

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. You may wonder what you can do to help others - praying is the BEST AND MOST IMPORTANT THING WE CAN DO. 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 pleased to report there is a full print run of the June magazine. A colour digital version will also be available. Enquiries can be sent to magazine@stonedintonhartwell.com.



We are also 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

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BREAKING NEWS – Following the announcement from the government this week that churches can open for private prayer the porch at SJB will soon be opening again each day.
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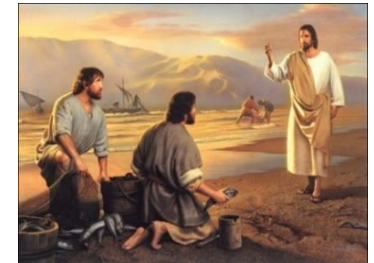
St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 14th JUNE

Dear Friends,

Our Service of Holy Communion is available [here](#).

MarkOver this period of lockdown, we have had to re-examine all that is important. We have rediscovered the value of family, friends, freedom, and our health and jobs. As Christians we have had the opportunity to discover what is important to us and so our Sunday worship over the next few weeks will consider the basics of our spiritual life.

The first theme is Turning to Christ and in addition to the Sunday Holy Communion Service we have the story of [Paul's conversion](#) told for children (and adults).



Mark 1:16-20

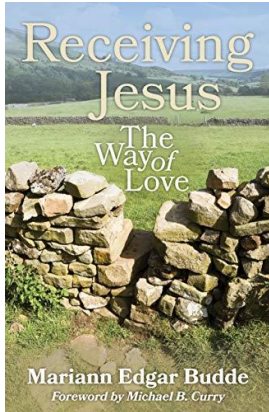
The service sheet can be found on the Church website [Here](#).
and the outline of the Receiving Jesus theme is also on the Church website

Phil Groves

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Our theme for the next few weeks



We will be using a little book by Bishop Mariann Budde – the Bishop of Washington called **Receiving Jesus**. You may have come across Bishop Mariann – she was in the news when she condemned President Trump’s publicity stunt when he waved a Bible around outside one of her churches. If you want to see a humorous, but ultimately very moving video concerning that stunt click [here](#). Watch it to the end.

Receiving Jesus is accessed [here](#). Kindle books can be read on a number of platforms including laptops and tablets.

Phil has also posted [a reflection on Black Lives Matter](#). This is also about turning to Christ.

Church services for those without the internet



Church at Home services from the Diocese of Oxford can now be accessed by telephone. Dial 01865 920930 to hear the latest service (press 0= short service, 1= full service). Normal call rates apply.

Morning Prayers

It has been the normal practice of the clergy to meet on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in different churches across the benefice to which anyone can come and join in. We now meet online via Zoom. Words for the order of service are available on the website. Please have a Bible to hand to follow the daily reading which will be given out each day.

The meeting ID and password remain the same for each day.

Please do join with us when you would wish to and everyone is welcome.

Daily-09:00 – 09:30 - Monday to Friday (lasting about 15- 20 minutes)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75288113640?pwd=NIJSRmF4aUtlVHJlRHVpUFdjR3luUT09>

Meeting ID: 752 8811 3640

Password: 1Xe8iB

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Pathways returning – online

The summer edition of Pathways, our diocesan magazine, will be available in the coming days. This edition focuses on the environment, and addresses the hopes and fears we all have as we face the climate crisis. Is this a time when the hope we have as Christians shines more brightly in the gathering gloom?



The **Association of Christian Counsellors (ACC)** is providing a new service in response to the distress and suffering of many people as a result of the pandemic.

ACC’s COVID-19 [Crisis Counselling Support Service](#) is for anyone in the UK, whatever their faith, who has been bereaved during the time of the epidemic and anyone working within an NHS setting in a frontline role. The service offers anyone who is eligible up to ten sessions of counselling on a no-fee basis from a professionally trained counsellor.

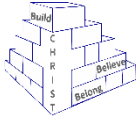
The Queen

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh have spent this time of lockdown at Windsor Castle. Yesterday she celebrated her official birthday there. She has been our sovereign for 67 years and is the Head of the Commonwealth with 54 member states. That includes people of many colours and different faiths. She credits her own Christian faith as the steady anchor amidst life’s trials and triumphs. She is the Supreme Governor of the Church of England.



Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ exchanged the glory of a heavenly throne for the form of a servant, we thank you that you have given Elizabeth our Queen a heart to serve her people, and have kept her devoted in this service through so many years. Encourage us by her example to serve one another, and to seek the common good, until you call us all to reign with Christ in your eternal kingdom. Amen

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Wychert Vale Benefice Vacancy

Dear All,

As your representative on the interviewing panel for the above vacancy, I have been asked to get your views in light of the current COVID situation.

The interviews were postponed at the start of the pandemic and during the time that has passed there have been many changes in the way that we worship.

I would like to know if this situation has made you want to keep some things that have been done to enhance our worship or develop other ways of worship not just here at Stone but within the Benefice too.

If you would, please take a little time to let me have your thoughts so I can then attend an online meeting with our views firmly at the front of my mind and make our wishes known.

I will need the replies by the end of June so please get them back to me as soon as possible.

Many thanks,

Sue Birrell

Please send replies to the below question to one of the following:

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Online Form: www.stonedintonhartwell.com

Questions:

- Q1. What have you learnt during this pandemic about:
- a) Needs of your own church life. e.g social aspect, access to the word?
 - b) How the church has managed and what has worked/not worked so well?
- Q2. What do you think God is inviting us as a Benefice to do going forward?