

### 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](mailto:s.birrell@stonedintonhartwell.com)

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

### Stone Village Fete last Monday

Despite a couple of rain falls the fete went well and a lot of children made spinners on the Church craft stall to keep them busy. Thank you to everyone who helped to man the stall which was a bit hectic at times. We sold jigsaws and raised £35 which will help to buy glue etc for Socially Crafty who ran this community event. *Sue*

### Coffee Cup news

Our coffee cup collection until the end of June will support **St Luke's charity for clergy wellbeing**. The aim of St Luke's is simple – it is to help clergy to flourish in their ministry. They do this by:

- Offering clergy and their families one to one confidential psychological services to address exhaustion and stress
- Delivering innovative evidence based programmes that improve the mental health and wellbeing of clergy

See more here:

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

There are some leaflets about this charity in the church porch.



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# Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

## Notices for the week

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



### Services TODAY

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

10:30am **FAMILY WORSHIP**  
*Led by Rev'd Canon Phil Groves*



Sovereign God,  
Open our hearts afresh to the wonder of your presence,  
the awesomeness of your power,  
the breadth of your love,  
and the extent of your purpose.  
So may we live each day to the glory of your name.  
Amen

### Services next week

10:30am **FAMILY COMMUNION**  
*Led by Rev'd Nigel Featherston*

6:00pm **EVENSONG at DINTON CHURCH**  
*Led by David Pickup*

### The week ahead

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> June 11:00am **CAFÉ IN THE PARK** in the Jubilee Pavilion  
Tues 4<sup>th</sup> June 7:30pm **CHOIR PRACTICE** at 29(b) Eythrope Road  
Thur 6<sup>th</sup> June 9:00am **LITTLE WRIGGLERS** in the Jubilee Pavilion

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## Mark 2:23-3:6

### *Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath*

<sup>23</sup> One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. <sup>24</sup> The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?"

<sup>25</sup> He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? <sup>26</sup> In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions."

<sup>27</sup> Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.

<sup>28</sup> So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

### *Jesus Heals on the Sabbath*

<sup>3</sup> Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shrivelled hand was there. <sup>2</sup> Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. <sup>3</sup> Jesus said to the man with the shrivelled hand, "Stand up in front of everyone."

<sup>4</sup> Then Jesus asked them, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they remained silent.

<sup>5</sup> He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. <sup>6</sup> Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.



#### **Well done Phil !**

I completed my 14th 5k run on May 30 and managed 70k in May.

I have been cheered on by all kinds of people and raised £1,254 (at the time of writing). Thank you all for your support and especially your support for Christian Aid.

You have a last chance to donate  
<https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/challenge-2024/vicar-phil-running-christian-aid>

Thank you everyone *Phil*



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## The General Election

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 has just been published. It covers the final three weeks up to polling day starting on 14<sup>th</sup> June. You can sign up here to receive the daily reflections by email:

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

### **Graffiti in the church**

Our church has recently been visited by an historian who took great interest in the graffiti he found as well as the font.

He found this graffiti particularly exciting, and he has gone away to research it, even though he already has a good idea of what it signifies. Some of you will have seen it already and may be aware of its history, but many will not.

See if you can find where it is (but not during the sermon please!) maybe while we meet for refreshments after the service.

There is a lot of history in our church building and we can look forward to learning about it in the future.



### **Study Course - The Four Gospels**

This is 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). The first took place on Thursday and covered the Gospel of Mark. If you missed it but would still like to take part please email Gordon as it may be possible to hear it again this Tuesday evening at his home.

The remaining three sessions are on June 27<sup>th</sup>, July 25<sup>th</sup> and August 29<sup>th</sup> at St Michael & All Angels Church, Aston Sandford - parking is available (but not toilet facilities).

To book email: [omkuhrt@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:omkuhrt@tiscali.co.uk) or telephone: 01844 698358

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