

A Prayer for the World Cup (from the Church of England)

According to the Archbishop of York THE FIFA World Cup, which has just begun, has the potential to draw communities together.


“Many people’s attention will naturally turn to the drama on the pitch — the last-minute goals, the tactical midfield battles, and the emergence of new heroes. Yet beyond the spectacle, there is something deeper at work — something that stretches far beyond stadiums and television screens. At its very best, the World Cup draws communities together in ways that can be surprising. It reminds us that, despite our differences, we can still come together. People who might never otherwise meet find common ground. A goal celebrated in Buenos Aires or Cape Town can spark the same elation in Leeds or Sheffield. We sing together, we embrace the stranger next to us when a goal is scored. It is as if football speaks a universal language.”



God of Glory

*as the World gathers to celebrate the beautiful game
we pray for a harmonious and joyous World Cup.
Bring safety and security for players and officials on the pitch,
Fans in the stands, and spectators at home.
May we see and celebrate the hand of God in every curving free kick,
silky pass, or impossible save.
May we have compassion and perspective on the miskicks,
Missed penalties, and muddled VARs.
Every winning team needs a losing team – even if you were the better team.
Let the journey to World Cup glory be not only for the nation that wins.
May we see something more of the world you want us to be:
a gathering of every nation and people who share your glory.
Amen*


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Sunday 14th June 2026

Notices for the week



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

10:30am **FAMILY COMMUNION**

with *Joyful Juniors*

led by Revd Nigel Featherston



*Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen*

6:00pm **EVENSONG at DINTON**

with the choir

celebrating *The Trinity*

led by David Pickup



This week

- Mon 15th** - 10:30am **Socially Crafty** – in the church
- Tues 16th** - 11:00am **NO CAFÉ IN THE PARK THIS WEEK**
- Thurs 18th** - 9:00am **Little Wrigglers** – in the Jubilee Pavilion
8:00pm **Praying Together online for 30 minutes**
<http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com/zoom-prayers>
- Sun 21st** - 9:00am **MATINS**
10:30am **FAMILY WORSHIP**

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Matthew 9:35 – 10:8

The Workers Are Few

³⁵ Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

¹⁰ Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions:

"Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶ Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give".



We have a limited number of large print [service sheets](#) available in church. If you would like one, please talk to a sidesperson at the beginning of the service.

If you would like a large print pewsheets to take to a neighbour or friend we can print that off before you go at the end of the service.

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Café news

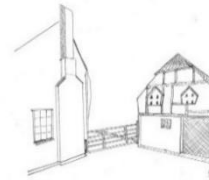
Due to several of the volunteers being away on holiday at the same time **it has been decided to cancel the Café on Tuesday 16th June.** Please don't turn up this week as they won't be there!



Patronal Festival

On **Sunday 28th June** we will be celebrating the birth of our patron, St. John the Baptist here in church. Traditionally the service is followed by a community event where parishioners share a meal together so this year we would like to invite all of our church family, their relatives, friends and pets to a picnic in our garden at Vicarage Farmhouse. In keeping with tradition, this year we will also be inviting our neighbours and friends in Church way and Stone to join us.

Please bring your own picnic and drinks but we will also lay on some food and drinks on a first come, first serve basis. As a special offering, we will have on tap the traditional British picnic libation, Pimms Special Cup and serve a sweet and spicy sausage specially developed for the occasion as well as a farmhouse sausage. We will provide some salads, vegetarian and gluten-free offerings.



In case of in-clement weather (too hot, cold or raining), we have covered a large part of the courtyard with a number of gazebos so please do not let the weather put you off. There will also be a no-obligation retiring collection in aid of the church fabric fund.

We look forward to seeing you all there, the garden is looking amazing.

Terry, Clare, Pumpkin and Treacle

Stone School Fete

The head teacher (Beth) has asked if we could find volunteers to help at the school fete on Saturday June 27 from 12.00-2.30. Volunteers would need to arrive 10-15mins before midday to be shown to their stall and given any necessary information for the day. If you think you can help please email stoneschoolpta@outlook.com, as they will need to know names, so they can add them to their rota accordingly.

Other ways you can help are by donating any good or excellent quality second hand toys; or homemade cakes (which must have an ingredients list with them). These can be dropped off at the school office on Friday 26th (up until 3pm) or on the morning of the fete Saturday 27th.

Thankyou

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