

Benefice Notices

Some of our clergy team went last week to the Oxford Diocesan Clergy Conference in Swanwick Derbyshire. It was an excellent conference with some inspiring speakers, including Graham Tomlin, Paul Boateng and Isabel Hamely. Bishop Steven's teaching on 2 Corinthians was also excellent. You can access all the videos from the conference on YouTube, use the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLCZA51diSEsU1B-SH99AYhxdnN9-lahAd>

Our benefice church wardens will have been sworn in by Archdeacon Guy at the visitation service Thursday 16th June 7.30pm at Church of the Holy Spirit, Bedgrove. Please pray for our churchwardens as they lead our churches with the PCCs and the ministry team.



*Lord God,
we give thanks and praise for our churchwardens.
We pray that, as they work to further your good news here in the Wychert Vale Benefice, they will carry their responsibilities as parish officers and guardians of the parish churches they serve with dignity and joy.
We pray that our congregations will support them and help them in all they do, so the glory of God will shine out into our villages and beyond.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen*

You may like to know that our YouTube services which also go out on Red Kite Radio are continuing, you can access them here:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsW_rDktNqSs4IoTkQ3WvBA

or tune into Red Kite Radio just before 12pm on Sundays.

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Summer Lecture at St Mary's Church Haddenham

Churches Together in Haddenham's study evening this year has Steve Gaukroger, director of Clarion Trust International, speaking about the effects of the pandemic, war and other challenges facing our world and the Church

'Before Covid. During a War, After Lockdown - Keys to a Thriving Church!'

Thursday 23rd June at 7:30pm

Drinks and canapes served from 7:00pm

Book your FREE ticket at www.haddenham-summerlecture.eventbrite.com

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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 19th June

9:00am MATINS (Prayer Book service)

led by Raymond Medhurst

10:30am MORNING WORSHIP

led by Revd Sue Smith and Richard Smith

First Sunday after Trinity and Father's Day

On Fathers' Day we celebrate a special relationship. Whether you see your dad a lot, or if you have lots of memories of a dad you no longer see, or if you're thinking about someone who is like a dad to you, there are lots of ways to bless and remember the fatherly people in our lives. Father's Day is not on the church calendar but it does prompt us to think about God who is our Heavenly Father.

Tuesday 21st	10:00am – 12:00noon	CAFÉ IN THE PARK
Tuesday 21st	7:30pm	CHOIR PRACTICE in the church
Sunday 26 th	10:30am	PATRONAL FESTIVAL SERVICE HOLY COMMUNION with choir led by Revd Phil Groves

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Luke 8:26-39

Jesus restores a demon-possessed man

26 They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. 27 When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, 'What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!' 29 For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

30 Jesus asked him, 'What is your name?'

'Legion,' he replied, because many demons had gone into him. 31 And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

32 A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. 33 When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

34 When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, 35 and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. 36 Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. 37 Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

38 The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 'Return home and tell how much God has done for you.' So the man went away and told all over the town how much Jesus had done for him.

Pause for thought - look again at verse 39 and reflect on all the good things God has done for you. Are we in danger of taking Him for granted? One way to overcome this is to keep a 'thankyou' book and note in it at the end of each day all the good things God has done for you. Notice also in verse 39 the instruction to tell others, even at home. Do we acknowledge Him in our family and circle of friends? This man did, so let us resolve to always do likewise.



*Thankyou God for the many good things you have already done for me.
Help me to share freely with others the wonderful news of your gracious love.
Amen*

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Saturday 2nd July from 10am

The beautiful churchyard at St John The Baptist, Stone needs you!

We would like to:

- trim around the graves
- clear the ivy off the trees, wall and graves
- remove moss from the gravestones
- tidy up the bushes on Churchway & Bishopstone Road
- paint some handrails, grave surrounds and railings
- protect the wildlife by leaving areas of wild flowers but cutting other areas
- enhance the whole churchyard experience for everyone



Would **you** be willing to help?

If so please come along on Saturday 2nd July at any time between 10am and 4pm with your gardening tools, dressed ready to work and enjoy great company.

We will provide refreshment and a toilet so please come and help.

Even if it's only for a short time it will all help to make the churchyard and surrounding areas look so much better.

If you would like to help financially then please go to our website and make a donation to The Fabric Fund. Thank you

St John The Baptist Fabric Committee

Open gardens in aid of Florence Nightingale Hospice TODAY (19th June)

The Haddenham Community Support Group (HCSG) have organised this fundraising event for the Florence Nightingale Hospice.

There are 14 gardens open to visit, and seven are new this year. They vary in size and design; some small but packed with plants and interest, and others large with many features.

The gardens are spread throughout Haddenham and you can buy your tickets either at the Scout and Guide Centre to start your garden visits from there, or tickets will also be at Church End which will be convenient if you wish to start your garden visits at that end of the village.

The ticket price is £6 for adults and children under 12 are free.

The gardens will be open from 2 - 6pm TODAY. Teas will be available at the Scout and Guide Centre and from 14 Church End. Toilets are only at the Scout & Guide Centre.

Website: www.fnhospice.org.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/fnhcsg

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