



*Lord, we pray for the discussions on this final day of the G7 summit. We pray for bold, practical commitments to tackle climate change and injustice as we rebuild from the pandemic. Lord, we know there will still be much more to be done. We pray for leaders to build on the decisions made, increasing their ambition and turning talk into swift action. We pray again for humility, compassion and collaboration in the important months ahead as we look to the global climate talks in November. May we represent you well as we continue to call for a fairer world. Amen (TearFund prayer)*

### **Perk up your summer garden!**

Come along to the

## **PLANT SALE**

at Mayerin, Churchway, Stone

Saturday 26th June 10:00am – 1:00pm



### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2021**

This year's APCM is on **1<sup>st</sup> July** and is fast approaching. Please remember to submit all application forms in advance. For more information and to view all the relevant files, please visit our website. [www.stonedintonhartwell.com/apcm/](http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com/apcm/)

The revision of the Church Electoral Roll is now being prepared for 2021. If you would like to come on or off the roll, or just want more information about this please telephone Delya James on 747671. **The deadline is the 14<sup>th</sup> June**

*what happens at the APCM ?*

It is actually two meetings but they are held one straight after the other.

1. The meeting of parishioners at which the churchwardens are elected.
2. The APCM at which lay members of the PCC are elected, the annual report is approved, and parish activities generally are discussed. To vote at this meeting you must be on the church electoral roll.

**Notices for the weekly pewsheets should be submitted by 7pm on Fridays.**

**Please email them to [pewsheets@stonedintonhartwell.com](mailto:pewsheets@stonedintonhartwell.com)**

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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 13th June**

**10:30am Morning Worship**

Led by Revd Nigel Featherston

**6:00pm Evensong at SPP Dinton**

Led by David Pickup

*The kingdom of God is .....like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade (Mark 4:30-32)*



### ***This week.....***

**Mon. 14th June** - 11:00am + 8:00pm Benefice study course online led by Revd Cassa Messervy (Rector) for details ring her on 01844 292416 or email [cassa.messervy@wychertvale.org](mailto:cassa.messervy@wychertvale.org)

**Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> June** - 9:00am Matins led by David Pickup  
10:30am Morning Worship for Father's Day  
'David and Goliath' led by David Pickup

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Our rector writes .....

### 'Extraordinary Time'

Trinity Sunday marked the move in the Church's seasons to the rather blandly named 'Ordinary Time' which is linked with the colour green and is therefore also known as 'green time' or 'growing time'. This season lasts until Advent Sunday. Of course, this year this season will be quite different to previous years as we hopefully start the process of recovery from the pandemic whilst still living with some level of uncertainty. Our Bishops have sent us a message about this season which they are renaming 'Extraordinary Time'

'How will we navigate this next period of our life together? The Church calls this period ordinary time, but the next six months must be far more! We need them to be an extraordinary time of gentle regathering, of determined rebuilding, of God rekindling fire in our hearts, of nursing our communities back to health, of rebirth for our church, and of God calling many people to new ministries and faith.

For ordinary time to be an extraordinary time, we will need to remember to pray each day, Come, Holy Spirit, and invite God by his Spirit to breathe God's life into all we do together. So we want to rename this season this year. As bishops, we want to look back when we get to Advent and say: well that really was an extraordinary time, when the Church regathered and moved forward in mission. Look at how far we have come. Look at the fruits of the Spirit's work. Who would have believed it back in May? The people of God across this whole diocese are amazing – but God is more wonderful and amazing still.'

### Cup of tea and a chat?



I have had some invites from people to meet up which has been so lovely. Please do invite me over to your house for a cup of tea and a chat at some point over the next couple of months so that I can get to know you all and be able to hear your stories and those of our churches. My phone number is 01844 292416 or email [cassa.messervy@wychertvale.org](mailto:cassa.messervy@wychertvale.org).

### Emails in Spam

Unfortunately, I have had an issue with some emails going into my spam folder so if you have sent me an email and not received a reply I apologise. Please do send it to me again as I will now be checking my spam folder regularly.

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### The gospel reading for today - Mark 4:26-34

#### **The Parable of the Growing Seed**

26 He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. 27 Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. 28 All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. 29 As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

#### **The Parable of the Mustard Seed**

30 Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? 31 It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. 32 Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."

33 With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. 34 He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.



*Lord, help me not only to hear your words but also to speak them to others and to see the extraordinary power of the word of God in transforming my life and the lives of those around me. Amen*

Dear Friends,

Rev Cassa leads our [online service](#) this week. She explains how the Kingdom is being built small act by small act and challenges us to work out our own part in this.

*'Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world'* Desmond Tutu.

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### Did you miss it?

In case you missed the brilliant Tom Wright preaching on the Cross, here is the link to the video on the Diocesan website: <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/mission-ministry/ministry/cmd-2/tom-wright-preaching-on-the-cross/>

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