



### Church gardening

As well as doing the gardening at church yesterday Val opened up the steps at the corner of Churchway and Bishopstone Road at long last by cutting the tape! Thank you to those who came and helped in the grounds yesterday; many hands make light work.

If YOU can't come along on our Saturday sessions then don't worry YOU can still help. Just talk to Sue as there are many things that can be done at your own time and convenience eg. Adopt a grave, keep the steps clear, keep the ivy off the wall on Churchway, brush the cobbles on Bishopstone Road etc, etc...



### Stone Village fete – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May



At Stone Village Fete we will be having a publicity stand about the church. We have a lot going on and we want to share news of that with the wider community. We will also have a TOMBOLA, so we need lots of prizes! Anything will be accepted - wine, beer, perfume, toiletries, fancy goods unopened gifts etc These will be collected at the back of church, and we need as much as possible, as soon as possible to start numbering.

**Thankyou!**

### Choral Evensong for Trinity St John Baptist Church, Stone Sunday, 15 June 2025 at 6 pm

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3 16*

#### A traditional service led by the Vale Singers

Including music by Thomas Tallis, Richard Ayleward and Hylton Stewart

An opportunity to reflect and worship at our wonderful medieval church.

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# Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025

## Notices for the week



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

9:00 **MATINS**

*led by David Pickup*

10:30 **FAMILY WORSHIP with EXPLORERS**

*led by Raymond Medhurst*



*Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen*

18:00 **CHRISTIAN AID PRAISE SERVICE**

**at the chapel in Eythrope Road**  
the speaker is David Blackmore. a local Christian Aid volunteer and Licensed Lay Minister.  
There will be a retiring collection for Christian Aid.

### This week

Mon 10:30 - 12:30 **Socially Crafty** – in the church  
Tues 11:00 - 13:00 **Café in the Park** – in the Jubilee Pavilion  
19:30 **Choir practice** – 29b Eythrope Road  
Weds 20:00 **PCC MEETING** - at SPP Dinton  
Thurs 9:00 - 10:30 **Little Wrigglers** – in the Jubilee Pavilion  
Sun 10:30 **FAMILY COMMUNION** *led by Revd Phil Groves*

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## John 13:31-35

(Note: this takes place at the Last Supper just after Judas has left Jesus to go and betray Him)

*31 When he was gone, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him. 32 If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself and will glorify him at once.*

*33 'My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: where I am going, you cannot come.*

*34 'A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.'*

Love one another. We often sing about it but what did Jesus really mean? This was not an easy, sentimental invitation. Jesus had just seen his friend Judas go out into the night, with a view to betraying him. He had loved Judas with an unselfish love but had lost him.

And this teaching was not just for the disciples so they could feel like a cosy group of followers. Loving one another in the way Jesus commanded has a powerful impact on others too. It emphasises the importance of love as a distinguishing mark of discipleship. Jesus commands his disciples to love one another, just as He has loved them, and says this love will be the primary way the world will recognise them as His followers. This passage calls for a self-sacrificing, sacrificial love that mirrors Jesus's own love for His disciples, even for those who would betray Him.

So the challenge for us is to demonstrate that love to the world in the way we speak and behave towards each other. Honest question – does the church (in its widest sense) always do that? Or do we sometimes forget that the world is watching?

### ASCENSION DAY SERVICE at Dinton Church

THURSDAY MAY 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Join us for a Special Evening Celebration of **Holy Communion**. All Are Welcome.  
Come and share in the joy and hope that Ascension Day brings as we worship together in faith and community

*(You can collect your booklet of TKC prayers at this service)*

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### Coffee cup news

Our coffee cup collection during May and June is for **Christian Aid**. It was founded by British and Irish churches in 1945 to help refugees following the Second World War.

For 80 years, Christian Aid has provided humanitarian relief and long-term development support for poor communities worldwide, while highlighting suffering, tackling injustice and championing people's rights.

Christian Aid works to help people on the basis of need, not religion, race, ethnicity or nationality, and they fund projects that help people of all faiths and none.

### Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) 29th May – 8th June

TKC begins on Ascension Day and there will be a special evening service in SPP Dinton to celebrate this. Our book of prayers begins that day and you will be able to collect one at the service, or next Sunday from SJB in readiness for Ascension Day.

As in previous years, during TKC we will also be meeting in church for half an hour of prayer each evening from 30<sup>th</sup> May to 7<sup>th</sup> June. This is an informal gathering starting at 7pm. For those who are unable to attend we hope you will choose to use the prayers in the book at the same time as we are praying them in church!



**Thy Kingdom Come** is a worldwide ecumenical prayer movement that creates an enormous wave of prayer from small villages to big cities. Anyone and everyone can join in, so come and be part of something big this year from Ascension to Pentecost.

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/about-us>

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