

### Current arrangements at SJB

In accordance with regulations we have had to cancel the services in church that were planned for November. 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 As soon as we print notices they are out of date!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](http://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](mailto: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- The Parish News magazine, although this may be out of date on some matters by the time you receive it.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](mailto: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



Wychert Vale Benefice  
[www.wychertvale.org](http://www.wychertvale.org)



# Parish of Stone, Dinton and Hartwell

Churches of: St. John Baptist, STONE; Ss Peter & Paul, DINTON; Assumption of St. Mary the Virgin, HARTWELL  
[www.stonedintonhartwell.com](http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com)

## St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 15th November

Dear Friends,

This week's service comes from St Mary's Haddenham and we return to each of our ministry team preaching on a subject close to their heart.

This week Adrian Collier preaches from 1 Samuel 16

Phil Groves

Associate Rector in the Wychert Vale Benefice  
Phone 01296 748 390



*the anointing of David*

*'.....The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.'*

*1 Samuel 16 v 7*



***Dear Lord we pray for each of the candidates who will be interviewed this week for the post of Rector. We trust that you know the hearts of each of them and pray you will give wisdom to the panel in discerning your chosen one. Amen***

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Dear Friends,

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 two weeks while he attends the National Dialogue Conference for Peace in South Sudan. For more information please click [here](#).



Phil Groves

### November Parish News magazine

In view of the lockdown we have decided not to distribute printed magazines this month. We have arranged a new printing and a reduced number of hard copies will be available in the church porches at Dinton and Stone. We hope to return to a full distribution again in December. An electronic copy is available from me at [magazine@stonedintonhartwell.com](mailto:magazine@stonedintonhartwell.com)

David Pickup (Editor)

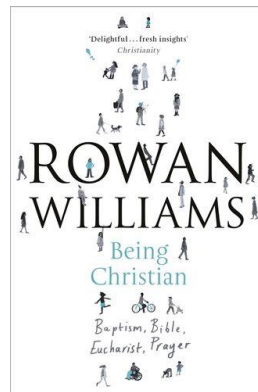


### Café in the Park

In view of the uncertainty about regulations after 2<sup>nd</sup> December Café in the Park which was scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> December has been cancelled. We will review if we can start up again in January nearer the time. So watch this space!  
Clive and Naomi: tel. no: 01296 747689

### 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



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### Poppy appeal

For the first time in one hundred years we did not have the usual door to door poppy selling. A big thank you therefore to the Co-op in Stone and the schools at Fairford Leys and Stone for supporting the appeal. Thank you also to everyone who has given generous donations either to me or directly to the Royal British Legion. If you still have donations please pass them to me as soon as possible. The Poppy Appeal page on the Legion website is <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate>

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### #PrayerfortheNation

Across the world, Covid-19 has brought much sadness to many

*'On the brink of this second lockdown we might understandably feel helpless, anxious and vulnerable.'* says the **Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby**, *'... we do what we can to halt the spread of this virus – but we can still feel powerless. Is there anything else we can do? Really do? Yes. Yes there is. We can pray. Prayer is my first response when I feel out of my depth, when I need help, when I am worried, when I am concerned for those I love... Prayer changes things'*

[Click here](#) to watch the **Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell**, inviting you to join **#PrayerfortheNation** at 6pm each day



*Sovereign Lord, thank you that in the midst of all the uncertainty you are never taken by surprise and have a plan if we can wait for it to unfold. We pray for the leaders throughout the world as they look for ways to overcome the pandemic and its financial and social implications, climate change, and ongoing conflicts. Please give them wisdom and a determination to tackle problems in ways which will benefit everyone. Amen* (from our online service today)

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