### **Churchyard Questionnaire**

St John The Baptist Fabric Committee are looking at the churchyard and found that many grant making bodies want to know the meaning and benefit of the churchyard to the whole community, this is where YOU come in.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*WE NEED YOUR VIEWS.\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Please complete our survey either on the <u>website</u> or a paper copy from the porch, also please tell your neighbours and friend by taking copies to hand out.

Completed surveys should be handed in at church or placed in the post-box in the porch.

Our hope is to gain information and support to produce a good project proposal and apply for grants to finance the work which is needed.

Funds are always needed and if you do online shopping find out about The Giving Machine which can support our Facilities Project at no extra cost to you or donate to the general Fabric Fund. YOUR HELP CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

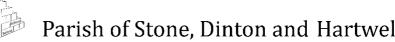
Thank you,

Susan Birrell

SJB Fabric Chair.

#### **Services this Month:**

Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion with Baptism	10:30 @ SJB
	Evensong	18:00 @ SPP
	Matins	9:00 @ SJB
	Morning Worship	10:00 @ SPP
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Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Family Service with Baptism 10:30 @ SJB	
Sunday 31st	Holy Communion 10:30 @ SJB	



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# St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

## 10:30am All Age Family Service

Leaders: Rev. Harriet Orridge

Dear All,

Here is the link for the online service:

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

#### Cassa

Reverend Cassa Messervy

Rector of the Wychert Vale Benefice

https://www.wychertvale.org

### This Week

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	Choir Practice - Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Choir Practice - SJB
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Holy Communion & Baptism - SJB

## Please send notices and adverts for publishing to;

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Parish Magazine: <u>Magazine@stonedintonhartwell.com</u>

Website: Webmaster@stonedintonhartwell.com

#### Our rector writes .....

## **Clergy Orientation Day**

On Wednesday, I was at the Diocesan Clergy Orientation Day for new clergy and clergy moving to new roles in the diocese. Bishop Steven our diocesan bishop was talking about where he felt the Church was now. He said that people seemed to be in two places, either energised and ready to restart or exhausted and needing time to rest and reflect on all that had happened. This may create a dissonance in our church families which he felt it was important for us to be aware of and that we may need to be ready to understand and support each other. He reminded us of a beautiful verse in 1 Peter 4: 10

'In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation.' New Living Translation

#### **Scam Emails**

Last week I received an email from the Archbishops of Canterbury (Justin Welby) asking for my urgent assistance. Apparently, he was in a meeting otherwise he would have called me so he wanted me to reply to his email. As you will I am sure realise this was a scam email. You may wonder how I know it is a scam, apart from the fact that Archbishop Justin is very unlikely to email me asking for help (I have only met the man once) I looked at his email address which is suspicious as it is not the official email address of the Church of England.

Scammers will use the names of figures who are in the public domain, my details are all on our website, to send fake emails asking for money or an email response. Please be very careful about these kinds of emails and if you are in doubt give the person a call to check it with them.

### 'How to Pray: a guide for normal people' study group

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On Monday we had our first afternoon study session from 4-5pm. It was really good to hear people's experience of prayer and what we find hard about prayer but also the huge benefits we gain from it. It's not too late to join either the evening group which will meet next Monday 8-9pm or the afternoon group the week after. Here is the zoom link:

Topic: Benefice Study Group

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86200968979?pwd=ZFpleGVYdVJpcHBBbkdCV0paYWIFZz

Meeting ID: 862 0096 8979

Passcode: 258413

## Thank You So Much

Recently, I was pleased and delighted to receive some gifts after stepping down as Churchwarden at St. John the Baptist, Stone after over twenty – five years.

The painting of the church was especially pleasing as the artist was Edward Mobbs. His wife Iris and I served concurrently as churchwardens in St. John the Baptist and Ss. Peter and Paul, Dinton , and the painting reminds me of all the lovely people in the Parish with whom I worshipped and worked, even before I became a churchwarden.

I also received a very interesting book about Bucks churches and I look forward to visiting many of them, book in hand – so many and each so different.

I have so many memories of people and events big and small as well as the joy of worshipping in St. John the Baptist. I am very much looking forward to doing so again in the not -so – distant future.

Thank you so much for my thoughtful gifts, and ,as ever, my prayers for the church family of St. John the Baptist and the Parish of Stone, Dinton and Hartwell.

Eryl Morgan