

### A prayer for peace

This weekend we have been reminded that it is 75 years since VJ Day which brought WWII to an end in the Far East. While the crowds were celebrating VE Day in Europe the fighting continued for several more weeks in the Far East. This was a particularly brutal area of conflict with prisoners of war enduring cruel treatment, and the atomic bomb being dropped on two Japanese cities.

*God our Father,  
In the dying and rising of your Son Jesus Christ,  
you have brought life and salvation out of  
cruelty and death.*



*We mark VJ Day with gratitude for the courage of many who  
suffered for freedom in the Far East campaign, and in sorrow for all  
that hinders the coming of your Kingdom of Peace.*

*Give us wisdom to learn from the bitter memories of war, and  
hearts for the unity of all nations.*

*We ask all this in the name of Jesus, in whom there is no east and  
west, no north or south, but one fellowship of love across the whole  
earth. Amen*

### Coins and old gold and silver broken jewellery.



We recently raised over £200 for the church from one kind donation of broken jewellery. If you have any broken jewellery or obsolete foreign or English coins and bank notes please send them in.

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## St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

10:30am **MORNING WORSHIP** led by David Robinson

Why does God sometimes hide the truth?

Readings: Psalm 91 and Matthew 11: 20 -29

Verse for the week

*At that time Jesus said "I praise you Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and  
revealed them to little children".*

Matthew 11 verse 25

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

All our services in August will take the form of Morning Worship as we have not started Communion services again yet. Each service will be led by a lay member of our church here in Stone.

**23<sup>rd</sup> August** - Sue Birrell

**30<sup>th</sup> August** - David Pickup

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### Our Online service today

This Sunday sees the conclusion of our series from Bishop Mariann Budde's excellent little book Receiving Jesus. The service is available [here](#).

Rev Trish Mander gives us a perspective on a rhythm of life by drawing on the seven steps set out in the book - to turn – to learn – to pray – to worship – to bless – to go – to rest.

The service features an interview with Philippa Blowfield who speaks about establishing a rhythm in her preparation for the London Marathon.

We sing *Tell Out My Soul* and *How Great Thou Art*.

Phil Groves

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*(Note - if anyone would like to read Mariann Budde's book but has been unable to obtain a copy please let Phil know as several people around the Benefice have one you could borrow)*

### Current arrangements at SJB

The church will be open on Sundays for private prayer from 9.30am.

There will be a short Worship Service at 10.30am and the church will remain open until 11.30am.

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.

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

More formal services (e.g. Holy Communion, Matins) will not be resumed for some time due to the present COFID19 regulations.

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

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 8pm** - SJB church meeting ( online )  
agenda and link to follow next week

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### Café in the Park

We had a wonderful time at our first Café under the current COVID regulations, but we are all still learning and adapting!

Most of all we need **more helpers on the day** to take orders and look after visitors as we are now running table service.

Please let Naomi or Clive know if you would like to join the team for **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September** – tel: 747689



### Church Warden notice

For personal reasons Raymond is stepping aside as Church Warden for the moment. Phil and Eryl are supporting him and we ask you to respect his privacy. He may be worshipping among us, but if there are issues you wish to raise with a Church Warden please contact Eryl. At the moment Eryl is not able to worship with us because she has been advised to shield, so Sue Birrell will be available at most services to act as Church Warden.

Raymond will continue to take the lead in our fabric committee.

### Prayer for the younger generation

The last few months have been an unsettling time for us all with the normal pattern and rhythm of daily life disrupted. Our current generation of teenagers and students have been badly affected with schools and colleges closed when they should have been preparing for exams and making important decisions about their future.



*Heavenly Father*

*We pray for our young people as they seek guidance through this time of anxiety and uncertainty. We pray they will see beyond any disappointments they feel and hold hope in their hearts for the future. Direct them in the path that is right for them, and open the doors for them to fulfil their potential. Amen*

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