



Loving Heavenly Father we thank you that through the perfect love and obedience of your son Jesus we too can call you father and know your love for ourselves.

Father God, bless all fathers today –with wisdom, with patience, with courage–And above all with love for their children.

Father God, bless all children today –with openness to correction, with eagerness to learn–And above all with love for their fathers.

Father God bless all who are fatherless today –surround them with godly men to teach, affirm and guide–And above all to love with the love of a father – in your strength. Amen



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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 20th June

9:00am **Matins** led by David Pickup

10:30am **Morning Worship**
'David and Goliath'
led by David Pickup

You can download the service sheet [HERE](#)



'it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's'

1 Samuel 17:47

Our next **Café in the Park** is SATURDAY 3rd JULY 10:00am – 12:00noon

Offers of help to Clive and Naomi please: 01296 747689

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 **1st 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/

The APCM 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

This week.....

Mon. 21st 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

Sun. 27th June - 10:30am **PATRONAL FESTIVAL SERVICE** (outdoors if dry)
Led by Revd Cassa Messervy and David Pickup

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Our rector writes

Happy Father's Day

Unlike Mothering Sunday, Father's Day does not have an obvious link with the seasons of the Church year. However, I think it is a great opportunity to give thanks for those who are biological fathers and for fatherhood in general. I have been and continue to be grateful for the 'fathers in God' who have supported me personally. I think we also have a deep appreciation for all who exercise 'fatherhood' in the church and community offering their wisdom, care and leadership to build up the Church and God's Kingdom. So happy 'Father's Day' to you all this Sunday, thank you for the way you model God's fatherhood amongst us.

Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast

I am booked on the National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast on Friday 25th June 8-8.45am organised by Christians in Parliament. This event went online last year and has fortunately stayed online which makes it very easy to attend. The event will be chaired by The Rt Hon Dame Andrea Leadsom MP and the main speaker will be The Rt Revd Professor NT Wright, who will address the theme of 'Life Beyond Covid: A Renewed Hope'. Anyone can book to attend just use this link:

<https://www.christiansinparliament.org.uk/prayer-breakfast/>

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.



Good Books

The Bible Society has two new books/booklets out that might be of interest to you:

- 1) *God's Brilliant Big Creation Story* is a beautifully illustrated rhyming book suitable for small children. <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/products/9780281084814/>
- 2) *The 'Room for God' booklet* is a resource that helps you find a way to connect with God in every room of your house, and outdoors. On a meditative tour of your own home, you can try out a variety of spiritual practices, listening to God, reflecting on your concerns, and using discernment in your decisions. <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/products/room-for-god/>

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The gospel reading for today - Mark 4:35-41

4:35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."

4:36 And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.

4:37 A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped.

4:38 But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

4:39 He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.

4:40 He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"

4:41 And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

At first reading there seems to be little connection between the account of David and Goliath and the gospel reading about the storm on the lake. The former is a well-known Sunday School story about the plucky courage of a young lad in overcoming the threat from an oversized enemy. The latter is about the understandable fear of the disciples when Jesus was asleep on the job! We all feel overwhelmed at times – maybe not by physical giants or storms at sea – but by other things going on around us and over which we seem to have no control. We can learn two key lessons from our readings today:

1. God never sleeps, he is always in charge, and he is bigger than any fears or circumstances that we face.
2. We need to learn to trust in Him for all things at all times.

When you next feel overwhelmed take a few moments to step aside and focus your thoughts and feelings on our Heavenly Father by saying:



Heavenly Father, I give everyone and everything over to you. Thankyou for being in control. Help me to trust in you today. Amen

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Dear Friends,
Today the heavens are going to open and thunderstorms are predicted. It is a great weekend to reflect on Jesus calming the storm when roused from sleep and you can do that by watching our [YouTube service](#).

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