



### Opportunities to serve our church

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**.

### Service updates

Service updates are given in our weekly pewsheets which 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. At the moment we cannot put any printed paper copies in the church.

### 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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# 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 4<sup>th</sup> October

10:30am MORNING WORSHIP *Revd Jonathan Hawkins*

Readings:

Psalm 19

Matthew 21:33 - 46

(The parable of the tenants)



### **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm –Annual parochial Church Meeting (APCM).**

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, Deanery Synod representatives, and a PCC Secretary.

Join the meeting using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2967483901>

The Meeting ID is 296 748 3901

All relevant files for the meeting are online at

[www.stonedintonhartwell.com/apcm-2020](http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com/apcm-2020)

Next week our service at 10:30am will be led by **Revd Phil Groves**

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### Online service

Dear Friends,

This Sunday's online service continues our theme of our ministry team members sharing something significant for them and their ministry.

This week Olive Kuhrt talks about 'Encouragement' and With Gordon leading us in worship. You can watch the service [here](#).

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Phil Groves                      Associate Rector in the Wychert Vale Benefice                      Phone 01296 748 390

### Extracts from Bishop Steven's letter to the Diocese

*'For I am convinced that neither death nor life nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus'*

*Romans 8:37-39*

.....How can we live well as Christians in these times? Our aim must be to bring as much of the church safely through the pandemic as we are able but also to continue to extend love and care to our neighbours in months of acute spiritual, physical and social need: to be the Body of Christ in the world. This is the call of every disciple to everyday faith.

.....we need a new horizon for our hope and for our lives. I want to suggest that all of us set that horizon now on Easter, not Christmas .....We now know the journey will be a marathon, not a sprint.

.....this will continue to be a demanding season. It will be vital to watch over ourselves and to rest. Make sure you plan your sabbath and keep it. Rediscover the gift of one day each week for re-creation, not just chores. Plan it well.



*Heavenly Father, as we prepare for our annual church meeting we pray that you will watch over all proceedings. May your Holy Spirit bring not only a true desire in our hearts to serve one another, but also a unity of purpose and understanding. In the name of Jesus we ask it.*  
**Amen**

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### 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.

Monthly 9:00am Matins services are starting again on 25th October. This is in addition to the 10:30am service.

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. Face coverings must be worn in church except by those under 11 years old. Face masks are available in the porch if you do not have your own.

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.



We are sorry not to be able to offer refreshments after the service at the moment. However, please stay if you can and chat outside the church after the service today. We would love to meet you.

### Café in the Park

Sadly we had to cancel the Café yesterday due to the forecast for heavy rain. The current Covid rules for groups of up to six as well as social distancing would have meant we could not safely or legally accommodate everyone inside the pavilion. So let's start praying now for a hot and sunny day on 7<sup>th</sup> November!



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