

Ride and Stride
Saturday 12th September

The church will be open from 9am to 6pm with cream teas, coffee and cake available. Everyone is welcome to come and visit the Church between these times, even if you are not taking part in the Ride and Stride. We would love to see you there.

Ride and Stride is a great day out with the family. If you would like to take part, please contact Stephan Medhurst (email: stephan@stonedintonhartwell.com) or download the relevant documents from the Ride and Stride website.

Participants may be cyclists, walkers, horse-riders or drivers of mobility scooters. They can be of any age, but under-13s must be accompanied by an adult. All denominations are welcome.

Visit as many churches as you like, planning your own route. Seek sponsorship from friends, relations and colleagues, so much per church visited or a lump sum

Outdoor Evensong
Sunday 6th September at 6 pm

This traditional and popular Common Prayer service will again take place in front of Hartwell Church by kind permission of Hartwell House.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are holding a coffee morning in the church on Friday 25th September. There will also be a raffle for hampers so we are asking for donations of the following:

- Tea Bags
- Coffee
- Cube Sugar
- Biscuits
- Tea Cup and Saucer
- Coffee Mug
- Hot Chocolate
- Chocolates etc



We still need help on the day, as well as cakes.
Thankyou

Stephan and Sue

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Sunday 2nd August 2026
Notices for the week



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

9:00am **MATINS** led by David Pickup

10:30am **FAMILY COMMUNION**
led by Revd Nigel Featherston



*Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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 4th - 11:00am **Café in the Park** – in the Jubilee Pavilion

Thurs 6th - 8:00pm **Praying Together online for 30 minutes**
<http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com/zoom-prayers>

Sun 9th - 10:30am **FAMILY WORSHIP**
6:00pm **CHORAL EVENSONG at DINTON**
celebrating Lammastide (see notice)

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Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

¹³ When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

¹⁶ Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

¹⁷ "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

¹⁸ "Bring them here to me," he said. ¹⁹ And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. 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 the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.

²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This passage follows straight after Jesus receives the news about the death of his cousin John the Baptist. Is it any wonder then that he withdrew privately to a solitary place. He clearly wanted time to reflect on his own. However, the crowds knew where he had gone and followed along the shore on foot and Jesus had compassion on them. His own troubles were set aside as he saw the greater need of the people.



Did you know

the feeding of the five thousand is the only miracle that is recorded in all of the Gospels?

Matthew is the only gospel that mentions the presence of women and children as well as the five thousand men?

School holidays in church

As Joyfull Juniors is now taking a break, all our services through the summer holidays will aim to include children and families. We would love to give children and families a chance to contribute to services, for instance by helping with prayers, reading and welcoming. It would be really helpful if families could let us know beforehand when they are likely to be coming, and to come a few minutes early on the day, so that we can make plans to involve them. There is always plenty to do! and most of the tasks don't have to be done by adults!

Please contact me if you would like to be involved:

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Richard

Lammastide Evensong at Dinton Sunday 9th August 6:00pm

Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life; those who come to me shall never be hungry and those who believe in me shall never thirst.' John 6.35

Next Sunday there will be a special evensong to celebrate Lammastide. Lammas (from Old English hlāfmæsse, "loaf-mass") is a holiday celebrated at the beginning of the month. The name originates from the word "loaf" in reference to bread and "mass" in reference to communion. Lammastide falls at the halfway point between the Summer solstice and the Autumn equinox. Some churches have processions to local bakeries, which are blessed by clergy. Anyone know where our nearest Greggs is?

The first grain harvested was milled and baked into bread and brought into Church to be blessed. It is a festival to mark the blessing of the First Fruits of harvest, with a loaf of bread being brought to the church.

We will have a local bread maker (Terry) talking about his hobby and there will be a gluten-free alternative.

Coffee Cup News

For the next two months we will be giving our Coffee Cup money to the **International Centre for Eye Health** because Clare Davey has a close association with this charity from her work as an Eye Doctor. You can find out more here <https://iceh.lshtm.ac.uk/>

