

**Teams – Part of the new Benefice Vision**

As you may remember one of the initial outcomes of our benefice vision process was the idea of benefice teams for areas of our churches' work. We already have a benefice safeguarding team which meets termly. A social action team is in the process of being formed. Our benefice churchwarden team will be meeting on Mon 5th September to look at how we make decision on matters that affect us all. Later in October our benefice treasurers will be meeting to share wisdom and support on financial matters. Please pray for all our teams that God will guide us in the way God would have us go.

*Cassa*



*Loving Father, we thank you for the schools of our benefice.  
We pray for your blessing on them as the new school year begins.  
Please grant your encouragement, wisdom and peace to the staff, parents and children.  
Comfort and restore those living under shadows of unhappiness, abuse, pain or fear.  
May many find faith discovering their identity in You and knowing Your amazing grace in their lives.  
In Jesus name.  
Amen*



**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.

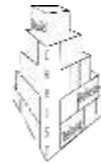
**THANKYOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED AT CAFÉ IN THE PARK YESTERDAY  
We had a tremendous turnout !**

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**Parish of Stone, Dinton and Hartwell**



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**St. John the Baptist STONE  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

**10:30am FAMILY WORSHIP**

*Leader: Revd Sue Smith*

**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 6th	10:00am – 12:00noon	CAFÉ IN THE PARK
Saturday 10th	10:00am – 4:00pm	CHURCH OPEN FOR RIDE + STRIDE CHURCHYARD GARDENING DAY
Sunday 11th	10:30am	FAMILY COMMUNION with BAPTISM

**Dates to save**

- 8th Sept Alpha course starts in Haddenham
- 14<sup>th</sup> Sept PCC at Dinton Church
- 18<sup>th</sup> Sept Outdoor Evensong at Hartwell Church
- 24<sup>th</sup> Sept Village prayer walk
- 28<sup>th</sup> Sept SJB committee meeting
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct Harvest Festival

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## The Cost of Being a Disciple

Luke 14:25 – 33

<sup>25</sup> Large crowds were travelling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: <sup>26</sup> “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

<sup>28</sup> “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? <sup>29</sup> For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, <sup>30</sup> saying ‘this person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

<sup>31</sup> “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

This week’s Gospel reading is a hard hitting message using the Jewish practice of exaggeration to make a point. The word ‘hate’ in this context actually means ‘love less’. It is a relative term meaning not to honour something above something else. In other words Jesus must be the absolute priority in our lives if we are to be His disciples. In this passage Jesus requires us to consider what price we are prepared to pay as Christ’s disciples. Are we prepared to follow Him whatever our closest family might say? To love Him even at the cost of our own lives? Jesus wants us to understand that discipleship will cost us everything, but consider what we gain in return!



*O Lord,  
in the goodness of your constant love, be with the people of Pakistan as they  
face devastating floods.*

*We pray that they may find consolation in their sorrow, strength as they  
seek shelter and safety and courage to carry on.*

*At this time of great loss – loss of lives, homes and crops –may we be filled  
with your compassion and moved to reach out in love.*

*Forgive us, O Lord, for our part in the climate crisis, and inspire us all to play  
our part in protecting the earth, our common home.*

*So that together we may build a world that reflects your glory, where hope  
drives out despair and all things are made new.*

*Amen*

*(Adapted from a Cafod prayer)*

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On Saturday we will be opening the church for visitors 10:00am – 4:00pm but we need volunteers to be present in the church to offer a welcome. If you could spare an hour or two please let Raymond know [Raymond.medhurst@stonedintonhartwell.com](mailto:Raymond.medhurst@stonedintonhartwell.com)

..... and you can also sponsor Steve Birrell who will be taking part in support of SJB by signing up in the church porch. **Thankyou Steve!**

**SATURDAY 10th SEPTEMBER**

**IS ALSO A CHURCHYARD GARDENING DAY**



If you can help at any time during the day please come along and make a difference

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Any help you can offer will be very much appreciated *Thank you*

Also on Saturday 10th September there will be a

**BOOK FEST CAFÉ**

In the chapel in Eythrope Road 10:30am - 4:00pm

Choose your autumn reading, and enjoy coffee/tea and biscuits for a donation to



**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*

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