

Benefice Notices

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(The office is open from 10:00-13:00)

Welcome to Clare!

Clare our new curate was ordained at Christ Church recently. Here she is with Cassa just after the service. Clare moved with her children into the house in Cuddington on Tuesday and is looking forward to getting to know people across the benefice over the next few months.

Dear Friends,

If you love football, or even if you don't, it can be great fun playing Fantasy Football. All you have to do is go to the <u>Premier League Fantasy Football</u> site, register and pick a team. All the instructions are there and it is free to use.

https://fantasy.premierleague.com/

I have set up a Wychert Vale League and to join in you just have to click https://fantasy.premierleague.com/leagues/auto-join/xkwm8z and your team will be entered in the league. Just in case you need it the League Code is xkwm8z.

email drphilgroves@gmail.com if you are having a problem and I will send you the link directly.

You can see how you are doing relative to others and we can occasionally get together for a drink to discuss our success and failure. We will think of a prize for the winner at the end of the season.

Phil Groves

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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 17th July

9:00am **MATINS** (Prayer Book service)

Leader: David Pickup

10:30am **MORNING WORSHIP**

Leader: Raymond Medhurst Gospel reading: Luke 10:38-42

Monday 18th	8:00pm	PCC meeting @SJB, Stone
Tuesday 19th	10:00am – 12:00noon	CAFÉ IN THE PARK
Thursday 21st	8:00pm	SJB committee @SJB STONE
Sunday 24 th	10:30am	MORNING WORSHIP

Website: www.stonedintonhartwell.com
Pewsheet: pewsheet@stonedintonhartwell.com
Please send in any content by 7pm on Friday

Luke 10:38-42

At the home of Martha and Mary

38 As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. 39 She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. 40 But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, 'Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!'

41 'Martha, Martha,' the Lord answered, 'you are worried and upset about many things, 42 but few things are needed – or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.'



The story of Mary and Martha is one we can return to study again and again in our walk of faith because the lesson is timeless. We all have aspects of Mary and Martha within us. As we read and study the passage, we can reflect on these questions:

- Do I have my priorities in order?
- Like Martha, am I worried or anxious about many things, or, like Mary, am I focused on listening to Jesus and spending time in his presence?
- Have I put devotion to Christ and his word first, or am I more concerned about doing good deeds?

Notice that Jesus gently admonished Martha for being "worried and upset," **NOT** for serving. Service is a good thing, but sitting at Jesus' feet is best because that is when we learn from Him. We must always remember what is most important.



Dear Lord Jesus

I pray that you will help me to get my priorities right each day. Keep me from becoming so busy that there is no time left for you. Speak to me through your Word and fill me with your heavenly peace.

Amen

FoodCycle Aylesbury is opening 26th July

This is a national project that is opening a base at the Vineyard Church in Aylesbury on 26th July. It offers a free hot meal and good company to anyone who turns up at 6:00pm each Tuesday. Further details will be available here next week or click on the link below.

https://foodcycle.org.uk/location/foodcycle-aylesbury/

Twinning projects update

Thank you for your generosity in supporting the new facilities twinning project(s). Not only has the toilet been twinned with Mozambique, and the tap with Nepal, but we raised sufficient funds to also twin the bin with a recycling project in Pakistan. A total of £185 has now been twinned with various charitable projects abroad.

Sunday 31st July

This is our fifth Sunday of the month joint service with our Methodist friends at the chapel in Eythrope Road. The service will be led in the chapel by Revd Cassa Messervy who is our own rector. Please note that the service starts at **11:00am** and there is no service in our own church that day. We do hope there will be a good turnout. It is always a special time when we meet for worship with our Methodist friends.

Congratulations to our Methodist Friends. The chapel in Eythrope Road was dedicated in 1877 so last week they celebrated 145 years of worship and community service in Stone.

Re-Starting the Children's Group at SJB

We want to make every service accessible to families and so we are looking to re-start the children's group during the Sunday services in September 2022.

The aim is two-fold. Firstly - to teach children about God in their lives and make coming to church a positive, enjoyable time. Secondly - to enable parents to benefit from the service without being distracted by their children!

Each week we need a leader and a helper - both Safeguarding trained and DBS checked. **Could you offer to help on one Sunday a month?** Please speak to Naomi Corbould on 01296 747689 or email naominz@hotmail.co.uk.

Everyone is welcome to any of our services

Most months two of our main services include Holy Communion and two do not. Although the services may vary a little in style they all have the same focus — bringing the whole church family together to worship God. Visitors from other churches and those who have never been to any church before are always welcome to join us.

Anyone who is eligible to receive communion in their usual church is welcome to receive it here. If you need a gluten free wafer these are available. Just let the churchwarden or sides person know when you come in.

Anyone who does not want to receive communion is still welcome to come forward to the altar rail and receive a blessing.