



Sunday 24th May 2026

Notices for the week



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

PENTECOST SUNDAY



10:30am **FAMILY COMMUNION with JOYFULL JUNIORS**
led by Revd Phil Groves



*God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
AMEN*

This week

- Tues 26th** - 11:00am **Cafe in the Park** – in the Jubilee Pavilion
- 7:30pm **Choir practice for the Songs of Praise service in the chapel next Sunday-** 29b Eythrope Road
- Weds 27th** - 7:30pm **SJB committee meeting** – Vicarage Farmhouse
- Thurs 28th** - 9:00am **Little Wrigglers** – in the Jubilee Pavilion
- Sun 31st** - 10:30am **FAMILY WORSHIP** *led by David Pickup*

BELONG - BELIEVE - BUILD - WITH CHRIST AS THE CORNERSTONE



STONE VILLAGE FETE

Monday 25th May
TOMORROW!



We will be running a **TOMBOLA STALL** at Stone Fete to raise much needed funds for the church. So do please come along to support us.

Our **Joyfull Juniors** will also be running a game for the children. So do come and support them too.

Thankyou to everyone who will be helping with either of these stalls, and to Sue for organising it on our behalf.

Songs of Praise !

Our friends at the Methodist Chapel in Eythrope Road are holding a

Songs of Praise service

at 11:00am on Sunday 31st May
EVERYONE is welcome to attend.



Our church choir are taking part and then they will take a break for a while.

Coffee Cup news

Our coffee cup collections until the end of June will be donated to Christian Aid. For anyone new to SJB we are not collecting coffee cups! We leave a coffee cup on the kitchen counter during refreshments after the service, and invite donations to be put in there for the good cause we are supporting at the time. Every two months we move on to a different cause nominated from within the church membership. We generally keep to smaller local charities OR causes with which one of our members has a particular connection.

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Acts 2:1-21

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Peter Addresses the Crowd

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

*¹⁷ "In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.*

*¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.*

*¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.*

*²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.*

*²¹ And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.'*



Holy Spirit of God

As we read the account of that Day of Pentecost, when your power disrupted the place where the followers of Jesus were meeting, and took their private worship out into the public arena, changing the world forever, we thank you that you are still at work, bringing new life and renewing faith all over the world.

We pray that you will fill us with that same joy and give us courage to speak about Jesus wherever you send us.

We pray for followers of Jesus who suffer hardship and persecution for their faith in many parts of the world, that they would continue to share your love despite the cost to themselves.

In Jesus' name we ask this. Amen

Thy Kingdom Come

So we have come to the end of TKC for this year, but we still need to keep praying. We hope the 'Little Book of Prayer' has been helpful to those who were praying with us from home. Thankyou to everyone who contributed to the book and to those who came to the church to pray each evening.



Why do we pray when God already knows everything and is all powerful? He doesn't NEED our prayers but he likes us to be involved in what he is doing. Through prayer we can draw into a closer relationship with Him and get to know him much better. What parent doesn't love to listen to their children, even if their language is not eloquent?

Canon Phil's 70k run for Christian Aid

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



He has been 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, just one more week to go!



Phil Shurvell

Phil was a long term resident of Stone who contributed generously to community life, especially through his gardening skills.

His funeral will take place at SJB on **FRIDAY 12th JUNE at 2pm.**

