

To Chill In families and the Year 6 leavers.

You are all warmly invited to celebrate the end of year with a BBQ.

Please bring camping chairs/picnic blankets and your own drinks (no glass please as it is the school field). In addition, please could you bring a pudding to add to the pudding buffet.

We will also be asking for a suggested contribution to the BBQ of £5 per person.

Please RSVP for catering purposes and please let me know if you have any allergies or dietary requirements.

Phil 01296 748390



Church Graffiti

Our church has recently been visited by an historian who took great interest in the graffiti he found, as well as the font. There is a lot of history in our church building that we perhaps do not notice.

If enough people would be interested in hearing about it we could invite the historian to come and give a talk about it. Coffee and cake would of course also be on offer! Please let Sue know if you would be interested.

Sue Birrell on 01296 338163 or s.birrell@stonedintonhartwell.com

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Sunday 23rd June

Notices for the week

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



Services TODAY

10:30am **FAMILY COMMUNION** with the choir celebrating our **PATRONAL FESTIVAL**
Led by Revd Canon Phil Groves

*God of our salvation,
as we praise you for your servant John the Baptist,
accept all we bring to you this day,
and free us to worship you without fear,
in holiness and righteousness all the days of our
life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen*



Services next week

11:00am **JOINT SERVICE** at the **CHAPEL**
Led by David Pickup

There will be no service in our own church.
On the fifth Sunday in the month we like to get together with our Methodist friends for our morning worship. Everyone is welcome.

The week ahead

Tue 25th June 11:00am **CAFÉ IN THE PARK** in the Jubilee Pavilion
Thur 27th June 9:00am **LITTLE WRIGGLERS** in the Jubilee Pavilion

IMPORTANT NOTE: The SJB committee meeting that had been scheduled for Wednesday 26th June has now been moved to **Wednesday 24th July.**

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Luke 1:57-66, 80
The Birth of John the Baptist

⁵⁷ When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. ⁵⁸ Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy.

⁵⁹ On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah, ⁶⁰ but his mother spoke up and said, "No! He is to be called John."

⁶¹ They said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who has that name."

⁶² Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child. ⁶³ He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, "His name is John." ⁶⁴ Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue set free, and he began to speak, praising God. ⁶⁵ All the neighbours were filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea people were talking about all these things.

⁶⁶ Everyone who heard this wondered about it, asking, "What then is this child going to be?" For the Lord's hand was with him.

⁸⁰ And the child grew and became strong in spirit and he lived in the wilderness until he appeared publicly to Israel.

Choir practice



THANKYOU to Chris Ashbridge and our wonderful choir who have worked hard to support our worship in our special services this year (Including today). We always love to hear them. They will now be taking a well-deserved break for a few weeks.

The next practice will be in late August / September when they will be preparing for Harvest. The date will be confirmed nearer the time.

The choir is always looking for new members. There are no auditions. You just need a love of singing and willingness to give it a go. Speak to Chris Ashbridge if you would like to know more.

The Four Gospels Study course

with Ven Dr Gordon Kuhrt at St Michael & All Angels Church, Aston Sandford.

It's still not too late to join this. The next one is on **27 June**, then 25 July and 29 August, 7-8pm. If you are interested, please email Gordon at omkuhrt@tiscali.co.uk or ring him on 01844 698358.

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POST PATRONAL PIZZA PICNIC



TODAY!

Today we are celebrating St. John the Baptist, the patron saint of our church here in Stone. In order to continue the celebration after our patronal festival service, Canon Phil, Clare and I would like to invite you to a Post Patronal Pizza Picnic (see what I did there?) in the garden here at Vicarage Farmhouse.

We will start after our usual tea, coffee and biscuits at about 12:45. We are planning an Italian theme and will be cooking authentic Neapolitan pizza on our wood fired oven. All authentic pizzas are vegetarian and will include the mighty Margherita, the mouthwatering marinara and the beautiful Bianca. Please feel free to bring your own picnic and some cakes or puddings for sharing.

We will ensure there is plenty of shade if we are blessed with sunny weather. and provide some games for children to keep them happy and occupied. All members of the congregation as well as their families and friends are welcome.

If possible, **please RSVP to Terry** to get some idea of numbers by text on 07968 368524 or email to terrycooper@gmail.com. Ci vediamo lì! *Terry*

The General Election

The Church of England has launched a campaign known as [#PrayYourPart](https://www.churchofengland.org/about/topics/pray-your-part-general-election-2024) – to promote prayer and participation in the life of our nation and communities. A series of daily reflections written by bishops, drawn from the Bible, and exploring major themes has been published. It covers the final three weeks up to polling day and started on Friday 14th June. You can still sign up to receive the daily reflections by email:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/topics/pray-your-part-general-election-2024>

Election Prayer gathering

Prior to election day we will be gathering in the church to pray for the candidates, for the voters, for the election day itself, for the new government (whoever that is) and for our country.

Everyone is welcome to gather with us.

We will begin with a reflection from the Bible and then anyone is welcome to pray or share thoughts in an informal way. Others may prefer to sit in quiet contemplation throughout.

Tuesday 2nd July at 7:00pm lasting 30-45 minutes.

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