

### Current arrangements at SJB

In accordance with the regulations brought in on 5th November we have had to cancel the services in church that were planned for November. Online services will continue, so do log in to those if you can.

Complying with Government and Diocesan regulations, the church has been properly prepared and places are socially distanced. Hand sanitiser and anti-bacterial spray are readily available. Face coverings must be worn in church except by those under 11 years old. Face masks are available in the porch if you do not have your own.

The porch will continue to be open for private prayer every day

### Keeping up to date

We are living through a time of rapid and sudden change. It is difficult for everyone to keep up with what is required of them and this applies to the church as a whole as much as to us all as individual citizens. It seems that as soon as we print notices they are out of date! nevertheless we will do our best to keep you informed about what the church is doing. These are the main channels of communication we are using:

- The church noticeboards on Bishopstone Road and Church Way
- The parish website [www.stonedintonhartwell.com](http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com)
- This pewsheets. It is put together on a Friday night/Saturday morning so it is reasonably up to date. If you know anyone who would benefit from receiving it each Sunday morning please encourage them to contact us. We are not allowed to send it out to anyone who has not requested it [pewsheets@stonedintonhartwell.com](mailto:pewsheets@stonedintonhartwell.com)
- The Parish News magazine, although this may be out of date on some matters by the time you receive it. There are still articles worth reading though [magazine@stonedintonhartwell.com](mailto:magazine@stonedintonhartwell.com) See also the separate notice about November edition on another page
- By telephone – this is where we can ALL play our part. Now is the time to ring each other and check everyone is ok ESPECIALLY those who do not have access to the internet or who live alone

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# Parish of Stone, Dinton and Hartwell

Churches of: St. John Baptist, STONE; Ss Peter & Paul, DINTON; Assumption of St. Mary the Virgin, HARTWELL

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## St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 8th November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



Dear Friends,

Remembrance Day is a vital reminder to us as a nation to remember those who gave their lives so we can live in peace and commit ourselves afresh so war is not part of our children's future. The big events are cancelled but we have a very special service with a compelling, moving sermon by Rev Ray Pentland who was Chaplain-in-Chief to the RAF and who lives in Aylesbury. He speaks from the heart of what he knows. Please use this service to commit yourself to the way of peace in memory of those who gave their lives.

Phil Groves

Associate Rector in the Wychert Vale Benefice

Phone 01296 748 390



Although there will not be a service in Stone church it will be open for private prayer and remembrance from 10.30am – 11.30am.

Wreaths will be laid on our behalf at the War Memorial gates in **Stone** at 10:50am and the silence will be observed at 11:00am. In **Bishopstone** wreaths will be laid on our behalf at the War Memorial at 10:15am

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## November Parish News magazine

In view of the lockdown we have decided not to distribute printed magazines this month. We have arranged a new printing and a reduced number of hard copies will be available in the church porches at Dinton and Stone. We hope to return to a full distribution again in December. An electronic copy is available from me at [magazine@stonedintonhartwell.com](mailto:magazine@stonedintonhartwell.com)

David Pickup (Editor)



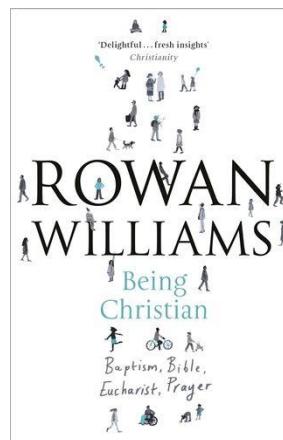
### Café in the Park

In view of the uncertainty about regulations after 2<sup>nd</sup> December Café in the Park which was scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> December has been cancelled. We will review if we can start up again in January nearer the time. So watch this space!

Clive and Naomi: tel. no: 01296 747689

### Thursday evening study group

On Thursday nights on Zoom at 9pm (after the children had gone to bed!) a group of us including Revd Phil are meeting up to discuss our faith journeys, God and lots of other stuff that comes up! It is a good way of getting to know each other a bit better. The group is very informal (and at the end of the day it is fine to have a glass of wine or be in your dressing gown!!). We are starting to use a short book titled '**Being Christian**' by Rowan Williams as a basis for our discussions. You don't have to promise to come every week - just when you can and read the book if you miss a week to keep up. **You are invited to join us.**



Please contact me and I will add you to the Zoom invite list. You can purchase the book in whichever form you wish from SPCK as a real book (£7.99) - or as an e-book (£4.99). E-books can be read on phones, tablets, Apple and Android devices. If you have any questions - please ask and I'll try my best to answer them.

Naomi tel. no: 01296 747689

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*Almighty and eternal God,  
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,  
either by death or life:  
hear our prayers and thanksgivings  
for all whom we remember this day;  
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;  
and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.**



### #PrayerfortheNation

Across the world, Covid-19 has brought much sadness to many

*'On the brink of this second lockdown we might understandably feel helpless, anxious and vulnerable.' says the **Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby**, '... we do what we can to halt the spread of this virus – but we can still feel powerless. Is there anything else we can do? Really do? Yes. Yes there is. We can pray. Prayer is my first response when I feel out of my depth, when I need help, when I am worried, when I am concerned for those I love... Prayer changes things'*

[Click here](#) to watch the **Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell**, inviting you to join #PrayerfortheNation at 6pm each day

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