



Wychert Vale Benefice
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Parish of Stone, Dinton and Hartwell

Churches of: St. John Baptist, STONE; Ss Peter & Paul, DINTON; Assumption of St. Mary the Virgin, HARTWELL

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St. John the Baptist STONE

Sunday 26th JULY

What a joy it was last week to finally meet together for worship in our church! It was quite emotional for some of us as we were able to share our thoughts and experiences of recent months. **Today there will again be a short act of worship in the church at 10.30am led by our churchwarden Raymond Medhurst.**

An SJB church meeting of twelve people and Phil Groves met on Wednesday evening to discuss arrangements for Sunday morning worship starting in August.

We still need to follow the rules of social distancing and also to not sing.

It was agreed to hold a simplified form of our morning worship service every week starting at 10.30am. It will include a short talk, prayers and Bible reading, but no communion. Due to commitments around the Benefice during August Phil will not be leading us until the beginning of September. We are however very fortunate to have several people within our congregation who are qualified to lead our services and they will do so.

Our churchwarden Eryl Morgan is co-ordinating the arrangements for us.

Thursday 30th July at 7.30pm – Stone and Dinton Finance Committee meeting

Tuesday 4th August at 8.00pm – Stone and Dinton PCC

Both of these meetings will be held on Zoom

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. 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

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Volunteer vacancy

The Archdeacon of Buckingham's Clergy Charity is a small charity set up to provide financial support to clergy in the Archdeaconry and also their widows in times of need. The clergy widows are personally visited by a small team of 6 lay volunteer visitors and the Trustees are looking for someone to act as 'Visitor Co-ordinator' on a voluntary basis. Mileage expenses and an honorarium are being offered for this role.

Details of the role being advertised can be seen here:

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/visitor-co-ordinator-for-the-archdeacon-of-buckingham-clergy-charity-2/>

If you have any queries please get in touch

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THE BENEFICE OFFICE IN HADDENHAM IS CLOSED UNTIL 28th JULY

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Private prayer

The **church porch** is open daily during daylight hours for private prayer and meditation. Users will need to bring their own Bible and Prayer Book if required.

The **church building** is also open on Sunday mornings from 9.30 – 11.30am. There will be a service during this time at 10.30am.

Our Online service today

The link to the Benefice online service is [Here](#).

Today Phil is helping us to think about God's call to go out into the world. Often when God calls us to 'go' our first response is 'no'! but we need to step outside our comfort zone and build relationships with people who are not like us.

Phil draws on the story of Jonah who said 'no' to God at first but then said 'yes' but he focusses on part of the story that we often overlook.

The service also includes a worship song from Tearfund called 'Renew our World' and the chorus is being used as our pewsheet prayer today (see below).

Next week the online service will be led by Revd. Jonathan Hawkins who will speak about the importance of rest.



***We need you now, Lord hear our prayer
Give us your love, give us your touch
To meet this world in need, to be your hands and feet
Give us your heart, give us your eyes
To serve in love and truth, to see the world renewed
Renew our world Amen***

Café in the Park

The Pavilion in the Recreation Ground has now reopened. We are therefore delighted to be starting up Café in the Park again from **Saturday 8th August**. All required safety arrangements will be adhered to. Further details to follow.

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Update on vacancy

We advertised earlier in the year for the position of Rector and we were due to interview the applicants in March 2020. Due to the pandemic the interviews were cancelled. In June Bishop Alan advised that he didn't envisage things progressing until we got to stage 4 of relieving lockdown. On July 6th, our parish development adviser, Gill Lovell, arranged a Zoom meeting with the Parish Representatives to look at how we move forward with re-advertising the post. We know that interviews may not be able to be held face to face, depending on the pandemic situation. The number of candidates currently looking to move position is much reduced due to the pandemic. The Bishop, Area Dean and Lay Chair of the Deanery, have expressed strongly that given the extreme uncertainty of the situation we are in, we should take our time and not rush into any appointment. The Parish Representatives will be meeting again soon to collectively decide how they would like to proceed, before reporting back to the Bishop, who has the ultimate decision. We will keep you updated and welcome your prayers as we go through this long and frustrating process.

David Robinson

Butterfly Summer – Stone churchyard leads the way!

This month included the National Butterfly Count and Michael Pitt-Payne did a survey in the churchyard and recorded a total of 44 butterflies from 13 different species. So far this year he has recorded 19 species which was the same as last year. This is the most species seen in any churchyard in the Upper Thames Region.



Our **online service today** includes a more detailed video report from Phil Groves. We also hope to have more details in the parish magazine.

Verse of the week

'By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another'

John 13 v 35

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