

Diocesan News

The COP26 Climate Conference with world leaders begins this weekend in Glasgow. Although the Chancellor's speech this week failed to mention the climate crisis and delivered budget announcements that many feel are taking us in the wrong direction, we are determined to be hopeful. Bishop Olivia Graham (Bishop of Reading) spoke about the budget announcements and COP26 with Premier Christian Radio.

[Take a listen here.](#)

"The government is playing games with the sums on the aid budget... the money available is less than we think it is."

"As Christians, we have a responsibility to speak out. These are spiritual issues. How much do we put ourselves at the centre of our concerns, and not think too much about loving our neighbours"

"I'm going to be a praying presence at COP26 and will be taking part in panel discussions. I hope that reasonableness and sensibleness breaks out... developing countries need our support to ensure a green path to their development."

"God created the world and loved it and made it good. He gave us as human beings the responsibility for caring it. And we have a mandate to look out for our neighbours as ourselves. We need to put our money where our hearts are."

[Listen to the full interview with Bishop Olivia](#)

Bishop Olivia is attending the conference and joining a range of events including speaking on a joint [Faith Panel](#), which will be [livestreamed here at 1:30pm on Monday](#).

Greenwich Mean Time



Did you remember to put your clocks BACK an hour last night? If not you will have arrived very early for church today and you may be wondering where the rest of us have got to ! Don't go away – we will be along soon !

A personal note of thanks

Thankyou from Jenny Pickup for the many cards and messages received when her mother passed away last month. They have been of great comfort at this difficult time.

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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
www.stonedintonhartwell.com

St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 31st October

10:30am Holy Communion

*Leaders: Rev. Harriet Orridge
Richard Smith*

The path to the church from Church Way is now CLOSED while the facilities work is being carried out. The other two entrances remain open. If you need help using these paths then please ask and we will arrange for someone to be there for you.

Dear All,

Here is the link for the online service:

www.stonedintonhartwell.com/wychert-vale-benefice-youtube-videos/

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Reverend Cassa Messervy

Rector of the Wychert Vale Benefice

<https://www.wychertvale.org>

This Week

Tuesday 2nd	19:30	Choir Practice - Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road
Saturday 6th	10:30	Choir Practice - Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road
Sunday 7 th	10:30	All Age Family Service

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Facilities Update



The facilities work has begun!! The contractors started on Monday and will be working for approximately 14 weeks. Please take care and keep clear of the work areas. This is a very exciting time as we have waited so long for this work to start so please bear with us as we look forward to our new facilities. Up to now a few bones and a set of false teeth have been found but nothing to be of great interest to the archaeologist. They will be placed back in the ground and re-covered in the same place as they were found.

DO YOU:

KNIT; SEW; EMBROIDER; MAKE CAKES; CARVE; PAINT
or have other craft hobbies ?

and would you enjoy a market for your wares ?
while helping the Charity **EPILEPSY RESEARCH UK** ?

ANSWER: YES !

Then bring your craft items along to the
CRAFT MARKET COFFEE MORNING
@ METHODIST CHAPEL, Eythrope Road, Stone
SATURDAY 27th NOVEMBER 10am - 1pm
Price your wares - keep 90% : donate 10% of sales

[Booking appreciated – email royandsue1@btinternet.com]

*Customers - Come along to browse, buy and chat while enjoying
COFFEE AND MINCE PIES*

Café in the Park



Saturday 6th November 10:00am – 12:00 noon
Jubilee Pavilion Stone Recreation Ground
Breakfast rolls, 'real coffee', home baked cakes and much more
no charge for refreshments but donations are welcome
offers of help to Clive and Naomi please: 01296 747689

All Saints' Day

On Monday 1st November we remember the saints and allow the memory of their faith to spur us on to deeper worship and greater service to the Lord. But who are the saints? You may traditionally have thought of them either as statues in a church building or as the apostles who founded the early church. Either way sainthood seems remote and unattainable.

But the Bible teaches something different. Who is a saint? You are if you're a follower of Jesus. God calls a "saint" anyone who trusts in Christ alone for Salvation. But no Christian is solitary. Through baptism we become members one of another in Christ, members of a company of saints whose mutual belonging transcends death: All Saints' Day celebrates this mutual belonging. All Saints' Day celebrates men and women in whose lives the Church as a whole has seen the grace of God powerfully at work. It is an opportunity to give thanks for that grace, and for the wonderful ends to which it shapes a human life; it is a time to be encouraged by the example of the saints and to recall that sanctity may grow in the ordinary circumstances, as well as the extraordinary crises, of human living

So All Saints' Day is a good time to remember and give thanks for all the faithful believers throughout the ages who have committed themselves to serving Christ. Through them the gospel has been handed down to us. We can also give thanks for those personally known to us who nurtured our own faith and guided us. That may be a relative, or friend, or church leader.

All Saints' Day is also a good time to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world. God is being worshipped in many hundreds of different languages and many different settings from grand cathedrals to tiny shacks. Many worship God at great cost to their own safety where there is persecution. We must pray for them too and give thanks for our freedom to worship openly here in the UK.



Lord, give us grace to follow in the footsteps of the saints, as they followed in the footsteps of your holy Son. We give thanks for those who have gone before us in the service of your Kingdom and pray that you will also keep us faithful to you and to each other in all that we think and say and do. Strengthen and protect all those who love you and call on your name even at personal cost to themselves. Amen