



Wychert Vale Benefice
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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 5th September

10:30am FAMILY SERVICE
Led by Revd Phil Groves

Dear All,
Here is the You tube service link for today <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SpeCQI2zsKU>
All good wishes,
Cassa
Reverend Cassa Messervy
Rector of the Wychert Vale Benefice <https://www.wychertvale.org>

THIS WEEK:

Mon 6 th	7:00pm	SJB Fabric committee at the church
Weds 8 th	8:00pm	PCC meeting at SPP Dinton
Fri 10th	2:00pm	Funeral of the late Marjorie Jones

We offer our condolences to David Jones and family on the passing of Marjorie. Having married in SJB in 1964 they lived in Round Hill for many years and have remained members of our church family ever since. The service is in SJB at 2:00pm and then at the cemetery in Eythrope Road; and afterwards at the Jubilee Pavilion.



Gracious God, we pray for all who are mourning the loss of a loved one at this time. Be their source of comfort and strength and help them to face the future with hope. In Jesus' name. Amen

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

12th	10:30am	HOLY COMMUNION	Revd Phil Groves
	6:00pm	PARISH EVENSONG at DINTON	
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



WOW! What a fantastic time we had at Café in the Park yesterday! We are getting busier and busier each month and it is wonderful see so many new people to the village coming along. It is a great opportunity for the church to connect with the wider community, but we could do with more helpers. Special thanks this month go to Clive for managing to cook **so many meals on his own**. We receive a lot of compliments for the food so WELL DONE CLIVE. If you would like to join the team please let Clive and Naomi know on **tel: 747689**

Choir practice

Practices will be starting again in the church this Tuesday at 7:30pm and on Saturday morning at 10:30am. We will be preparing for Harvest on 26th 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

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

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James 2:1-10

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

When he was a student, the famous Indian leader, Mahatma Gandhi, considered becoming a Christian. He read the Gospels and was moved by them. It seemed to him that Christianity offered a solution to the caste system that plagued the people of India. One Sunday, he went to a local church. He had decided to see the pastor and ask for instruction on the way of salvation. But when he entered the church, which consisted of white people, the ushers refused to give him a seat. They told him to go and worship with his own people. He left and never went back "If Christians have caste differences also," he said, "I might as well remain a Hindu" (from "Our Daily Bread," [Feb., 1979]).



(Eryl is pictured with her husband Chris).

A big thankyou from us all

Earlier this week Eryl Morgan was presented with a watercolour painting of our church and a book about Buckinghamshire's Historic Churches. This was to thank her for the 25+ years she has faithfully served us as churchwarden at SJB. Although Eryl has stepped down as churchwarden she is still a church organist and active member of the PCC. Thank you for your many years of service Eryl.

Our rector writes

Benefice Study Group

You are warmly invited to join the benefice study group for the autumn term study of Pete Grieg'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 me know if you would like to attend (cassa.messervy@wychertvale.org).

Churchwardens' Swearing In

Our benefice churchwardens will be sworn in to their role by Archdeacon Guy on Wednesday at a special service at St. Mary's Church, Aylesbury. We give thanks that our churchwardens are willing to serve God in this way and for their contribution to the mission of God through our churches. Please pray for them as they begin or continue in this ministry. Benefice Churchwardens:

Stone, Dinton with Hartwell: *Rosemary Jackson and Richard Smith*

Aston Sandford: *Nick Morgan and Laura Macpherson*

Kingsey: *Anne MacKellar and Graham Barnes*

Cuddington: *James Stonham*

Haddenham: *Val Walker and Dianne Brackley*

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Heavenly Father, you call us each to different work in your kingdom, according to the gifts you've bestowed upon us. This week we pray especially for those you've called to be churchwardens in our benefice churches. Keep your call fresh in their hearts, renewing and refreshing their spirit for the work ahead. May they seek your counsel daily, seeking your wisdom and guidance as they make important decisions on our behalf. Fill them with patience, peace, and joy for their work, remembering you are with them even when the work is hard, for you are faithful to equip those who obey your call. All this we pray through your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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