



Church gardening

The grass is growing, the weeds are coming up, the graves are getting overgrown. We need your help! Please talk to Sue Birrell about any help you can offer. The next gardening date is this coming Saturday – **MAY 17th**

Dates for the rest of the year are:

JULY 19th - AUGUST 16th - SEPTEMBER 20th - OCTOBER 18th - NOVEMBER 15th

Stone Village fete – Monday 26th May

At Stone Village Fete we will be having a publicity stand about the church. We have a lot going on and this is our opportunity to share news of that with the wider community. We will also have a TOMBOLA, so we need lots of prizes! Anything will be accepted - wine, beer, perfume, toiletries, fancy goods unopened gifts etc These will be collected at the back of church, and we need as much as possible, as soon as possible to start numbering.

Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) 29th May – 8th June

We have started putting together our own little book of prayers for personal use during this special time of prayer, and it is almost complete. Thankyou everyone who has already sent in a prayer for inclusion. If anybody else has a prayer they want to submit can you please do so asap and we will do our best to fit it in. For further details please speak to Sue Birrell, Richard Smith, or Jenny Pickup in church today, or you can email j.pickup@stonedintonhartwell.com



TKC begins on Ascension Day and there will be a special evening service in SPP Dinton to celebrate this. Our book of prayers begins that day and you will be able to collect one at the service, or the previous Sunday from SJB in readiness for Ascension Day. As in previous years, during TKC we will also be meeting in church for half an hour of prayer each evening from 30th May to 7th June. This is an informal gathering starting at 7pm. For those who are unable to attend we hope you will choose to use the prayers in the book at the same time as we are praying them in church!

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Sunday 11th MAY 2025

Notices for the week



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

10:30 **FAMILY WORSHIP** for **CHRISTIAN AID**
led by Revd Phil Groves

18:00 **CHORAL EVENSONG** at **SPP DINTON**
led by David Pickup

Christian Aid week prayer



*Lord, you are faithful to your promises.
 Through the Spirit, you bless us with
 abounding hope.
 When power seeks to silence justice,
 give us the courage to raise our voice.
 When an end to poverty seems far off,
 renew our faith in your kingdom come on earth.
 When our neighbour reaches out,
 inspire us to respond with overflowing love.
 In Jesus' name. Amen.*

This week

Tues	11:00 - 13:00 Café in the Park – in the Jubilee Pavilion 19:30 Choir practice – 29b Eythrope Road
Thurs	9:00 - 10:30 Little Wrigglers – in the Jubilee Pavilion 20:00 Praying together online
Sun	9:00 MATINS <i>led by David Pickup</i> 10:30 FAMILY WORSHIP with Explorers <i>led by Raymond Medhurst</i> 18:00 CHRISTIAN AID PRAISE SERVICE at the Chapel

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Mark 6:30-44

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. ³¹ Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³ But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

³⁵ By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. ³⁶ Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

³⁷ But he answered, "You give them something to eat."

They said to him, "That would take more than half a year's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?"

³⁸ "How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see."

When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish."

³⁹ Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass.

⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² They all ate and were satisfied, ⁴³ and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. ⁴⁴ The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.



Christian Aid Service 18th May

You are warmly invited to a service of praise, prayer, and informal discussion at Stone Methodist Chapel at 6.00pm on **Sunday 18th May**, which will include a retiring collection for Christian Aid. The speaker will be David Blackmore, who is a local Christian Aid volunteer and Licensed Lay Minister. If you have watched either series of Hilary Mantel's "Wolf Hall" on television, you will also have seen David's name on the credits as the senior editor.

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Coffee cup news



Our coffee cup collection during May and June is for **Christian Aid**. It was founded by British and Irish churches in 1945 to help refugees following the Second World War.

For 80 years, Christian Aid has provided humanitarian relief and long-term development support for poor communities worldwide, while highlighting suffering, tackling injustice and championing people's rights.

Canon Phil
70k in May

Unfit and overweight
5k every other day in May
is a huge challenge.
It is nothing compared
to the challenges faced
by those supported by
Christian Aid.

Use the QR Code
To Support me and
Christian Aid

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Christian Aid Bookfest and Café Day at the Methodist chapel

Saturday 17th May



TEA AND COFFEE both on tap,
Enjoy a TOASTIE, or perhaps a BAP.
Help to support this worthwhile cause
Come on in through the open doors.
OPEN ALL DAY from 10 till 4
Who could ask for anything more?

Praying together online for thirty minutes

Our next session of informal prayer will be at 8pm this coming **Thursday** evening.

Everyone is welcome to log in and join us – silently if you wish.

www.stonedintonhartwell.com/zoom-prayers

Pope Leo XIV

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell has said..... "With Christians around the world, I will be praying for the new Pope as he takes on the enormous challenges and responsibilities of the Petrine ministry..... Pope Leo XIV's many years of pastoral experience, his commitment to justice, and his deep spirituality are an example of life lived in service to Jesus Christ..... As Anglicans, we give thanks for his call to Christians to be bridge-builders across the divisions of our world, and the divisions that continue to exist between churches. This is something Jesus asks of us. He prays that the church will be one"

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