

Benefice Notices

Confirmation

Are you confirmed? If not, would you like to be? Confirmation is the opportunity to 'confirm' for yourself the promises that were made at baptism. You might like to join one of the Benefice confirmation courses that we will be running in the autumn term ready for the Deanery Confirmation on the 4th December 4pm which will be hosted by our benefice. Please speak to any of the ministry team if you would like to know more.

Benefice Vision

You may remember that representatives from each of our churches met to look at the vision for our benefice, how we can best structure ourselves to support the local mission of each of our churches. One of the ideas that came out of our meeting was setting up teams to share good practice and support for different areas of our church life. Recently a team of people with wisdom and experience in the area of social action met to discuss the need for an urgent response from our churches on the cost of living crisis, which resulted in various actions including the setting up of a very good information page on our website: <https://www.wychertvale.org/cost-of-living/>

In September our churchwarden team will be meeting to discuss the structures of our benefice and how we might work fruitfully together across our benefice, recognising our different contexts, ministry and missional aspirations. Please pray for the guidance and inspiration of God' Spirit as we journey together.

Benefice 'Save the Dates'

8th Sept – Alpha course starts in Haddenham

10th Sept – Ride and Stride raising funds for Bucks Historic Churches

4th Dec 4pm – Deanery Confirmation service



You, Lord, are our Rock and our Salvation.

Stand with us so that we are strong in doing your work in the world.

Unite us toward a common goal of peace and prosperity for all.

Lord, please protect those who've fled their homes, especially children, the elderly, and people who are disabled, as they're among the most vulnerable.

We ask in your name to restore communities, reunite families, and repair worn-torn countries.

Amen.

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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 31st July

11:00am

MORNING WORSHIP at the chapel

Leader: Revd Cassa Messervy

Tuesday 2nd	10:00am – 12:00noon	CAFÉ IN THE PARK
Saturday 6th	10:00am – 12:00noon	CAFÉ IN THE PARK
Sunday 7th	10:30am	ALL AGE FAMILY SERVICE

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.

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Luke 12:13-21

The parable of the rich fool

¹³ *Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.'*

¹⁴ *Jesus replied, 'Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?' ¹⁵ Then he said to them, 'Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.'*

¹⁶ *And he told them this parable: 'The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, "What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops."*

¹⁸ *'Then he said, "This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."*

²⁰ *'But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?"*

²¹ *'This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich towards God.'*

The real problem Jesus is dealing with in this parable is not wealth but **greed**. Notice that in v15 Jesus tells the people to guard against this. There is nothing wrong with having possessions but we need to make sure the pursuit of wealth and possessions doesn't become our sole focus in life. Would we still love God and serve him with the same fervour if we lost all our material wealth?

We need wisdom to keep our priorities in the right place. If we let our lives be rich and Christ centred we will keep our hearts in the right place. Doing our best in this life may lead to wealth or riches and that is fine, we just need to ensure that is not our sole focus. We should pursue God above all things and not define our blessing by how much stuff we have - define it by how much of God we have in our lives instead. This not only produces blessings for this life but also for all eternity.



Heavenly Father, we brought nothing into this world and will take nothing out of it. Help me to value the things of your kingdom above any earthly treasures and to always put you first in my life. Amen

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Cost of Living Crisis

All over the country people are struggling with the increasing cost of food and fuel. This is true in our community. A team from our churches has put together information for those who need help and for those who can offer help that is available on our [website](#).

We know that worries over money are a key cause of stress and mental ill health, please talk to someone who can help. Our clergy will listen to you in confidence and do their best to get you the help you need. You can ring our office on 01844 291108 – you can speak to someone weekday mornings or leave a message with a name, phone number and where you live. If you know one of our clergy – please ring us directly.



FoodCycle Aylesbury is open every Tuesday

This is a national project that has opened a base at the Vineyard Church in Aylesbury. It offers a free hot meal and good company to anyone who turns up at 6:00pm each Tuesday. For further details click on the link below.

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

AYLESBURY VINEYARD CHURCH

The Vineyard Centre

Gatehouse Close

HP19 8DN



Lambeth Conference

Revd Phil Groves is busy at the Conference this week in his role as chair of the Anglican Peace and Justice Network. He is meeting with Bishops and their spouses from around the world and hopes to record what they are doing to bring about peace, justice and reconciliation in their context. We look forward to hearing how he gets on.

Meanwhile you can click <https://anglicanpeacejustice.net/changing-hearts-to-combat-climate-chaos/> to read Phil's recent article for APJN about 'Changing Hearts to Combat Climate Chaos'.

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