

## Benefice Notices

### Services in August

Many people who serve our churches in many ways will be taking well-earned holidays in August to rest and be restored. We give thanks for them all and pray for God to give them peaceful and joyful holidays. This means that our August services will be a little different to normal and we may not have the benefit of musicians to lead our worship or our usual ministers, hopefully we can still look for ways to worship God and hear his voice as we meet together.



*Lord God,  
We put ourselves into Your hands,  
and pray that You will bless us and our families during the wonderful  
months of summer.  
May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love,  
peace and safety.  
May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about  
ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen*

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 'Save the Dates'

8<sup>th</sup> Sept – Alpha course starts in Haddenham

10<sup>th</sup> Sept – Ride and Stride raising funds for Bucks Historic Churches

4<sup>th</sup> Dec 4pm – Deanery Confirmation service

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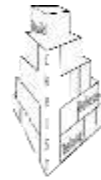
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pewsheets: [pewsheets@stonedintonhartwell.com](mailto:pewsheets@stonedintonhartwell.com) content by 9:00am Friday please

website: [www.stonedintonhartwell.com](http://www.stonedintonhartwell.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

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## St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August

10:30am

**FAMILY WORSHIP**

*Leader: Revd Phil Groves*

Tuesday 9th	10:00am – 12:00noon	CAFÉ IN THE PARK
Sunday 14th	10:30am	FAMILY COMMUNION

### 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 some of 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](mailto:naominz@hotmail.co.uk).

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## Luke 12:32-40

32 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

### Watchfulness

35 'Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, 36 like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. 37 It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will make them recline at the table and will come and wait on them.

38 It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or towards daybreak. 39 But understand this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.'



### Lambeth Conference

An excerpt from Archbishop Stephen Cottrell's talk -

'McDonalds make hamburgers.  
Cadburys make chocolate.  
Starbucks make coffee.  
The Simon Bolivar Youth Orchestra of Venezuela make music.  
Heineken make beer.  
Toyota make cars.  
Rolex make watches.  
Safaricom across most of Africa make connections.  
And sisters and brothers, the Church of Jesus Christ makes disciples.  
That is our core business. That is what we are about.  
Not just converts. Jesus doesn't say 'go into the world and make converts.'  
He doesn't say 'go into the world and make churchgoers.'  
He says 'make disciples'. Followers of Jesus'.

You can read more [here](#) (go on, give it a click)

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## Churchyard news

Here is a picture of a Humming Bird Hawk Moth which I took recently as it was feeding on a Buddleia Bush outside the Farmhouse next to the church in Churchway.

I have been keeping a record of the butterflies in St John's churchyard and so far this year I have recorded 17 species. Last year was a poor year for butterflies but the 15 species I recorded was in fact the most recorded in any churchyard in the Upper Thames Region.

*Michael*



*(Michael is a local resident with a keen interest in butterflies – thankyou Michael)*

**Thankyou** to the team of ladies who recently cleared the weeds from the cobbled entrance from Bishopstone Road. It offers a more noticeable welcome to visitors.

**Thankyou** also to the cooks and helpers at Café in the Park yesterday. It was another successful session with lovely weather. We are still welcoming first time visitors.

**Thankyou** to everyone else who is working behind the scenes to help our church 'belong, believe, and build with Christ as the Cornerstone'.

### Cost of Living Crisis

We know that worries over money are a key cause of stress and mental ill health, so 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. Also, 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](#).



Several members of our church family have been receiving treatment in hospitals this week, so let us remember them (and anyone else we know) with this prayer:

*Loving Heavenly Father*

*We pray for all those known to us who are sick at the moment or receiving treatment in hospital. Comfort and heal them, and restore them quickly to good health and strength. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



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