

Subscriptions Co-ordinator needed

The Parish News editorial group are looking for someone to assist with increasing the total subscriptions collected and to identify areas where we might increase readership (The Parish News is a source of income to church funds). The editorial team meets once a month for about an hour, and sometimes between meetings when data needs to be collated. The magazine currently has a print run of over 500 copies. Contact David Pickup on <tel:748170> or email david@pickupandscott.co.uk if you would like to join the team.

Congratulations to our Methodist friends as they celebrate their **ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY** in the chapel today **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

From the Head of UK advocacy, Christian Aid

Cuts to UK Aid

Our thanks to everyone who took a moment on Tuesday to write to their MP about the last minute vote to approve a cut of £4bn from the UK foreign aid budget. The cut has been condemned by many, including Bishop Olivia who spoke on BBC radio just after the vote. [Listen to what she said here.](#)

What can I do?

1. Contact your MP asking for a clear plan back to the 0.7% commitment
2. Make the Christian Aid 0.2% pledge and donate 0.2% of your salary to the world's poorest [Here's how.](#)

A prayer for our schools



Heavenly Father

As our schools break up for the summer we pray for all the children, parents and staff. They have had such a difficult and disrupted year due to the virus. We pray that they will be rested and restored in the next few weeks and able to return to learning with renewed commitment and energy in September. Amen



Café in the Park

Saturday 7th August 10:00am – 12:00 noon

no charge for refreshments but donations are welcome
offers of help to Clive and Naomi please: 01296 747689

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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 18th July

9:00am MATINS (Prayer Book service)

led by David Pickup

10:30am MORNING WORSHIP

led by David Pickup

Download the service sheet [HERE](#)



*As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever. Amen*

Dear Friends,

This [Sunday's service](#) looks at what happened to the Apostles when they returned from their mission. Jesus ensured they ate and rested. Jesus was motivated by compassion to return to the mission.

Phil Groves

Associate Rector in the Wychert Vale Benefice

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Next week.....

Sun. 25th July - 10:30am MORNING WORSHIP led by Phil Groves
Preacher: Richard Smith

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Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

6:30 The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.

6:31 He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.

6:32 And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.

6:33 Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them.

6:34 As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

6:53 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat.

6:54 When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him,

6:55 and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was.

6:56 And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The twelve disciples returned from their preaching journey and reported to Jesus all that had happened. They had been entrusted with the precious good news about the Kingdom of God, as the church is today.

Then, because they were tired, they crossed the sea by boat, hoping to find a solitary place and time alone with Jesus, which is so very important. But the crowds saw them leave and ran around by the shore, and were waiting for them. Their hunger for answers, their thirst for reality was too much for all these people, stronger than their desire for an evening meal.

People today are still hungry for answers,

As tired as Jesus undoubtedly was, he was stirred by compassion for the crowd. They were like sheep without a shepherd. People need a shepherd to care for them, to answer their questions. They needed Jesus and he did not let them down. He began to teach them many things. He came into the world to pour himself out in service for others. These verses shows as such an important feature at the heart of Jesus that he is never unavailable.

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If he had such endless compassion for people then, we can be sure that he has now. Jesus was there for them when they needed him. Jesus has the same great compassion for people now as he always had. His enthronement in heaven has not made him more distant but even more accessible to everybody.

We don't have to run away to a solitary place to speak to him. All of us can speak to him right now, wherever we are and have his undivided attention. He is never out of the office or away on holiday, or in a meeting. Whenever anybody comes to Him, we find that he has tireless compassion. **DR**



Dear Lord Jesus

We thank you that we can come to you at any time, confident that you are always available to us. We pray that you will give us compassionate hearts just like yours so that we can share your love with others. Help us to see our neighbours, friends, and families through your eyes and to always be willing to listen patiently to them with loving and gracious hearts. Amen

Message from Enid Robinson

Many of you will already be aware that Enid has been very poorly recently and is in hospital. She now wishes to convey her gratitude to everyone for their concern and prayers. **Get well soon Enid!** we continue to pray for you and hope you will be back with us again soon.

Our rector writes

Thank you!

At the APCMs over the last few weeks we have been able to say a huge thank you to everyone for the many ways they support our churches and God's mission and ministry through them. Despite a very difficult year I have heard of the many ways our church families have cared for each other, served their local communities, and found new and creative ways to continue worshiping together whilst apart. I hope we may all have time for some rest and refreshment over the summer and be ready to see where God is calling us in the Autumn.

Announcement

We are delighted to announce that the Rev Harriet Orridge will be joining the benefice as house for duty associate priest. Harriet, her husband John and their family will be moving into 2 Church Close, Cuddington over the summer. Harriet was Priest in Charge of the Saxonwell Churches in the Lincoln Diocese and will be with us for a short placement. Please pray for Harriet, John and the family as they prepare to move.

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