

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 pleased to report there is a full print run of the June magazine. A colour digital version will also be available. Enquiries can be sent to magazine@stonedintonhartwell.com.



We are also 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

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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
www.stonedintonhartwell.com

St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 7th JUNE



Dear Friends

This Sunday is Trinity Sunday and our worship features a sermon by Rev Trish Mander. The service also features the Maketon UK Blessing - which you can join in with. You can watch the service [here](#).

The reading is 2 Corinthians 13: 11 – 14

The service sheet is on the [Wychert Vale website](#) and the [Stone, Dinton, and Hartwell website](#).

Over the next few weeks we will be focusing on what it means to be a Christian and what it means to live that out in lockdown.

Phil Groves

Associate Rector in the Wychert Vale Benefice
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Tread safely

Church services for those without the internet



Church at Home services from the Diocese of Oxford can now be accessed by telephone. Dial 01865 920930 to hear the latest service (press 0= short service, 1= full service). Normal call rates apply.

Morning Prayers

It has been the normal practice of the clergy to meet on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in different churches across the benefice to which anyone can come and join in. We now meet online via Zoom. Words for the order of service are available on the website. Please have a Bible to hand to follow the daily reading which will be given out each day.

The meeting ID and password remain the same for each day.

Please do join with us when you would wish to and everyone is welcome.

Daily-09:00 – 09:30 - Monday to Friday (lasting about 15- 20 minutes)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75288113640?pwd=NIJSRmF4aUtlVHJIHRHVpUFdjR3luUT09>

Meeting ID: 752 8811 3640 Password: 1Xe8iB

Pathways returning – online

The summer edition of Pathways, our diocesan magazine, will be available in the coming days. This edition focuses on the environment, and addresses the hopes and fears we all have as we face the climate crisis. Is this a time when the hope we have as Christians shines more brightly in the gathering gloom?



The Association of Christian Counsellors (ACC) is providing a new service in response to the distress and suffering of many people as a result of the pandemic. ACC's COVID-19 [Crisis Counselling Support Service](#) is for anyone in the UK, whatever their faith, who has been bereaved during the time of the epidemic and anyone working within an NHS setting in a frontline role.

The service offers anyone who is eligible up to ten sessions of counselling on a no-fee basis from a professionally trained counsellor.

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For many weeks now daily life has been restricted by the need to stop the spread of the virus. Those who are particularly vulnerable have barely left their homes, and others have become used to working from home in ways that we would not have considered possible at the beginning of the year. Our children have even become used to learning at home and households have spent more time together than ever before. Now some of those restrictions are beginning to be eased and children are gradually returning to school. There is bound to be some nervousness about stepping back out.

Thank you to Liz who sent in this poem reminding us to trust in God at times like this:

*I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year,
'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown'
And he replied
'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light and safer than the known way.
So I went forth, and finding the hand of God, trod gladly into the night.*

Minnie Louise Haskins 1908

Let us pray for the pupils, parents, and staff at Stone school as the school starts to open up again.

- Reception class returns on Monday 8th (tomorrow)
- Year 6 returns on Wednesday 10th
- Year 1 returns on Monday 15th



Loving Heavenly Father, we thank you that we can step out in confidence that you will light the way for us, and your hand will guide us. We pray especially for the children, parents, and staff at the school as they welcome one another again. Help them to adjust to the new ways of working and to be thoughtful and considerate to others at all times. Amen

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