

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

5th	10:30am	FAMILY SERVICE	Revd Phil Groves
12th	10:30am	HOLY COMMUNION	Revd Phil Groves
19th	9:00am	MATINS	David Pickup
	10:30am	MORNING WORSHIP	Richard Smith/ David Pickup
26th	10:30am	HARVEST COMMUNION	Revd Phil Groves
	6:00pm	EVENSONG at HARTWELL	Revd Cassa Messervy/ David Pickup



Café in the Park - Saturday 4th September - 10:00am – 12:00 noon

Breakfast rolls, 'real coffee', home baked cakes and much more

No charge for refreshments but donations are always welcome

Offers of help to **Clive and Naomi** please tel: 747689

Choir practice

Practices will be starting again in the church on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm and Saturday mornings at 10:30am, beginning on 7th / 11th September. Chris Ashbridge would love to hear from anyone who would like to find out more about singing in the choir. There is no audition and you do **not** need to be able to read music.

Chris Ashbridge tel: 748777



Bookfest Café Day at the Methodist Chapel

Saturday 11th September 10:00am – 4:00pm

Morning coffee, sandwich lunches, afternoon tea

All proceeds shared between The Alzheimer's Society and Macmillan Cancer Support

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

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

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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

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St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 29th August

10:30am MORNING WORSHIP
Led by Revd Sue Smith

Readings: James 1.17 - 27;

Mark 7.1-8, 14 -15, 21-23

Dear All,

Here is the You tube service link for today

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xRE3kG38Y-A>

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Reverend Cassa Messervy

Rector of the Wychert Vale Benefice

<https://www.wychertvale.org>



Dear Lord, as we watch scenes of fear and suffering unfold in Afghanistan we call on your name on behalf of all who suffer.

We remember in our prayers those who grieve and mourn; those who have sustained injury; medical and service personnel who are treating them; and those who continue to try and help so many find a way to security.

We remember too the many other communities and families across the world who experience violence, death, and trauma every day - albeit away from the gaze of the world's media.

May they all know the comfort promised to those who mourn by Jesus, the Prince of Peace, for in His name we ask it. Amen

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James 1: 17-27

¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸ He chose to give us birth through the word of truth that we might be a kind of first fruits of all he created.

¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰ because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. ²¹ Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

²⁶ Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.



Heavenly Father, I give you thanks for all you have done for me; for your many good gifts and blessings and for your Word of Truth and the wisdom it contains. Help me to live my life in close communion with Christ so that my Christian religion may be pure and undefiled in your sight. I pray that the words of my mouth may always be gracious, and that the works of my hands may be carried out to your praise and glory - so that my life becomes a reflection of Christ in me, the hope of glory. In Jesus name I pray. Amen

Our rector writes

Changing Times

We seem to be entering another period of changing times as we begin to restart many of the events and activities that we had before the pandemic. Times of change and the process of restarting will be discombobulating and tiring particularly as we also try to process all that has happened so may I encourage us all to be kind to ourselves and each other as we work out the way forward.

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Benefice Study Group

You are warmly invited to join the benefice study group for the autumn term study of Pete Greig's new book 'How to Pray'

<https://www.eden.co.uk/how-to-pray-a-simple-guide-for-normal-people-pete-greig/>.

We will have a daytime and evening group as before but meeting bi-weekly rather than every week. The start dates and times are:

- Daytime group: Mon 13th September 4-5pm, every two weeks until Mon 6th December (not meeting 25th Oct).
- Evening group: Mon 20th September 8-9pm, every two weeks until Mon 13th December.

The group will meet on Zoom as before. Please let Cassa know if you would like to attend (cassa.messervy@wychertvale.org).

What has the rector been up to?

It was always a mystery to me before I was a vicar as to what our minister was up to. I knew that their diary was frequently very 'full', but I did know what it was full of. So, I thought from time to time I would give you a little insight into some of the things that I and others in the ministry team get up to.

The last couple of weeks, whilst Phil was away, I have been preparing a mini sermon series on Ephesians for our YouTube service weekly (Phil kindly did the same for me whilst I was away on holiday) which needs to be recorded and uploaded to YouTube. We have also been preparing for and welcoming Harriet as our new house for duty minister which involves meetings and correspondence with the bishops and archdeacon and the preparing of paperwork such as offer letters, draft terms of service and a role description.

Often the ministry team is engaged in activities which are confidential, so it is not possible to share what we have been doing, which has been happening in the last few weeks. Activities related to safeguarding and some pastoral visiting would come under the confidential umbrella. These activities can often be (rightly) very time consuming and leave little time for answering emails or dealing with administration.

One of the great joys of my role is pastoral ministry visiting people, creating and sustaining relationships in the community, coming alongside those who have been bereaved or are struggling with a particular problem. I have been doing lots of visiting of people in our churches over the last few months which has been such a blessing

When ministry and life is very 'full' I like to remind myself that 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me' (Philippians 4:13)

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