

Remembrance Services in the Parish



- 10:00am **Bishopstone** War Memorial
 10:15am St Peter & St Paul's church **Dinton** followed by ceremony at the War Memorial in the churchyard at 10:45am
 10:45am Memorial gates in the Recreation Ground in **Stone**
 11:30am War Memorial in Main Road in **Ford**

Café in the Park



A big thankyou to everyone who helped at Café in the Park yesterday. Once again a great time was had by all and we are already looking forward to the next one on Saturday 4th December. If you would like to help please let Clive and Naomi know – tel no: 01296 747689

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** ?

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*

Looking ahead

- 28th November 10:30am **ADVENT SUNDAY** - Holy Communion with choir
 5th December 10:30am **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

Parish Evensong and Messy Church will both resume in January

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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 7th November

10:30am Family Service

Leader: Canon Phil Groves

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

Monday 8 th	19:30	SJB Fabric meeting online
Tuesday 9 th	10:30	Choir Practice - Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road
Wednesday 10 th	20:00	PCC meeting – Dinton church
Saturday 13 th	10:30	Choir Practice - Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road
Sunday 14 th		See separate notice about Remembrance Services in the parish

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Facilities Update



There has been further significant progress on the building works this week. The cesspit tank has been installed on a concrete foundation, and a short service of recommittal of the human remains was held. Also, the holes in the church wall for the drains serving the new kitchen and toilet area have been completed ready for connection to the tank. Work to remove the screen around the old kitchen area is also starting.

Although there is still some way to go with the project, there is much to give thanks to God for – particularly that the most uncertain part of the project (the excavation for the tank) has not encountered significant delays or complications.

A prayer for national and world leaders



Sovereign God, hear our prayer for all those to whom you have entrusted positions of leadership and responsibility, especially at this time when important decisions are being made about caring for our planet. Grant wisdom to leaders of the nations, to all whose decisions will shape the future of this world and its peoples. By your spirit break down the barriers that divide us and bring closer the day of your kingdom. In your name we ask it. Amen

A prayer for the Queen



Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ exchanged the glory of a heavenly throne for the form of a servant, we thank you that you have given Elizabeth our Queen a heart to serve her people. Encourage us by her example to serve one another, and to always seek the common good. We pray too that following her period of rest and relaxation you will soon restore her to good health. Amen.

An interview with the Archbishop of York

Sadly your pewsheet team were not able to secure their very own interview with the Archbishop but this one is a good alternative. It is worth setting aside an hour for this in which Archbishop Stephen Cottrell shares his faith story and his thoughts about caring for the world. Plenty of wisdom and insight in a down to earth way.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J-9N3Ha4ciY>

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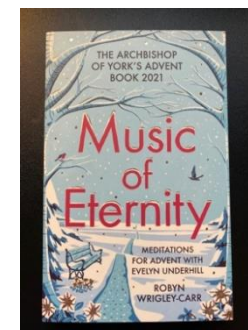
Our Rector writes.....

Last Sunday marked the move from Trinity to 'All Saints to Advent'. This season is characterised by the activity of remembering. We remember the saints who have gone before us, we remember our loved ones who have died, and we remember 'lest we forget' the millions who have died in wars past and present.

This season always gives me a new sense of appreciation of the many unsung and sometimes unappreciated saints of our churches, those who have served God faithfully in our churches and the wider community in the past and in the present. It is a good opportunity to say thank you to everyone we come across in our churches and communities for the gift of their time, energy and skills. So, thank you for all you do, for all the time and resources you gift sacrificially to serve God and his Kingdom and may God richly bless you in all you do in His name.

Advent reading

As you may have gathered by now, I love the seasons of the Church's year and the opportunity that they give to refocus our discipleship, growing into the likeness of Jesus through study, reflection and prayer. I particularly like the study resources available for Advent. This year I am going to read 'Music of Eternity' by Robyn Wrigley-Carr which is the Archbishop of York's Advent Book for this year. The meditations for each are based on the writings of Evelyn Underhill. The book focusses on how we focus on God's 'comings to us' so that we can be transformed by them as we seek to be more like Christ.



If this isn't your cup of tea then two other Advent books that I would recommend are: 'The One True Light: daily readings for Advent from the Gospel of John' by Tim Chester which explores the wonderful John 1: 1-18 reading used at Christmas offering thought provoking insights; and 'Do Nothing Christmas is Coming' by Stephen Cottrell which offers short, practical steps to slow down and take time out to be with God in the often frenetic rush to prepare for Christmas.

If you would prefer something different then I have two Advent Calendars one designed for children and one for adults with prayers and activities for each day which I will send out next week or if you would like one email me on cassamesservy@gmail.com.

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