

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. You may wonder what you can do to help others - praying is the BEST AND MOST IMPORTANT THING WE CAN DO. 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 raymond.medhurst@stonedintonhartwell.com

Parish Church & Community News



We are organising a **Parish Virtual Garden Show**. A chance to show off your horticultural achievements! This year has been a unique opportunity to spend more time in the garden and we are planning a virtual summer flower and produce show. This is a chance to celebrate and share all our local gardens.

Full details will be given in the July edition of the Parish magazine. We will be inviting you to submit photographs, either on line or by post, of flowers, fruit/vegetables, plants grown by children, or general views of your garden.

There will be a display of photographs in the October magazine. There will be certificates for winners.

Enquiries can be sent to magazine@stonedintonhartwell.com.

Stone Community Volunteers

The volunteers have been amazing throughout the period of lockdown, serving others in so many practical ways. Although restrictions are easing it is still **not too late to volunteer** as others may have to go back to work. It is hoped that the group will be able to continue in some form even beyond the pandemic so watch this space. Thankyou to EVERYONE who got involved. You know who you are! To volunteer please contact Naomi and Clive on 01296 747689

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Wychert Vale Benefice
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
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St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 28th JUNE

Our morning worship focuses on learning and can be watched [here](#)

THIn readings, reflections and prayers we will consider how we learn from God and how important it is to learn from Scripture. Tricia and Hugh Stradling help guide us in to prayer and contemplation and Phil draws on his experiences and his friends – including Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and Bishop Dinis Sengulane.

For more background on Bishop Dinis you can listen to BBC Radio 4 programme [A History of the World in 100 Objects](#). There is a clip within the worship.

We have three great hymns and we listen again to the new song by John Ball – *We will Meet*.

How Great Thou Art and *And Can it Be* are in their traditional settings. We have an unfamiliar setting for *Lord of All Hopefulness*.



The Throne of Weapons

The music we provide comes from the choir of St Martins in the Field. They are recording hymns and songs on a weekly basis for churches to download and use. We are very grateful to them.

You can access Bishop Mariann Budde's book which is the basis for our worship series [here](#)

Phil Groves

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Thursday Chat

We had a great time last Thursday meeting up to chat about our faith.

We used Chapter 1 of Bishop Mariann Budde's book that you can access [here](#). Some of us had not read it - which was fine - Phil gave a quick intro.

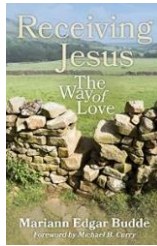
This week we are looking at Chapter 2 which is about learning – and especially learning from Scripture. Please join us on Zoom.

Here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89668529350?pwd=NTIOTE0rbFVJYWdKM0xSQkdMVHRmQT09>

Meeting ID: 896 6852 9350

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Wychemert Vale Benefice Vacancy

Please remember that Sue Birrell - our Church representative on the interviewing panel for the above vacancy - **needs our answers to these questions by Tuesday at the very latest**. This is to give her an update on what we may have learned while our church has been closed for services. Please send replies to:

Email: S.Birrell@stonedintonhartwell.com

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Post: 7, Jakeman Way, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 8FT

Q1. What have you learnt during this pandemic about:

- needs of your own church life eg social aspect, access to the word?
- how the church has managed and what has worked/not worked so well?

Q2. What do you think God is inviting us as a Benefice to do going forward?

Q3. Are there any changes that need to be put in the Benefice Profile following this experience?

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Private prayer in church

The church porch is now open daily for private prayer and meditation. Users will need to bring their own Bible and Prayer Book if required as (following guidelines) all printed material has been withdrawn at this time.

The main church building will be open 9.30 – 11.30 every Sunday morning for private prayer. Social distancing measures are in place so please make sure you adhere to these when you are in the church. This includes certain pews being marked as out of use and the back of the church being cordoned off. It will feel strange at first but let us rejoice that we are at last able to access our place of worship again!

Opening SJB for Worship

We are planning to have a very simple said service of Morning Prayer using our familiar liturgy on **Sunday 19th July at 10.30**. We know people want to meet with one another so we can worship and pray together.

We have limited numbers and will have social spacing.

We can of course still worship God wherever we are and it is important that we continue do so, especially in these uncertain times:

'I need to worship because without it I forget that I have a big God beside me and live in fear.

I need to worship because without it I can forget his calling and begin to live in a spirit of self-preoccupation.

I need to worship because without it I lose a sense of wonder and gratitude and plod through life with blinkers on. (was 'blindness' as he's American! I think blinkers works for us)

I need to worship because my natural tendency is toward self-reliance and stubborn independence'.

Quote from John Ortberg



Gracious God, we praise you for your assurance that although we may sometimes lose sight of you, you will never lose sight of us. Watch over us, take our hand, and lead us safely through these uncertain and unsettling times. Amen

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