

Thankyou!

Thankyou to everyone who came along to help at **Café in the Park** yesterday. We had a super time meeting up with people we have not seen for a long time, and also getting to know new people who had not been before. The weather was perfect so we were able to spread outside. Thankyou God!

The next Cafe is **SATURDAY 3rd JULY 10:00am – 12:00noon**

Perk up your summer garden!

Come along to the

PLANT SALE

at Mayerin, Churchway, Stone

Saturday 26th June 10:00am – 1:00pm



Overseas aid spending

In November the Chancellor announced that the UK would reduce temporarily the amount that it spends on overseas aid from 0.7 % of gross national income to 0.5%. This was controversial because it broke a clear promise to stand by the commitment to 0.7%. The Archbishop of Canterbury and other bishops joined hundreds of charities and five former prime ministers in opposing this cut. There is now a growing number of members of the government who are expected to rebel against the Government and vote to re-instate the 0.7% target.

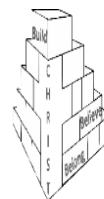
A spokesperson for Christian aid said 'Cutting the aid budget is not just about pulling vital funding from lifesaving programmes and leaving the most vulnerable to fend for themselves in the middle of a pandemic. It is also a matter of social justice. We must honour our promise to the people living in poverty due to our unequal global economy'.



Lord, grant great wisdom to those with great responsibility. May our leaders be moved by compassion and justice to build the common good for all your people. Amen

Notices for the weekly pewsheet should be submitted by 7pm on Fridays. Please email them to pewsheet@stonedintonhartwell.com

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Wychert Vale Benefice

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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 6th June



10:30am Family Service

Led by Revd Phil Groves

*Gracious God,
When we cannot find the answers we seek, teach us to leave
all things in your hands, trusting for tomorrow through what
we know of you today.
Amen*



This week.....

- Mon. 7th June** - 11:00am + 8:00pm Benefice study course online led by Revd Cassa Messervy (Rector) for details ring her on 01844 292416 or email cassa.messervy@wychertvale.org
- Sun. 13th June** - 10:30am Morning Worship
6:00pm Evensong at SPP Dinton led by David Pickup

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Mark 3:20-35

²⁰ Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. ²¹ When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, 'He is out of his mind.'

²² And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons.'

²³ So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: 'How can Satan drive out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. ²⁶ And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. ²⁷ In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin.'

³⁰ He said this because they were saying, 'He has an impure spirit.'

³¹ Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. ³² A crowd was sitting round him, and they told him, 'Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you.'

³³ 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' he asked.

³⁴ Then he looked at those seated in a circle round him and said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother.'

We often make our own minds up about someone based on what we hear about them from others or in the press. So it was back then. It seems that opinions were forming about Jesus only three chapters in to the gospel of Mark! Already he is drawing crowds wherever he goes. Already he has shown himself to be a great teacher, healer, and driver out of demons. But who is he? And where does his 'power' and authority come from?

The teachers of the law accused him of being possessed by the devil, but Jesus refutes this by pointing out that the devil would not want to drive out demons!

Others assumed he had mental health issues. His family tried to collect him and steer him away from the crowds because of this. At this point they did not understand who he really was. They stayed outside and did not sit with him and his inner circle.

There is a third option though. Jesus is the Son of God with authority from Heaven, and those who believe in him are his real family. Which conclusion have you come to? Are you a member of the family yet or are you still making up your mind? JP

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Dear Friends,

This week's [online service](#) begins a walk through the Gospel of Mark. We take up the story at the point where Jesus' family are calling on him to stop preaching and return home. He looks around and identifies his family in all the people around him. We are his family.

Phil Groves

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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

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2021

This year's APCM is on **1st July** and is fast approaching. Please remember to submit all application forms in advance. 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. The deadline is the 14th June

what happens at the APCM ?

It is actually two meetings but they are held one straight after the other.

1. The meeting of parishioners at which the churchwardens are elected.
2. The APCM at which lay members of the PCC are elected, the annual report is approved, and parish activities generally are discussed. To vote at this meeting you must be on the church electoral roll.

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