



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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The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The APCM will be held at St Peter and St Paul, Dinton on Wednesday 22nd May at 20:00. Documents and application forms are online at www.stonedintonhartwell.com/apcm and on the table at the back of SJB.


To attend the APCM you must be registered on the electoral roll which is open for applications until 10th May. If you are already on the Roll you need take no further action but if you would like to be included please speak to one of the Church Wardens or Dee James (tel: 747671).



Network Name:
SJB Congregation

Password:
StJohnBaptist

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 You can donate at:
www.stonedintonhartwell.com/donate



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Sunday 5th May

Notices for the week



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

Services TODAY

- 9:00am **MATINS** led by David Pickup
This is a quiet prayer book service held in the chancel
- 10:30am **FAMILY COMMUNION with EXPLORERS**
led by Revd Phil Groves
Today we welcome Honey with her family and friends. We celebrate together her baptism into our church family.



Last week we asked if anyone knows what the link is between Hampstead Norreys and our own church. In our service today we will be putting that link to good use!

Services next week

- 10:30am **CHRISTIAN AID FAMILY SERVICE**
led by Richard Smith
- 6:00pm **EVENSONG for the ASCENSION with choir at SPP DINTON** led by David Pickup

The week ahead

- Tues 7th May 11:00am **CAFÉ IN THE PARK** in the Jubilee Pavilion
- 7:30pm **CHOIR PRACTICE** at 29(b) Eythrope Road
- Thurs 9th May 9:00am - 10:30am **LITTLE WRIGGLERS** in the Jubilee Pavilion
- 7:00pm **ASCENSION DAY COMMUNION SERVICE**
led by Revd Phil Groves
- Fri 10th May 7:00pm **PRAYERS IN THE CHURCH** until 7:30pm
- Sat 11th May 7:00pm **PRAYERS IN THE CHURCH** until 7:30pm

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John 15:9-17

⁹ 'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

¹² My command is this: love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command.

¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last – and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

¹⁷ This is my command: love each other.

Jesus was not suggesting that loving others was a good idea or something we might want to consider. He commanded us to do it. Why did he do this? Because as Christians we must do for others what Jesus has done for us.

Our love for others must not be conditioned by how they respond to us. Jesus loves us totally, whether we are good or bad or indifferent. Our love must have that quality too. This is costly love – it could demand everything from us.

Ascension Day Benefice Service - SJB Stone Thursday 9th May at 7:00pm

A simple service to launch Thy Kingdom Come.
All are welcome as we pray for a world where many feel that God has left them alone. We will pray in hope and anticipation of his Kingdom and for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Join us to pray for our villages and our world.

Coffee Cup news

From today we start a new coffee cup collection that continues until the end of June. We are now supporting **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.

www.stlukesforclergy.org.uk/dioceses/why-is-st-lukes-work-needed/

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Thy Kingdom Come



The period of time between Ascension Day (9th May) and Pentecost (19th May) is a special time of prayer for churches around the world of many different denominations. Our church in Stone has taken part in this global prayer movement every year since it began in 2016.

This year our church members will be praying each evening **7pm – 7.30pm** from wherever they are at that time. A booklet of prayers for each day has been put together by members of Stone church for use at home.

The church will also be open for prayer at that same time each evening for us to gather together in prayer **Friday 10th May to Saturday 18th May** (apart from Sunday 12th May when prayers will instead be said in the Evening service at 6:00pm in Dinton Church)

Anyone is welcome to come along and join us in church for prayer on any of those evenings, or to just sit quietly for reflection.

If you would like someone to pray with you, or for you, please come in during these times. There will be a warm welcome waiting for you!

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.



Christian Aid

SATURDAY 18th MAY

**ALL DAY BOOK SALE & CAFÉ
10am – 4pm at the Chapel**



Morning Coffee : Lunchtime Toasties : Afternoon Tea

Dear Friends,

In order to raise the awareness of Christian Aid I am running 70k in May in the hope of getting £1,000 in sponsorship from Stone Dinton and Cuddington.

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

Further details can be seen on the church website:

www.stonedintonhartwell.com/news/christian-aid-70km/

Thankyou *Phil*

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