

Bucks Safe Haven is an out-of-hours crisis support service run by Buckinghamshire Mind in partnership with Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust. They provide support by telephone and video call seven evenings a week between 6.00pm – 12 midnight.

They offer time to talk, think or simply 'be' during a crisis. Individuals accessing Safe Haven do not need to have accessed Adult Mental Health Services or Buckinghamshire Mind before.

Anyone wishing to receive support from Safe Haven must call from 6pm onwards on the night support is needed. Calls to the service should be made by 11pm where possible, to ensure adequate time for support.

Contact details: call on **01296 453017**

email buckssafehaven@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk

Please note telephone calls and emails can only be responded to during opening hours.

Hope for 2021



We all need something to look forward to in these difficult times. HOPE is one of the things that brings us through to the other side and so we want to share this with others.

What have you been doing during the long days of lockdown? Do you have things that you have done that could be shared with others to show the brighter side of the situation we are in at present? I have been crocheting and sewing things for my granddaughters and I know lots of others have been creative too.

Our beautiful collage of HOPE was done recently by one of our mother and daughter crafters. Please send us a photo of your work to brighten up our website and bring **HOPE FOR 2021**

Send your photos to webmaster@stonedintonhartwell.com

All submitted photo's can be viewed [here](#).

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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 31st January

Our church building is now closed for in person worship until there is a significant change in the circumstances.

However, you are welcome to join us online for a zoom service every Sunday at 10:30.

Login by using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88617212701?pwd=UHpnS1hXRIAvRHFLS0RTaTg1ZXPgdz09>

You can also phone in on these numbers: 020 3901 7895 or 0131 460 1196 (You do not need to set a participant ID)

Meeting ID: 886 1721 2701

Passcode: Service

The service sheet is on the website www.stonedintonhartwell.com



*Loving God,
at this time of crisis when so many are suffering,
we pray for our nation and our world.
Give our leaders wisdom and compassion,
our Health Service strength and perseverance,
and all people around the world renewed hope.
Lead us through these parched and difficult days together
to the fresh springs of joy and comfort that we find
in Jesus Christ our Lord* **Amen**

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Jesus presented in the temple - Luke chapter 2

²² When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord'), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: 'a pair of doves or two young pigeons'. ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:



²⁹ 'Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.
³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation,
³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:
³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.'

Candlemas 2021 is on Tuesday 2 February. It is the day we remember when the baby Jesus was presented in the Temple. Mary and Joseph were devout and wanted the best for Him. For Jewish people this was a family event but nothing out of the ordinary.

I wonder if Simeon had a hard time. He believed the Messiah would come in his lifetime and he would meet Him. I doubt he kept that belief to himself so others may have made fun of him. They probably believed the Messiah would come one day, but not any time soon. They would have expected him to visit the Temple like a superstar, and He would not have time to bother with an old man like Simeon and a young couple with a baby.

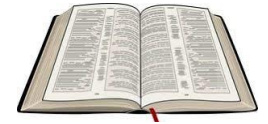
People experience religion in different ways. Sometimes God comes to us in an unexpected way. Simeon had a simple but unshakeable faith that he would meet the saviour. He did not know how, or what he would do, but he knew it would happen. Jesus is full of surprises, He comes to us in ways and at times we do not expect. The Holy Spirit will prompt us to be in the right place at the right time if we expect him to. Simeon's reward for all the years of belief, despite all the evidence to the contrary, is to meet God. Simeon was right, Jesus is a revelation.

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Benefice service online

Dear Friends,

This [Sunday's online service](#) continues our series from Being Christian by Rowan Williams. We think about the significance of the Bible - How all of Scripture is God Breathed and the significance of listening together to the Story of God in the world and in our lives.



In addition I would like to invite you to join me in prayer for peace and justice in our world by going to the Lambeth Conference prayer line where my prayer is featured on January 30. It is [here](#)



Please continue to pray for the Lambeth Conference - a great gathering of Anglican Bishops from around the world that was postponed from last year and due next year.

Phil Groves

Associate Rector in the Wychert Vale Benefice Phone 01296 748 390

Christmas hamper fund

In recent years we have supported the Community Christmas Lunch at St Mary's Church in Aylesbury, but this year they were not able to run the event due to Covid restrictions. Instead they put together 300 luxury hampers for people in need and our PCC donated £100 towards this. You can read about the success of this inspirational project here <https://stonedintonhartwell.com/a-christmas-hamper-2020/> We have received a message of thanks from the organisers:

'Thank you very much for your kind donation to the Christmas hamper fund. I am pleased to say it was a great success and we really feel that a lot of people were helped and cheered up over Christmas as a result of distributing the hampers. We have put together a small newsletter with some pictures to give you an idea of how the project went. Thank you for your continued support!'

Wednesday 10th Feb - 8:00pm PCC MEETING online

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