

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 raymond.medhurst@stonedintonhartwell.com

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.



.....and our butterflies have now been reported in the Diocesan News, and here is the link <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/butterfly-abundance-in-bucks>

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. For the first time ever, Pathways, the magazine for the Diocese of Oxford, is online as a downloadable PDF. Share the link!

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St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 9th AUGUST

10:30am MORNING WORSHIP *led by Richard Smith*

We all need to wear face coverings in church today. 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.

Worship at SJB in August

All our services will take the form of Morning Worship as we have not started Communion services again yet. Each service will be led by a lay member of our church here in Stone.

16th August David Robinson who is a Licensed Lay Minister (LLM)

23rd August Sue Birrell who is also representing our church on the Benefice Committee for appointing a new Rector

30th August David Pickup who is an authorised Lay Preacher

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Our Online service today

In [this Sunday's service](#) we return to the theme of Going - this time saying **Yes** to crossing boundaries, listening deeply and living like Jesus.

It features Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer, and Meekness and Majesty. We also hear the story of Jesus talking with the Samaritan woman at the well.

Phil Groves

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A prayer for Beirut

Gracious God,

*We pray for those who live and work in Beirut that
the bereaved may be consoled and
the injured comforted and healed.*

*We pray for the rescue services and the hospital staff
giving thanks for their commitment and skill.*

In the midst of catastrophe we pray for peace, truth and justice.

As the sound of explosion fades and the smoke clears

give wisdom to those who lead,

courage to those who serve,

and hope to all.

Amen.



Verse of the week

Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it "Love your neighbour as yourself" All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.'

Matthew 22:37-40

(Jesus was quoting from Deuteronomy)

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Current arrangements at SJB

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 COFID19 regulations.

Please bring your own Bible if you wish. There will be music but singing is still not allowed.

Café in the Park

The weather was perfect and there was a fantastic turnout yesterday for our first Café in the Park since lockdown. Arrangements had been adapted to make sure COVID regulations were met. Thankyou to Naomi and Clive who had worked hard to prepare everything and to Clive and Barry who were cooking nonstop to meet the food orders! Everyone who came seemed so grateful for the opportunity to meet up again in a relaxed way, and there was a wonderful atmosphere of welcome and community.



We do need more helpers though to take orders and look after visitors as we are now running table service. If you would like to join the team for **Saturday 5th September** please let Naomi or Clive know – tel: 747689

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