



We are currently feeding the bees,
With these wild flowers and weeds,
It's not that we're lazy,
Or just going crazy,
We'll mow it when it reaches our knees.

**SATURDAY 18th MAY
CHURCHYARD GARDENING
10:00am – 1:00pm**

Then every 3rd Saturday in the month until November (weather permitting)

If you would like to help or just want further details please contact Sue on: 01296 338163

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SOCIALLY CRAFTY 10:30am – 12:30pm

Every 3RD Monday of the month (except Bank Holidays)
in **St John the Baptist Church, Stone**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME there is no commitment to come every month just come when you can and join in.

our next session is on **Monday 20th May**

Make friends ~ Drink Coffee ~ Eat Cake ~ Do Crafts



	Network Name: SJB Congregation	We now accept online donations. You can donate at:	
	Password: StJohnBaptist		

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Sunday 12th May

Notices for the week



Our church is a member of the Wychert Vale family of churches

Services TODAY

10:30am **CHRISTIAN AID FAMILY WORSHIP**
led by Richard Smith



*Loving God,
You call on us to build your kingdom of justice, mercy, and truth. It isn't a task for the faint hearted.
When we lose our sense of purpose, fill us with faith.
When we doubt, or throw up our hands in despair, fill us with hope.
When we pass by our neighbour as though we did not know them, fill us with the love that turns us back and takes us to their aid.
In Jesus' name
Amen*

6:00pm **EVENSONG for the ASCENSION with choir at SPP DINTON**
led by David Pickup

Services next week

9:00am **MATINS** (Prayer Book service)
A quiet reflective service held in the chancel led by David Pickup

10:30am **PENTECOST FAMILY COMMUNION**
*Led by Revd Canon Rosie Harper
(Chaplain to the late Bishop Alan Wilson)*

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The week ahead



Every evening this week – Monday to Saturday - we are gathering for prayer in the chancel of the church from 7:00pm – 7:30pm. There is also a special post box in the church porch where prayer requests can be left (*anonymously if preferred*). This will be emptied each day and the prayer requests will be included in our evening prayers. Everyone is welcome.

Tues 14 th May	11:00am	CAFÉ IN THE PARK in the Jubilee Pavilion
	7:30pm	CHOIR PRACTICE at 29(b) Eythrope Road
Thurs 16 th May	9:00am	LITTLE WRIGGLERS in the Jubilee Pavilion
Sat 18 th May	10:00am	CHURCHYARD GARDENING until 1:00pm
	10:30am	CHOIR PRACTICE in the church

Coffee Cup news

Our coffee cup collection today, and each week until the end of June will support **St Luke's charity for clergy wellbeing**. Why is St Luke's charity needed?

They provide practical, supportive services to meet the evolving needs of clergy and improve their wellbeing. Sometimes wellbeing and mental health can be overlooked because of the everyday demands of ministry and all the joys and challenges of living in faith and supporting communities.

<https://www.stlukesforclergy.org.uk/dioceses/why-is-st-lukes-work-needed/>



Christian Aid

SATURDAY 18th MAY

ALL DAY BOOK SALE & CAFÉ

10am – 4pm at the Chapel

Morning Coffee : Lunchtime Toasties : Afternoon Tea



Our Hampstead Norreys connection

Two weeks ago we asked if anyone knew the connection between Hampstead Norreys (a village on the Berkshire Downs) and our church here in Stone. Last week an extra clue was added because we held a baptism service.

The answer is that our font originally came from the church in Hampstead Norreys. It reached Stone by quite a roundabout route. You can read all about it in the new booklet that is on the font at the back of the church.

1 Corinthians 13

13 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹²For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

¹³And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Please support Phil

I am the Vicar of Stone, Dinton, and Cuddington and I will be running in our villages to raise awareness of Christian Aid.

I am running 70k in May for Christian Aid.

We have so much to be thankful for. We live in a lush and wealthy place where our children have so many opportunities.

I am running to raise awareness that life is a struggle for many who love their children as much as we do. They live in places hit by climate change and where opportunities are few.

I am not fit and so to commit to 14 x 5k runs is a huge struggle. However, this is nothing compared to the struggles of those who Christian Aid helps.

I will not be collecting any cash sponsorship, instead you can sponsor me [here](#)

Further details can be seen on the church website:

<http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com/news/christian-aid-70km/>

Thankyou *Phil*

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