

MacMillan coffee morning

Thank you to everyone who helped welcome visitors, make cakes and who just turned up to partake in our Coffee Morning. We raise over £400 for MacMillan which after talking to the Macmillan representative who joined us, will be ringfenced for use in the local area helping those who need support in Stone.



We hope to see you all again next year when we will take part in the Macmillan coffee morning again.

The raffle was drawn by Liz, the area fundraising coordinator who visited our coffee morning and was very impressed with our event.

Choir practice

Thankyou to Chris Ashbridge and to the choir for lifting our worship once again today. They will now be taking a short break from practices before plunging in to preparing for Advent and Christmas. Advent Sunday is on 30th November this year. There is always a warm welcome for anyone who would like to join the choir, and now would be a good time to do so. Speak to Chris if you would like to know more.



Dinton Harvest Festival Service Sunday 12th October at 6pm

Come and join us at our family friendly Harvest Service followed by prosecco and nibbles – all welcome. Please bring fresh produce, tinned, or dried food to be donated.



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Sunday 28th September 2025

Notices for the week

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



10:30 HARVEST FAMILY COMMUNION with JOYFULL JUNIORS

non perishable donations will go to
Aylesbury Vineyard Food Bank and
monetary donations to Christian Aid



Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for your own well-being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The church will be open THIS AFTERNOON 2pm – 4pm for visitors to see the beautiful harvest arrangements; there will also be an outdoor family trail, a quiz, guess the veg/fruit, and refreshments. ALL AGE COMPETITION - bring along your homemade animal made of fruit or vegetables. Thankyou to everyone who has volunteered to help this afternoon.

This week

<u>Tues</u>	11:00 - 13:00	Café in the Park – in the Jubilee Park
<u>Weds</u>	19:30	SJB committee meeting – in the church
<u>Thurs</u>	9:00 - 10:30	Little Wrigglers – in the Jubilee Pavilion
	20:00 – 20:30	Praying Together online for 30 minutes http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com/zoom-prayers
<u>Sat</u>	10:00 – 12:00	Café in the Park – in the Jubilee Park
<u>Sun</u>	9:00	MATINS led by David Pickup
	10:30	FAMILY WORSHIP led by Richard Smith

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John 6:25-35

Jesus the Bread of Life

²⁵ *When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”*

²⁶ *Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”*

²⁸ *Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”*

²⁹ *Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”*

³⁰ *So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”*

³² *Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.*

³³ *For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”*

³⁴ *“Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.”*

³⁵ *Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.*

Food for thought

Harvest is a wonderful time of year, but now perhaps more than ever before, it is a time when we need to also ask ourselves whether greed has also produced real need. If the cost of world development is global warming, then we have to think about how we are going to help those people who suffer from flood and famine.

From his time in the wilderness Jesus knew what it was to be hungry, and earlier in this chapter of John’s gospel he had fed bread to a crowd of 5000 who had nothing to eat. However, Jesus also taught that there was a deeper human hunger which was much more than the satisfaction of bodily needs. The real bread which sustained the soul of humankind was from God - and found only in Him.

So whilst we enjoy Harvest and thank God for it, it is also a good time to consider our priorities in our own lives and for our world, and to decide what really matters.

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JOYFULL JUNIORS (because they are Full of Joy)

Starting **TODAY** during the 10:30 am service

Our Joyfull Juniors are ready to greet newcomers as well as familiar faces and we would love to welcome YOU. We will explore stories and themes from the bible, make new friends and partake in fun games and crafts. Our activities are aimed at 3 - 11 year olds, but all young people are welcome.

Soup-a-Sundays are coming back!

Starting on Sunday 5th October, through to March, on the first Sunday of each month we will be having soup after the 10:30 Service.

‘Is your tummy rumbling in anticipation of the first Soup-a-Sunday coming up after our service next week, Sunday 4th October? I know mine is and I will have the pleasure of making it! I have been making soup for the week-day Café in the Park for the last few years and have always had a positive response. I will be using recipes that have proved popular there.

First up will be what posh chefs call ‘vichyssoise’ and what I call ‘Leek and Potato Soup with Cream’ and served hot. Interestingly, despite its name the soup was developed by an American chef trained in the French tradition but working in New York. I will also bake two sourdough loaves on Sunday morning to enjoy with the soup. I source all ingredients locally including potatoes from our garden. The flour for the bread is milled as far away as Oxford.’

Terry

Editor’s note : yes, my tummy is rumbling already! And the even better news is that the soup is GLUTEN FREE and gluten free bread will also be available.



Thankyou!

Thank you so much to the flower ladies, Clare, Sue B, Su H, Shirley, Heather, and Dee for giving us their time and skills to decorate the church so beautifully for Harvest, it is much appreciated.

The church will be open 2pm – 4pm this afternoon (Sunday) for visitors. Do come and admire the flowers then.

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