

CHURCHYARD GARDENING

Every 3rd Saturday in the month until November (weather permitting) a friendly group of volunteers will be meeting together to keep the churchyard looking as lovely as it does now. We have received a lot of appreciative feedback that the churchyard is so well cared for as well as being a haven for wildlife.

If you can offer an hour or two to help out please come along **10:00am – 1:00pm**. Everyone is welcome.

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

Our next session is on **Saturday 15th June**

Stone Village Fete Monday 27th May

The Socially Crafty team will be organising a stall on behalf of our church, offering free craft activities for the children. We would welcome more pairs of hands to come and help on the day 12 noon to 4pm.

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Coffee Cup news

Our coffee cup collection until the end of June will support **St Luke's charity for clergy wellbeing**. It provides practical, supportive services to meet the needs of clergy and improve their wellbeing. Sometimes wellbeing and mental health can be overlooked because of the everyday demands of ministry. See more here:

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

The Coffee Cup Collection during March and April for **Aylesbury Homeless Action Group** totalled a fab £234.81! These funds have now been sent to AHAG to support their great work.

Thanks to everyone who made donations.



WiFi

Network Name:
SJB Congregation

Password:
StJohnBaptist

We now accept
online donations.
You can donate at:



www.stonedintonhartwell.com/donate

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Sunday 26th May

Trinity Sunday

Notices for the week

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

Services TODAY

10:30am **MORNING WORSHIP** with **EXPLORERS**
Led by Revd Sue Smith and Richard Smith



Almighty God, to whom each of us must give an account for all our powers and privileges:

Guide the people of the United Kingdom in the election of their members of Parliament;

that by wise laws and just administration,

peace may be fostered,

godliness encouraged,

and the true profession of the gospel enabled,

for the sake of Jesus our saviour and King,

to the glory of your holy name, Amen.

Services next week

9:00am **MATINS** (Prayer Book service)
Led by David Pickup

10:30am **FAMILY WORSHIP**
Led by Revd Canon Phil Groves

The week ahead

Tues 28th May 11:00am **CAFÉ IN THE PARK** in the Jubilee Pavilion
Tues 28th May 7:30pm **CHOIR PRACTICE** at 29(b) Eythrope Road
Thurs 30th May **NO LITTLE WRIGGLERS THIS WEEK. BACK ON 6th JUNE**
Sat 1st June 10:00am **CAFÉ IN THE PARK** in the Jubilee Pavilion.

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John 3:1-17

Jesus teaches Nicodemus

³ Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.'

³ Jesus replied, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again'

⁴ 'How can someone be born when they are old?' Nicodemus asked. 'Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!'

⁵ Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, "You must be born again." ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.'

⁹ 'How can this be?' Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ 'You are Israel's teacher,' said Jesus, 'and do you not understand these things?' ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven – the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.'

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Please support our running Rev!

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.

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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Study Course - The Four Gospels

An introduction to each of the four Gospels led by Ven Dr Gordon Kuhrt (formerly lecturer in New Testament Studies for the University of London Extramural Dept). There will be an A4 page of notes for each session. Please bring a Bible, Notebook and plastic sleeve or file for the Notes.

7 – 8pm on May 30th, June 27th, July 25th and August 29th at St Michael & All Angels Church, Aston Sandford - parking is available (but not toilet facilities).

To book email: omkuhrt@tiscali.co.uk or telephone: 01844 698358

The General Election

Now that Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has called a General Election, there are just six weeks until the nation goes to the polls to choose the next government on 4 July. So now is the time for churches and individuals to take action!

At the centre of this action is a call to prayer as we look ahead to a season of change. Bishop Steven has called us to prayer:

"The Church is called to pray for the wellbeing of our nation and society as we approach the crossroads of a General Election. The world and our nation face deep and serious challenges. We should pray for integrity and grace in every aspect of the campaign. I call on all Christians across the Diocese of Oxford to set aside time each day to pray for our nation"

"I know that every church across the Diocese of Oxford will pray for the election each time Christians meet together These familiar lines from the Lord's Prayer will guide us in our intercessions and our actions, as Jesus prayed:

'your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.'"

The Church of England is launching a campaign known as [#PrayYourPart](#) – to promote prayer and participation in the life of our nation and communities, both as voters and as citizens. They also issue a plea to everyone to put "good grace and a commitment to truth and integrity" at the heart of the campaign. A series of daily thematic reflections written by bishops, drawn from the Bible and exploring major themes will be published shortly, covering the final three weeks up to polling day – more details next week.

Hymns & Pimms!

Sadly, the Hymns & Pimms evening at Kingsey had to be postponed. However, a new date in the summer is being arranged - so watch this space for when it is announced.



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