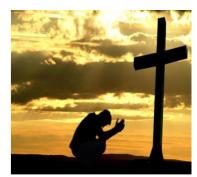
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# St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> JULY

This Sunday we consider **worship** and Rev Jonathan Hawkins helps us consider the significance of worship in the context of the Covid lockdown.

You can access the service <u>here</u> and the service sheet will be on the websites.

Our own Richard Fisher <u>received an award</u> last week from the Archbishop of Canterbury and another friend of Phil's also received an award - in part for work he did with Phil. His name is Joseph Galgalo and you can read Phil's tribute to him <u>here</u>.



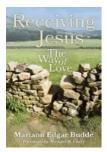
#### Phil Groves

Associate Rector in the Wychert Vale Benefice Phone 01296 748 390

# **Next Week**

Our **first service in the church** will be a simple said service of Morning Prayer using our familiar liturgy on **Sunday 19**<sup>th</sup> **July at 10.30**. We know people want to meet with one another so we can worship and pray together. We will observe the requirements for social distancing and there will not be any singing. Please spread the word to those who do not receive the pewsheet.

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#### **Thursday Chat**

We are <u>meeting on Zoom</u> on Thursday evenings - glass of something in hand - to discuss our faith and the theme of the week. Everyone is welcome to join the relaxed discussion based on the book 'Receiving Jesus'.

Here is the link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89668529350?pwd=NTI0TE0rbFVJYWdKM0xSQkdMVHRmQT09

Meeting ID: 896 6852 9350 Password: 792250

## Weekday prayers

For those that join in the weekday prayers at 9am, **please note** this will not be happening on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> (tomorrow). We will continue as normal after that. These 20 minute Prayer slots are open to **anyone** to join in. Further details and the order of service are on the front page of the benefice website <a href="https://www.wychertvale.org">www.wychertvale.org</a>, and this includes access details for our Zoom meeting.

# Private prayer in church

The church porch is now open daily for private prayer and meditation. Users will need to bring their own Bible and Prayer Book if required as (following guidelines) all printed material has been withdrawn at this time.

The main church building will be open 9.30 – 11.30am today (Sunday) for private prayer. Social distancing measures are in place so please make sure you adhere to these when you are in the church. This includes certain pews being marked as out of use and the back of the church being cordoned off. It will feel strange at first but let us rejoice that we are at last able to access our place of worship again!

There is plenty of antibacterial hand sanitiser available as you come into church so please use it when you come in and also when you leave.

#### Verse of the week

How did you get on with memorising last week's verse? This week we have two adjacent verses but they are important within the service today.

Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to his name; worship the LORD in the splendour of his holiness.

Psalm 29:1-2

Our service today is about **worship** and Revd. Jonathan Hawkins points out that the focus word in this passage is 'due' because our desire to worship God springs from recognising who God is and acknowledging his love for us and his forgiveness.

## Café in the Park

We have heard from the Parish Council that the Pavilion in the Recreation Ground will be re-opening from 13<sup>th</sup> July. We are therefore delighted to be starting up Café in the Park again from **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August.** We will need helpers and cakes as usual, but we are also asking everyone to tell their friends and neighbours and invite them along. Further details next week but please make sure you note the date in your diary now.



Dear Lord in Heaven we long to worship you as you deserve.

Help us to worship you in spirit and in truth. May our lives honour you in all that we think and say and do. Thankyou that

we are precious to you and your love for us surpasses any other love we have known. Teach us to walk in your ways each and every day, bringing honour and glory to your precious name. Amen

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