

This year's APCM is on **1st July** and is fast approaching. For more information and to view all the relevant files, please visit our website.

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.



Dear Lord, as we approach our annual church meeting we pray you will give wisdom and integrity to our church leaders. Guide them to know and do your will, for your kingdom's sake. Amen

Perk up your summer garden!

Come along to the

PLANT SALE

at Mayerin, Churchway, Stone
Saturday 26th June 10:00am – 1:00pm



Café in the Park

Due to covid restrictions we have limited inside seating and a take away service, but please join us at the Pavilion in the recreation ground on



Saturday 5th June
10:00am – 12noon

Offers of help are always welcome
Clive & Naomi tel no: 01296 747689

Cassa holiday

I will be away Mon 31st May - 6th June. Please contact the Benefice office, ministry team or your churchwardens should you have a query or need during this time.

Notices for the weekly pewsheets should be submitted by 7pm on Fridays. Please email them to pewsheets@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 30th May

10:30am Morning Worship

Led by Revd Nigel Featherston



Trinity Sunday celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, the three Persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit



*O Blessed Trinity,
in whom we know the Maker of all things seen and unseen,
the Saviour of all both near and far:
by your Spirit enable us to worship your divine majesty,
that with all the company of heaven
we may magnify your glorious name, saying:
Holy, holy, holy. Glory to you, O Lord most high. Amen.*

(The Book of Common Worship)

This week.....

Mon. 31st May - NO Benefice study course online this week
Sat. 5th June - Café in the Park
Sun. 6th June - 10:30am Morning Worship

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John 3:1-17 Jesus teaches Nicodemus

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.'

Jesus replied, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.'

'How can someone be born when they are old?' Nicodemus asked. 'Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!'

Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, "You must be born again."

The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.'

'How can this be?' Nicodemus asked.

'You are Israel's teacher,' said Jesus, 'and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven – the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.'

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Our reflection on the passage this week can be accessed from this link <https://www.cslewisinstitute.org/Reflections The Change I Most Need to Undergo>

It explains very simply the basic message of this passage. It is called 'The change I most need to undergo' and comes from C S Lewis.

(To meet the copyright requirements we can link you to the entire reflection but not amend it in any way to fit it on this page. It is well worth the read though as it is)

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Dear All, here is the link for the You tube service for Trinity Sunday
<https://youtu.be/zPbrXAqQRMI>
All good wishes,
Cassa
Reverend Cassa Messervy
<https://www.wychertvale.org>
Rector of the Wychert Vale Benefice

Did you miss it?

If you missed the Archbishop of York's short (5 mins) Pentecost sermon you can access it on the link below. In it he reflects on the fact that God chose to gift the disciples different languages not one language, that God chose diversity so that the Gospel could be proclaimed in every language and that this leads to wonderful variety in the body of Christ, the Church but also a unity of purpose. Unity in diversity is I think the call of the Spirit at this time.

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/resources-services>

You may also like to look at the beautiful 'peace doves' art installation in Liverpool Cathedral, containing thousands of prayers for those who have died over the last year: <https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2021/28-may/news/uk/thousands-of-doves-take-to-the-air-in-liverpool-cathedral>

A fresh outpouring of the Spirit

Each Pentecost we pray for a fresh outpouring of the Spirit. This year we are praying particularly for God's guidance and the gifts of discernment and wisdom as we think about the way ahead for our churches. Please consider what feedback you will give to help this discernment process in order to support the flourishing of our church families and communities as we move forward. Questions to ponder:

- 1) *What have we gained but would be happy to lose at the end of lockdown?*
- 2) *What have we gained and want to keep?*
- 3) *What have we lost and don't want back?*
- 4) *What have we lost and want back?*

From Cassa our new rector - Cup of tea and a chat?

It has been lovely to start to get to know people in these first few weeks of my time in the benefice. 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

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