



The church was open all day yesterday to receive visitors who were taking part in Ride + Stride. For the first time we were able to offer toilet facilities, and refreshments served by our churchwarden Raymond. We welcomed 8 visitors from different churches. Special thanks though go to **Steve Birrell** and **George Lamb** who took part in Ride + Stride.



Our churchwarden also wishes to give thanks to everyone who worked hard keeping the churchyard up together. So, thankyou to Aaron, Sue B, Brian, Dee, Liz, Val, Mike, Sue H, Steve (who also cycled round 11 churches) and Jenny P who just did a little bit at the end of the day.

**SATURDAY 24th SEPTEMBER
VILLAGE PRAYER WALK**

Come and join us! Everyone is welcome!
We will be praying for our community in various locations around the village
No previous experience of prayer walking is required
If you prefer to pray silently or just listen that is fine
We will meet at SJB at 10:30am and be finished by noon.

'For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them' *Matthew 18:20*

Children's Group Update



Although we had hoped to re-start the group in September the Safer Recruitment process is taking longer than expected. So we have decided to launch the group on **9th October** - the week after our family Harvest Service. This will enable us to advertise it to many more families in the community.

Tuesday 13th	10:00am – 12:00noon	CAFÉ IN THE PARK
Wednesday 14th	8:00pm	PCC MEETING at SPP Dinton
Sunday 18th	9:00am 10:30am 6:00pm	MATINS (Prayer Book Service) FAMILY WORSHIP OUTDOOR EVENSONG at Hartwell

BELONG - BELIEVE - BUILD - WITH CHRIST AS THE CORNERSTONE



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 11th September**

**10:30am FAMILY COMMUNION
with Baptism**

Leader: Revd Phil Groves



Today we welcome into our church family **Finley Thomas Elliot** through baptism, and also his parents Donna and Lee with their family and friends. We ask God's blessing on them all.

**12:00pm COMMEMORATION SERVICE
FOR QUEEN ELIZABETH II**

Leader: David Pickup

**6:00pm COMMEMORATION EVENSONG
At SPP DINTON**

THIS WEEK

The church will be open every day this week 8:00am –7:00pm
for private prayer and reflection.

A book of condolence can be signed online at:
www.royal.uk/send-message-condolence

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**Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
The Servant Queen**



The Bishop of Oxford has issued the following statement

Her Majesty the Queen has been a cherished presence in all of our lives and for the whole of our lives. She has been our example and a rock for the nation and commonwealth. Her devoted service has given stability to the nation throughout this Elizabethan age. Her deep, personal Christian faith has been an inspiration to many, including me.

The whole nation will be united in mourning for our beloved Queen in the coming days. We will need time to grieve and to share our grief with others. We pray at this time for the Queen's family and especially for Charles as he prepares to become King. This will be a season for deep reflection in the life of our nation as we look back in thanksgiving and forward in hope.

This United Kingdom has deep foundations in Christian faith. A key part of our faith is the distinctive hope of resurrection from the dead: that our life in Christ endures beyond death and for eternity. As we grieve and pray, we also look forward together in hope to that new and eternal life with God.

We have prayed through all of our lives: God Save the Queen. We now entrust Her Majesty to her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and commit ourselves afresh to his service and to God's eternal kingdom.



*God of love,
We thank you for the life of The Queen,
for her service to our nation,
and for her faith in you.
Be close to all of us who mourn,
that we may we find comfort and hope in your love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*



*Everlasting God, we pray for our new King.
Bless his reign and the life of our nation.
Help us to work together
so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness
flourish among us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Luke 15:1-10

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

⁸ "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbours together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' ¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Evensong Service – Sunday 18th September 2022 at 6 pm

By kind permission of Hartwell House, Oxford Rd

The traditional Common Prayer service takes place out of doors, in front of Hartwell Church in the grounds of Hartwell House Hotel. Please bring your own chair.

The service will be led by Reverend Cassa Messervy Rector of the Wychert Vale Benefice.

