

Christian Aid Service 18th May

You are warmly invited to a service of praise, prayer, and informal discussion at Stone Methodist Chapel at 6.00pm on **Sunday 18th May**, which will include a retiring collection for Christian Aid. The speaker will be David Blackmore, who is a local Christian Aid volunteer and Licensed Lay Minister. If you have watched either series of Hilary Mantel's "Wolf Hall" on television, you will also have seen David's name on the credits as the senior editor.



Church gardening

The grass is growing, the weeds are coming up, the graves are getting overgrown. We need your help! Please talk to Sue Birrell about any help you can offer. The next Saturday gardening date is **17th May**.

Stone Village fete

At Stone Village Fete we will be having a publicity stand about the church and a TOMBOLA. We need lots of prizes and 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.

Dear all,

I am delighted to invite you all to our VE Day Picnic at **Stone House Nursing Home** on Saturday 10th May 2025 12pm – 3pm. There will be lots of entertainment and light refreshments to enjoy and we feel sure you will enjoy the day's festivities with our residents, relatives/friends, and our helpful staff team.

Please RSVP directly to activities@stonehousecare.co.uk to ensure we know you are attending our fun-filled picnic! We look forward to seeing you then.

Kind regards *Hope Timbe, Registered Manager*

Note: Stone House Nursing Home is at 44 Bishopstone Road in Stone and they will need to know **straight away** if you want to come.

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Sunday 4th 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 COMMUNION** with Explorers
led by Revd Nigel Featherston



*Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and
fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen*

This week

Tues	11:00 - 13:00 Café in the Park – in the Jubilee Pavilion 19:30 Choir practice – 29b Eythrope Road
Thurs	9:00 - 10:30 Little Wrigglers – in the Jubilee Pavilion
Sun	10:30 FAMILY WORSHIP led by Revd Phil Groves 18:00 CHORAL EVENSONG at SPP DINTON led by David Pickup

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.

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John 21:1-19

Jesus and the Miraculous Catch of Fish

21 Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ² Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³ "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

⁵ He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

⁶ He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.

⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Jesus Reinstates Peter

¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

¹⁶ Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

¹⁷ The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

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Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

Thy Kingdom Come 29th May – 8th June

This year we will again be putting together our own book of prayers for personal use during this special time of prayer. To make this truly our own we are asking for prayer contributions from anyone who would like to take part, and all ages are welcome to contribute – it would be lovely to have some from the children.



We are praying for God's kingdom to come, and this can cover a wide range of topics such as peace, faith, the worldwide church, the environment, our community, the sickand many more. Prayers can be any length from 6 to 100 words long.

If you would like to submit a prayer or want further details, please speak to Sue Birrell, Richard Smith, or Jenny Pickup in church today.

If you are not in church you can email j.pickup@stonedintonhartwell.com

We will be collating the prayers later this week. Thankyou!

Easter flowers

To Gwen, Sue B, Clare, Su H, Linda, Shirley, and Dee..... **many thanks for the lovely decorating of the church for our Easter celebrations!**



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