

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.

Annual Parochial Church meeting

Thursday 8th October at 8pm - Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)
This will be by Zoom. Details to follow.

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



Dear Lord

We pray for our wardens and ministry team and our church committee. Give them wisdom and discernment to make sound decisions on our behalf. May your Holy Spirit bring unity and a renewed desire to serve one another in your name. 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 banknotes please send them in.
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St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 23rd AUGUST

10:30am **MORNING WORSHIP** led by Sue Birrell

Readings:

Exodus 1:8 – 2:10
(Moses in the bulrushes)

Matthew 16:13-20



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 in.

Next week our Morning Worship will be led by David Pickup

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Our Online service today

More of our churches are open for worship, but we intend – subject to demand – to keep posting Sunday Worship on our YouTube channel.

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 by inviting members of our benefice ministry team to tell us something central to their Journey with Christ. 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 Phil will introduce the theme and consider how Joseph’s story sets the way for the story of Jesus. The service is [here](#) and available on the Wychert Vale and Stone websites.

Ali Lewis – one of our Benefice youth leaders – has posted the Joseph story for children on the website the link is [here](#).

Phil Groves

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SJB meeting for August

The previously advertised meeting on 26th August is **not going ahead** but will take place in early/mid-September instead. Those of you who normally attend this meeting will have been contacted by email.

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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 COVID19 regulations.

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

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 harvest themed service on **September 20th**.

We would also like to encourage everyone to donate food to Aylesbury Storehouse and the Vineyard rather than bringing contributions to church this year. The Parish Council is arranging collection points for ‘Bernie the Bus’ to take donations of food to the foodbanks for us. We will soon be advertising the details so look out for the [Harvest Time posters](#) that will be going up around the village.

Café in the Park

Our next Café in the Park is on **Saturday 5th September** and we need more helpers on the day to serve our guests. It is a fun event and no previous experience is needed. Please let Naomi or Clive know if you would like to join the team - tel: 747689



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