



Stone Village fete – Monday 26th May



At Stone Village Fete tomorrow 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. Do come along to enjoy the day and also to see us at the SJB stall.

London Marathon

Well done to Joshua and Elizabeth for completing the London Marathon on Sunday 27th April. Watched by family and friends, cheering them on. Thank you to everyone who has donated and helped them raise money for Children With Cancer. This charity has been supported by the family ever since Elizabeth was diagnosed with Leukaemia, a blood cancer, when she was 14 months old.



Peace banner

When you share the PEACE, pray for PEACE or just sit in PEACE then look at the beautiful new banner and give thanks for all the talent shared through Socially Crafty for the benefit of all who come into the presence of God in our church. Thank you. Sue

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Sunday 25th MAY 2025

Notices for the week



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

10:30 FAMILY COMMUNION

led by Revd Phil Groves and Richard Smith



*God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
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

<u>Tues</u>	11:00 - 13:00 Café in the Park – in the Jubilee Pavilion
	19:30 Choir practice – 29b Eythrope Road
<u>Thurs</u>	9:00 - 10:30 Little Wrigglers – in the Jubilee Pavilion
	19:00 ASCENSION DAY COMMUNION SERVICE at SPP DINTON
<u>Fri</u>	19:00 Thirty-minute prayers for TKC – in the church
<u>Sat</u>	19:00 Thirty-minute prayers for TKC – in the church
<u>Sun</u>	9:00 MATINS led by David Pickup
	10:30 FAMILY COMMUNION with Explorers led by Revd Nigel Featherston and Richard Smith

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John 5:1-13

The healing at the pool

5 Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. ² Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. ³ Here a great number of disabled people used to lie – the blind, the lame, the paralysed. ⁵ One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, 'Do you want to get well?'

⁷ 'Sir,' the invalid replied, 'I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.'

⁸ Then Jesus said to him, 'Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.'⁹ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, ¹⁰ and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, 'It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.'

¹² So they asked him, 'Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?'

¹³ The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

'Doing Church Differently – A Call to Serve God'

Jesus says '**Go and make disciples of all nations**' and '**The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few**'. God's harvest field is out there in the community of Stone and beyond.

So, SJB has decided to start simple, informal, intergenerational, interactive, family-friendly services with contemporary/action songs and have the worship of God at the centre. We are at the ideas stage and waiting on God for guidance. This is in addition to our regular Sunday services.

But we need **workers**!! Serving God is a great way to deepen your faith. Stepping out of normal Sunday 'comfort zones' may feel a big step but God says '**Do not be afraid; you will not be put to shame**'. We need a team of adults/young people to welcome or do food/drinks or lead or pray or set up/put away.

If you would be interested in taking God's love out into Stone - pray about it. Then get in touch/have a chat with me on 0742 5140887 or naominz@hotmail.co.uk

Naomi



The total of the Coffee Cup Collection in March and April for SPACE was £191.25. **Thankyou everyone.** Our current collection is for CHRISTIAN AID.

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Tony Lisk

Our morning service on **Pentecost Sunday** will be immediately followed by the interment of Tony Lisk's ashes in the churchyard. Revd Phil will speak about Tony in the service. Although Tony passed away in Cheltenham he was an active member of SJB for many years before that and a good friend to many.

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



TKC begins on **Ascension Day** this Thursday and there will be a special **EVENING SERVICE in SPP DINTON at 7pm** to celebrate this. Our book of prayers begins that day and you will be able to collect one at the service, or in church today at SJB. Most of the prayers have been written by members of our SJB family. The daily prayers can be used by anybody at home or wherever they are. It would be lovely (if possible) if everyone could be praying at 7pm each evening of TKC.

Meeting for prayers

During TKC we will also be meeting in church for half an hour of prayer each evening from Friday 30th May to Saturday 7th June.

This is an informal gathering starting at 7pm and everyone is welcome. You do not need to pray out loud. God hears us however we choose to pray – but the fellowship of meeting together for prayer in this way has been a blessing to those of us who have taken part in previous years. We will cover all sorts of topics as we feel led at the time.

There will be no prayers on Zoom on Thursday 5th June as we will be gathering for prayer in church. So our next Zoom prayers will be on 19th June.

Anyone can join in TKC, so come and be part of something big this year from Ascension to Pentecost.

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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