



STONE VILLAGE FETE Monday 25th May



We will be running a **TOMBOLA STALL** at Stone Fete to raise much needed funds for the church. Please bring any good quality items (such as unwanted gifts) to church by **17th May** which is next Sunday, so that we can get them all labelled up ready before the day. For further details please contact Sue Birrell.

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Joyfull Juniors will also be running a game for the children. So do come along to support them too.

News in brief

- We now have Faculty Permission for the path from Bishopstone Road so any help with grant requests would be appreciated as this is a major project. Please contact Sue if you can help s.birrell@stonedintonhartwell.com
- The Community Payback team will be coming again this year to help keep the churchyard in good order. We were very pleased with what they did last year and the enthusiasm with which they did it. So we are delighted they will be with us again.

Coffee Cup News



Throughout May and June we will be supporting **Christian Aid**.

Last week David Blackmore spoke to us about Christian Aid and after the children built a 'cone garden' during the service we were all invited to plant our own mustard seeds. When I planted mine it was so small I couldn't even see if it had dropped into the compost but I carried it home carefully in its eggbox container anyway. Imagine my delight when on Saturday morning I discovered a spindly green shoot just a few millimetres tall! I hope some of you are also discovering spindly shoots. It made me reflect on how we sow the good news of God's Kingdom. Maybe just a few words or a caring deed. We never know if anything will come of them, but if we don't sow them at all nothing ever can.

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Sunday 10th May 2026 Notices for the week



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

10:30am **FAMILY COMMUNION** with **JOYFULL JUNIORS** led by Rev'd Nigel Featherston

6:00pm **CHORAL EVENSONG** to celebrate **ROGATION SUNDAY** at SPP DINTON led by David Pickup



*God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
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*

This week

Tues 12th - 11:00am **Cafe in the Park** – in the Jubilee Pavilion
7:30pm **Choir practice** - 29b Eythrope Road

Weds 13th - 7:30pm **PCC meeting**

Thurs 14th - 9:00am **Little Wrigglers** – in the Jubilee Pavilion
7:00pm **ASCENSION DAY HOLY COMMUNION**
at SPP DINTON

Fri 15th - 7:00pm **PRAYING TOGETHER** for 30 minutes – in the church

Sat 16th - 7:00pm **PRAYING TOGETHER** for 30 minutes – in the church

Sun 17th - 9:00am **MATINS**
10:30am **FAMILY WORSHIP**

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John 14:15-21

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

¹⁵ "If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

Rogation Sunday Evensong

Since the 5th century parishes have marked Rogation Sunday by walking their boundaries, praying for the land, and gathering the community in celebration. The name derives from the Latin, rogare, meaning 'ask'. It is a time to seek blessings both for the land's bounty and for collective wellbeing. Rooted in the Middle Ages, this tradition involves procession, outdoor prayer, and the ancient practice of 'beating the bounds'—walking the parish's boundaries or visiting its sacred sites - in other words a 'parish pilgrimage'.

At our Evensong service in Dinton today we will be praying for the land and for our collective well being but we won't be walking the parish boundariesmaybe next year? Do join us at 6:00pm for this special Evensong in Dinton if you can.. In church tradition Rogation Sunday marks the start of four days of prayer leading up to Ascension Day.

ASCENSION DAY HOLY COMMUNION

Thursday 14th May at 7:00pm
St Peter and St Paul DINTON

This is a service for all the churches in the Wychert Vale Benefice, and it also marks the beginning of 'Thy Kingdom Come'

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Thy Kingdom Come

Thursday 14th May – Sunday 24th May

This year is the tenth anniversary of the first global 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer event. We will be launching this special time of prayer at the **Ascension Day service at SPP Dinton** at 7:00pm (14th May). This is a benefice service bringing together people from other churches in Wychert Vale. This will be followed up each day until Pentecost Sunday in two ways:



1. Our little book of daily prayers

This has been put together by several people in our church family who wrote the prayers for it, including the children in Joyfull Juniors. This year we have followed the general outline of daily topics prepared by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The book will be available in church today in readiness for Ascension Day on Thursday. We hope you find it a helpful addition to your daily devotions. Please take a copy for anyone who would like to use it who cannot get to church to collect it themselves. In this way we are ALL praying together as one community of faith – whether in church or at home.

2. SJB Stone will be open each evening at 7:00pm from Friday 15th May to Saturday 23rd May for people to gather together for prayer for half an hour, and everyone is welcome to come along. We pray for a wide range of issues, some are local, some global, and some personal. You may prefer to sit in quiet reflection as others pray. You are welcome to do just that because there is no pressure to say anything out loud. All our prayers are valued because prayer is about building a relationship with our Heavenly Father, not trying to impress other people.

To know more about 'Thy Kingdom Come' speak to Richard Smith, Sue Birrell, or Jenny Pickup or follow this link: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

Canon Phil's 70k run for Christian Aid



Unfit and overweight (his words not ours!) Phil will be running 70k again during May to raise funds for Christian Aid.



He will be covering 5k every other day which is a huge challenge but it is nothing compared to the challenges faced by those who rely on support from Christian Aid.

Well done Phil!



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