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.

Annual Parochial Church meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at 8pm on **Thursday 8**th **October**. Details on how to join us on Zoom will be given nearer the time. 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.

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. These important historical milestones slipped by this year because of the Pandemic. Please contact SBHPC, Enid Robinson (01296 748223), or Clive Corbould with any local family history reports.

From the Diocese - Saved through Christ and in his hands 24 September 07:30 pm

What do New Testament writers mean when they talk about being 'in Christ'? The meaning of this phrase, which is especially important to St. Paul, is a longstanding puzzle. Teresa Morgan offers a new interpretation, and explores what being 'in Christ' tells us about the nature of Christ and what it means to live in Christ's hands between the Resurrection and the end time. Register for this free 40 minute online talk here

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St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 6th September

10:30am MORNING WORSHIP led by Revd. Sue Smith

Theme: our responsibility to make known and live out God's

message of reconciliation

Readings: Ezekiel 33: 7-11 and Matthew 18:15-20



Living God, for the simple yet wonderful message that in Christ you lived and died among us, and that in him you defeated death, rising again so that we might live, we thank you. In the power of your spirit help us now to live out your message of reconciliation in our daily lives. Amen

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

We all need to wear face coverings in church. There will be a supply of disposable masks available in the porch as you go in.

Wednesday 9th September - 8pm - SJB church meeting on Zoom Log in details will be sent by email

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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. 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 Sunday's <u>Holy Communion Service</u> comes from St Mary's Haddenham and St Nicholas Cuddington. It features a sermon on growing in faith by Ven Gordon Kuhrt. We also have the opportunity to focus on the beautiful stained glass window of Mary and Jesus in St Mary's Church.

Phil Groves

Associate Rector in the Wychert Vale Benefice

Phone 01296 748 390

Current arrangements at SJB

Each Sunday morning the church will be open from 10.15am. There will be a short Worship Service at 10.30am and the church will remain open until 11.30am. More formal services (e.g. Holy Communion, Matins) will not be resumed for some time due to the present COVID19 regulations.

Complying with Government and Diocesan regulations, the church has been properly prepared and places are socially distanced. Hand sanitiser and antibacterial spray are readily available.

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.

Café in the Park



We had a super time again yesterday at Café in the Park. Once again we were blessed with good weather and people were able to sit outside in the sun to be served with their food and beverages. Thankyou to all the helpers and bakers. Our next café will be on Saturday 3rd October. Please let Naomi or Clive know if you would like to join the team - tel: 747689

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 20**th led by David Pickup.

We would also like to encourage everyone to donate food to the foodbanks in Aylesbury rather than bringing contributions to church this year.

Items required are - tinned meat, fish & veg - toiletries - long-life milk - cereals - chocolate - tea & coffee.

Surplus vegetables can be made into healthy ready meals or used to feed animals in the care of charities.

Please place any donations in the yellow crates at Stone Methodist Church and Stone Service Station. Bernie the Bus will collect them on Thursdays.

Family activity pack for Harvest

To celebrate the harvest season two talented members of our church family have produced an activity pack for harvest which can be found on the website. A link to it is here.

We are encouraging families to make a Cornucopia and display it so Stone is decorated for harvest but also to **send in any photos** to show what crafts they have been doing as a family leading up to harvest.