



**BOOK A PLOUGHMAN'S FOR COLLECTION  
FROM THE METHODIST CHAPEL Eythrope Road**

**SATURDAY 15th MAY 10 am - 2 pm**

Your lunch bag will contain roll and butter with cheese, coleslaw, fruit and cake/biscuit. We ask a minimum donation of £2.50 but feel free to pay more!

Please ring Sue Spinks on 748369 or email [royandsue1@btinternet.com](mailto:royandsue1@btinternet.com) on or before THURSDAY 13th MAY to book your bag.

Sue also has a supply of **delivery only** CA envelopes so if anyone can deliver even a few in their neighborhood please let her know. The collection point is the postbox at the chapel.

**Fundraising for the Facilities project**

Following the delay in starting the building work date there will sadly be an increase in material costs. We are waiting for this updated figure but meanwhile we want to start fundraising again - and we need ideas!

With summer coming up and restrictions beginning to ease we have the opportunity to do something special. Please contact either David or Sue if you have any fundraising ideas or just a willing pair of hands.

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**From Jean Shandley who recently moved to Kent after worshipping with us here in Stone for 23 years.....**

*Thank you very much for the lovely card and comments. They mean a lot. I look back fondly on all the friendships and sense of belonging that I have felt over the years. I am still joining in the Zoom prayer meetings until we settle in a church. We are moving around several rented holiday lets until we move into our new house which should be in the middle of June. I have been enjoying some walks especially seeing the structures of the trees and finding a new flower, the cuckoo flower. We hope to come back and visit in the future. With love from Jean*

**Notices for the weekly pewsheets should be submitted by 7pm on Fridays.**

Please email them to [pewsheets@stonedintonhartwell.com](mailto:pewsheets@stonedintonhartwell.com)

You can also find information about what is going on by checking out our website [www.stonedintonhartwell.com](http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com)

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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

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## St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 9th May

**10:30am Morning Worship led by: David Pickup**

Dear Friends

[Sunday's online service](#) comes from St John the Baptist. Phil leads and preaches. He introduces both Christian Aid Week and Thy Kingdom Come.

**Phil Groves**

Associate Rector in the Wychert Vale Benefice

Phone 01296 748 390

***This week.....***

Mon.10<sup>th</sup> May - 11:00am Benefice study course begins online  
7:30pm SJB Fabric committee online  
8:00pm Benefice study course begins online  
Christian Aid week begins

Thur. 13<sup>th</sup> May - **ASCENSION DAY** service online - start of 'Thy Kingdom Come'

Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> May - 10:30am **MORNINGWORSHIP** (Christian Aid)  
led by Revd Sue Smith and Richard Smith

***Further ahead.....***

**Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> June - The return of CAFÉ IN THE PARK - details next week**

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### **1 John 5:1-6**

5:1 *Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child.*

5:2 *By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.*

5:3 *For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome,*

5:4 *for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith.*

#### **World Beaters**

In a few weeks' time it will be the Olympics again. It will be a very different sort of games this time. I wonder how team GB will do.

Today is Rogation Sunday which is one of those dates in the church calendar that is now considered less important than it was. That is a shame as it is really about asking God for things. Asking God to bless the land and our work, and thanking Him for the routine of seasons in life.

This reading reminds us of God's plan for the world which includes the routines and patterns of life. It may sound ordinary but the passage ends on a high note "**for whatever is born of God conquers the world**" now that is truly world beating.

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#### *A prayer for Rogation:*

*Let us ask God to have mercy on our tired land, and to prosper the work of our soiled hands. Let us ask God to forgive our selfishness and lack of love so that we may praise him for his provision and goodness. Amen*



*Great God who makes the sun to rise, and opens the heavens, hear the cry of the people who sow in hope for rain, but reap only despair. Hear the cry of the people seeking shelter from the storm, their hopes and homes submerged. Hear the cry of the people when creation is hitting back, with rage and resistance.*

*Give us hope, grant us salvation, give us a new relationship with creation with reverence to tend this gift from You and say once again of the earth and all you created.....it is GOOD Amen (Christian Aid week prayer)*

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### **Ascension Day service**

At 7:30pm on Ascension Day Thursday 13th May, Cassa will lead a simple evening prayer service on Zoom (link below) to mark the start of the Thy Kingdom Come ten days of prayer. Please do join her if you can.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87128744205?pwd=cDVBa1UzRUZCT21EY3ZxeHBkS1I3Zz09>

Meeting ID: 871 2874 4205

Passcode: 335006

### **Study Group on Zoom**

I am offering for everyone in the benefice an invitation to join a Zoom study group to reflect on Bishop Steven's book 'Comfortable Words: A Call to Restoration', based on Isaiah 40-55.

See: <https://www.brfonline.org.uk/products/comfortable-words-a-call-to-restoration-reflections-on-isaiah-40-55>

The sessions will be on Mondays, daytime 11-12pm or 8-9pm starting 10<sup>th</sup> May and ending 12<sup>th</sup> July with no session on 31<sup>st</sup> May. The sessions will include time to 'Dwell in the Word' on the passages from Isaiah together then discussion of the weekly chapter from the book. If you would like to join either the daytime or evening session or you would like more information please let Cassa know on [cassa.messervy@wychertvale.org](mailto:cassa.messervy@wychertvale.org) or ring 01844 292416.

### **Thy Kingdom Come**



Each year we are encouraged by our Archbishops to pray with millions of other Christians from around the world 'thy kingdom come' for ten days of prayer from Ascension (13<sup>th</sup> May) to Pentecost (23<sup>rd</sup> May). This year we will be focussing on praying for aspects of the pandemic and looking to God's promised future for our world. There are prayer resources available for you to use at home in the form of prayer journals or a digital family prayer map. You will be able to collect these from Church from today or speak to Cassa if you would like one delivered.

### **SJB prayer meetings**

We are called to serve God and to seek him in all we do including maintaining his church building. In light of this and as part of Thy Kingdom Come we are calling the Church to gather for half an hour of prayer from 7pm each day Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May. We will meet outside the Church and pray for each area of the building that needs work, and also to give thanks for things that have been done. The leadership team look forward to seeing you outside the Church.

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