

### 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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### 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.



*Father God, we know we are called to be the Body of Christ;  
Make us worthy of that calling,  
fervent in all our prayers and worship,  
loving, faithful and honest in our lives,  
so that the whole Church displays what you are like.  
**Amen***

*Father, we thank you for the joy of our families and friendships, and the opportunities in our homes for learning what real loving is all about. We pray for those we love and worry about, and those who love and worry about us, commending one another to your keeping. **Amen***

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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 2nd AUGUST

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

on a theme of **'God's Very Great Promises'**  
with music, a psalm, Bible reading, and sermon

### Worship at SJB in August

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.

The Government has just announced that from the weekend of August 8<sup>th</sup> (next week) **face coverings must be worn in church.** This does not apply to children under 11years. There will be a supply of disposable masks available in the porch as you go into church. At the end of the service please either take the masks home for disposal or put them in the bin provided in the porch.

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### Our Online service today

This [Sunday's service](#) is again based on Mariann Budde's book "Receiving Jesus". We are led by Revd Jonathan Hawkins, and Revd Nigel Featherston speaks to us about the 7th Rule "To Rest".

The order of service is available on the [benefice web site](#).

Next Sunday, Phil will conclude our series based on Mariann's book when he will speak on the subject of "Saying Yes to God"

### Verse of the week

Our verse of the week is taken from Psalm 127 as in Nigel's talk

*<sup>1</sup> Unless the LORD builds the house,  
the builders labour in vain.  
Unless the LORD watches over the city,  
the guards stand watch in vain.  
<sup>2</sup> In vain you rise early  
and stay up late,  
toiling for food to eat –  
for he grants sleep to those he loves*

### Café in the Park



We are delighted to be starting up Café in the Park again on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August** in the Recreation Ground pavilion 10.00am – 12.00noon. All required safety arrangements will be adhered to so bring your friends and neighbours.

Offers of help to Clive and Naomi - 01296 747689

*Breakfast rolls – 'real coffee' – home baked cakes*

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**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 8.00pm - Stone and Dinton PCC will meet on Zoom**

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### Update on vacancy

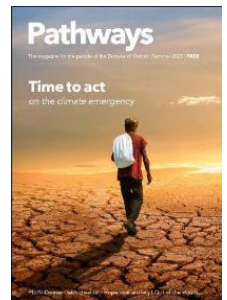
We advertised earlier in the year for the position of Rector and we were due to interview the applicants in March 2020. Due to the pandemic the interviews were cancelled. In June Bishop Alan advised that he didn't envisage things progressing until we got to stage 4 of relieving lockdown. On July 6th, 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

### Pathways summer edition

We hear a lot about the environment, but how much of it is from a Christian perspective? How does our faith affect our fears and hopes and shape our actions? How do we share our own views about appropriate responses to the climate emergency? This edition is crammed with useful resources and thought-provoking and personal reactions to this challenge that faces us all.

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