

FANTASTIC NEWS!

There are trees in the churchyard at Stone that need work on them to keep them safe and the quote was over £3000 and we don't have that sort of money.

We looked at ways of getting funding and one of the contractors working for HS2 has answered our prayers. They have offered to cover the cost of the work for us!



Our thanks go to Coombes Forestry and HS2 for all their help and support and we look forward to getting the work underway as soon as possible.

Susan Birrell
SJB Fabric Chairperson

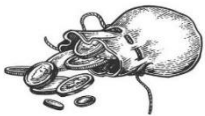
COULD YOU VOLUNTEER TO HELP US? IF SO YOU WILL BE ABLE TO:

- Work on a specified area of the churchyard in your own time
- Use your own equipment or ours depending on how you feel
- Be part of a team who care and are appreciated
- Help with conservation and encouragement of wildlife
- Enjoy doing something your church and community need



If you can help then please call Ivor and have a chat tel: 747671

Coins and old gold and silver broken jewellery.



Last year we raised over £358 for the church from donations of foreign and obsolete coins and broken jewellery. So far in 2021 we have raised another £210. The jewellery is mainly broken chains and the coins are left over from foreign holidays.

If you have any broken jewellery or obsolete foreign or English coins and banknotes please send them in. Every little helps!

David Pickup tel: 748170

A BIG THANKYOU to our **Parish Council** who arranged the Play in the Park session in the Recreation Ground on Friday. It was well attended despite the overcast weather.

Please submit notices by 7:00pm each Friday pewsheets@stonedintonhartwell.com

Church website with further details of events www.stonedintonhartwell.com

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St. John the Baptist STONE **Sunday 15th August**

9:00am MATINS (Prayer Book Service) *David Pickup*

10:30am MORNING WORSHIP *Richard Smith*

Lectionary readings: I Kings 2:10-12 and 3:3-14,
Psalm 111
John 6:51-58

Theme: Godly wisdom, though essential, is not enough on its own and needs to flow from a relationship with Jesus, the bread of life.



*Lord Jesus, you feed us with your word,
and with our daily food,
where you are the unseen guest at every meal.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
may we share your word of life with others.
Amen*

Services for the rest of August:

Sunday 22nd - 10:30am Holy Communion led by Revd Phil Groves

Sunday 29th - 10:30am Morning Worship led Revd Sue Smith

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John 6:51-58

51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

52 Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

53 Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. 55 For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. 56 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. 57 Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."



Some of us have not taken Holy Communion for a while. The service at Easter was the first opportunity for many apart from the virtual communions on line. Before then we were used to having regular communion in church. Communion reminds us of Jesus' sacrifice of himself. It unites us in worship, and brings us together as a family.

Although this passage points to the communion service the language is stark and it caused disagreements. No wonder the crowd questioned it. How or why would anyone want to eat another person?

Jesus is the Living Bread. He is the Daily Bread for which we ask. He gives us the grace we need to get by, he sustains us spiritually, and he heals us, comforts us and strengthens us. He says in verse 56 'whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them'.

Jesus is calling us to a closer experience of Him. We are not called just to believe in Him, nor indeed just to be in Him. We are called to feed on Him and we need fresh food every day. If you eat a chicken or a lettuce you do not become a chicken or a lettuce, you become more like what you should be. You grow and stay alive because the food is broken down and becomes nutritious building material for you. Jesus does not make us into clones of Himself or turn us into robots who obey His every command. He gives us new life and makes us more like ourselves. We are each a unique creation and he is calling us into our own relationship with him. DRP

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Dear Heavenly Father, your Word tells us that eternal life is knowing you and the Lord Jesus Christ whom you have sent to be my Lord and Saviour. Father, I want to know more of you.

Help me to know you more and to love you better. I pray that I may learn to spend more time simply sitting at your feet, listening to your Word and communing with you in your presence.

I pray that you will teach me your ways and draw me every closer to yourself, so that I may grow into the person you want me to be. Amen



Dear Lord, please protect the small number of Christians among the millions of people who live in Afghanistan. Thank You that, despite their small number, they have discovered the greatest love in the world. Please keep showing them your wisdom, mercy and comfort, and give opportunities for believers to meet together, despite the opposition. Provide for all citizens amidst intensifying extremist offensives, protect people from Covid-19, and cause the spread of the virus to recede. Amen. (Prayer from Open Doors)

Dear All,

Here is the You tube service link for today <https://youtu.be/GUSXpWjjGvk>

All good wishes,

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Reverend Cassa Messervy

Rector of the Wychert Vale Benefice <https://www.wychertvale.org>

Choir practice

After a long break we are now delighted to be starting up choir practices again. This will be from early September when the choir will start rehearsing for Harvest, but the dates are still to be confirmed. Practices take place on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings. Chris Ashbridge would love to hear from anyone who would like to find out more.

- There is no audition
- You do **not** need to be able to read music

This is a perfect opportunity to have a go at singing in a small friendly group who just enjoy music. Together the choir enhances the worship in our services – just what we need after a prolonged period of silence! **Chris Ashbridge tel: 748777**



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