

Annual Parochial Church meeting ...

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at 8pm on **Thursday 8th October**. Details on how to join us on Zoom will be given nearer the time.

- We still need a PCC Secretary
- We will be appointing/re-appointing Church Wardens
- We will be appointing new representatives to the Deanery Synod

Next week there will be more details on what each of these roles entails.

The Electoral Roll revision is still open but it closes on **14th September**. If you are not already on the roll and you wish to be included, please complete a form today which can be found [here](#).

Memories

Stone and Bishopstone Parish Council hope to include within the Remembrance Day Service handout local reports of VE and VJ recognition at the Annual Event in November. These important historical milestones slipped by this year because of the Pandemic. Please contact SBHPC, Enid Robinson (01296 748223), or Clive Corbould with any local family history reports.



From the Diocese - Saved through Christ and in his hands

24 September 07:30 pm

What do New Testament writers mean when they talk about being 'in Christ'? The meaning of this phrase, which is especially important to St. Paul, is a longstanding puzzle. Teresa Morgan offers a new interpretation, and explores what being 'in Christ' tells us about the nature of Christ and what it means to live in Christ's hands between the Resurrection and the end time.

[Register for this free 40 minute online talk here](#)

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St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 13th September

10:30am MORNING WORSHIP led by **Revd. Phil Groves**

Lectionary Readings for today: Exodus 14:19-31
Matthew 18:21-35



Thankyou Father for forgiving us time after time for all our sins and weaknesses. You have told us to forgive others in the same way, not harbouring grudges, but reaching out to them with compassion and humility. Help us Lord to truly forgive others as you have taught us to do. Amen

Next week our service at 10:30am will be led by **David Pickup**

We all need to wear face coverings in church. There will be a supply of disposable masks available in the porch as you go in.

Although we are not able to run our regular children's group in church at the moment, children are still welcome at any of our 10:30am services. We suggest you bring books or colouring activities with you from home though.

We are sorry not to be able to offer refreshments after the service. However, please stay if you can and chat outside the church after the service today. We would love to meet you.



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Our Online service today

Our Sunday worship over the summer reminded us that the core of our faith is 'the invitation to experience a loving, personal relationship with God. It's a relationship we can trust, where we can find refuge and solid ground upon which to stand.'

Through the autumn we will build on this basis. The aim will be that as we hear the motivations of those who preach and lead worship in our community, they will give us a bigger picture: a deeper understanding of God. This verse will guide us:

**For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord,
and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. (2 Cor. 4 v5)**

This week's [service](#) features a very moving and personal sermon by Rev Jonathan Hawkins. In it he explores his calling and ours to share the light of Christ.

Next week we will have the first of two services focusing on Harvest.

Phil Groves

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Current arrangements at SJB

Each Sunday morning the church will be open from 10.15am. There will be a Worship Service at 10.30am and the church will remain open until 11.30am. More formal services such as Holy Communion will not be resumed for some time due to the present COVID19 regulations.

However, we hope to start the monthly 9:00am Matins service again on 25th October. Please check future editions of the pewsheet for confirmation of this nearer the time.

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.

Please bring your own Bible if you wish. There will be music but singing is still not allowed.

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

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Harvest

Sadly in the present circumstances we are not able to hold a Harvest Festival service in church in the usual way. There will instead be a Morning Worship service with a harvest theme on **September 20th** led by David Pickup.

This year we would like to encourage everyone to **donate food to the foodbanks** in Aylesbury rather than bringing contributions to church.

Items required are - tinned meat, fish & veg – toiletries – long-life milk – cereals – chocolate – tea & coffee.

Please place donations in the yellow crates at Stone Methodist Church and Stone Service Station. Bernie the Bus will collect them on Thursdays.

There are posters about this around the village and details are also available on our [website](#).

Family activity pack for Harvest

To celebrate the harvest season two talented members of our church family have produced an activity pack for harvest which can be found on the website. A link to it is [here](#)

We are encouraging families to make a Cornucopia and display it so Stone is decorated for harvest but also to **send in any photos** to show what crafts they have been doing as a family leading up to harvest. Instructions are in the activity pack



The activity pack also includes a recipe for apple crumble and in order to encourage the children to give this a go we would like to offer a supply of home grown cooking apples. If you have your own tree(s) and would be willing to donate apples please let Phil Groves know.

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