Annual Parochial Church meeting

Thursday 8th October at 8pm. This is when we review the past year and make decisions for the coming one. We will be appointing/re-appointing Church Wardens and PCC members.

Details on how to join us on Zoom are on the website.

As you are all aware we have been without a **PCC Secretary** for well over a year now and we really need someone to take on this role. As PCC Secretary you would need to prepare and circulate the agenda for PCC meetings and also attend the meetings to take the minutes. You would also deal with church correspondence on behalf of the PCC. It is up to you to decide if you want to be involved with any other committees or events that need minutes as the PCC will take up your time. For more information please speak to Eryl Morgan or Sue Birrell.

We also need **two representatives** from our parish to attend **Deanery Synod** meetings on our behalf. There are three evening meetings each year and in normal times they are held in various churches around the Aylesbury deanery. So you do get the opportunity to visit some out of the way places of worship! It is also a good opportunity to get to know people from other churches in the area, share ideas with them, and hear about plans for the wider church. You would need to prepare a brief report to the PCC and so attending PCC meetings is also important. For more information about the deanery please speak to Jenny Pickup or Liz Tomkins.

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. Please contact SBHPC, Enid Robinson on 748223, or Clive Corbould with any local family history reports.

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St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 20th September

10:30am MORNING WORSHIP led by David Pickup

A service to celebrate the Harvest

Readings for today:

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

John 15:1-8

'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing'

John 15 v 5





God our Father, you have created all things, and we praise you for the harvest. We thank you for your love for us, and for providing the food and drink we enjoy each day. Make us always thankful, and give us generous hearts to share what we have with those who have little; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

Harvest in Stone

Harvest is here and it is a wonderful time to gather apples and all kinds of garden products. David Pickup will be leading a simple service with a Harvest theme, but we will not be able to sing the harvest songs and cannot have a harvest supper so we are asking you to celebrate Harvest at Home - decorating your house and cooking an apple crumble (or pie if you prefer). Please send photos to be put on our website and social media here. For children we have prepared a pack that you can download here to give ideas for decorations. It has a recipe for Apple Crumble.



Please take the time to watch the online service where Phil explains why it is best to use local apples from the trees around us. They may not be perfect, but they are wonderful. Liz and Jenny have organised for there to be apples in the churchyard for people to collect and cook.

Please do not forget to drop off donations for the Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse. They need tinned beans, meats and fish. They would like tinned soups, and cartons of custard and rice pudding. They don't want pasta. They are also delighted to receive fresh vegetables and fruit. You can drop off these things in the church porch on Sunday and through the week.

(note: or they can be put in the yellow crates outside the Methodist Chapel or Stone Service Station in time for the collection on Thursday)

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Family activity pack for Harvest



To celebrate the harvest season two talented members of our church family have produced the harvest activity pack on the <u>website</u>. We are encouraging you all to make a **Cornucopia** and display it so that Stone is decorated for harvest. Please also **send in any photos** to show what crafts you have been doing as a family leading up to harvest. **Instructions are in the activity pack.**

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.

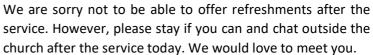
However, we hope to start the monthly 9:00am Matins service again on 25th October. Please check future editions of the pewsheet for confirmation of this nearer the time. The pewsheet is sent electronically each Sunday morning to those people who have signed up to it. We need your permission to send it to you so if you know of anybody else who would like to receive it please encourage them to sign up via the website.

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.

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.





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.

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