

### Vacancy for Foundation Governor at Stone CofE School

There is now a vacancy for the role of Foundation governor on the governing board, and we are looking for a suitable candidate to take this on. The term of office is for four years. A Foundation governor works with the board to ensure it effectively carries out its duties as well as ensuring the school preserves and develops its religious character.

The new Foundation governor will be the link governor for Religious Education. They will not be expected to judge the subject or to be an expert, instead they will visit the school and talk with the subject lead to get the insights they need to help the board hold the school to account and drive improvement.

New Governors need to complete online induction training and then attend 2 meetings a term held at 5:30pm – 7:30pm on a Tuesday evening. There are documents to be read in advance of the meetings,

If you would like to find out more about the role please give Claire a call. She is the other Foundation governor at Stone School.

Claire Buckingham mobile: 07834 372413

### McMillan coffee morning

We will be holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning at SJB on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September. We would love to see you there!

If you are able to help, please let Stephan or Sue know.

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[www.stonedintonhartwell.com/events/macmillan-coffee-morning/](http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com/events/macmillan-coffee-morning/)

### New Horizons Bereavement Café

This is held every last Wednesday in the month at 10:00am in the Chapter House at **St Marys Church AYLESBURY**. It is open to anyone who has suffered any kind of bereavement, either recently, or long ago. New Horizons will be a safe place to talk to others who understand what losing a loved one feels like. There is tea, coffee, cake and conversation - grief is a journey that no one should have to go through alone.

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## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025

### Notices for the week

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



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



*Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward you  
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
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	<b>Café in the Park</b> – in the Jubilee Pavilion
<u>Sat</u>	10:00 - 12:00	<b>Café in the Park</b> – in the Jubilee Pavilion
<u>Sun</u>	9:00	<b>MATINS</b> led by David Pickup
	10:30	<b>FAMILY COMMUNION</b> led by Revd Nigel Featherston

### Revd Phil Groves

Following the loss of his Mum, Phil is currently on extended compassionate leave. Please continue to pray for him and his family.

For issues regarding SJB you can contact either of the churchwardens:

[raymond.medhurst@stonedintonhartwell.com](mailto:raymond.medhurst@stonedintonhartwell.com)  
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For Benefice enquiries please contact the Benefice office.

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## Luke 11:1-13

### Jesus' Teaching on Prayer

*11 One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."*

*<sup>2</sup> He said to them, "When you pray, say:*

*"Father,*

*hallowed be your name,*

*your kingdom come.*

*<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread.*

*<sup>4</sup> Forgive us our sins,*

*for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation."*

*<sup>5</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup> a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' <sup>7</sup> And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.*

*<sup>9</sup> "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.*

*<sup>11</sup> "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? <sup>12</sup> Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"*

### Online prayer course

We all find praying difficult at times, and if you are a relatively new Christian may struggle to know how to begin, or you may worry you aren't 'doing it right'. There is an online prayer course that demystifies personal prayer in an engaging format. The basic rules are:

1. Keep it **SIMPLE**
2. Keep it **REAL**
3. Keep it **UP!**

Take a look and give it a go. Remember, when you pray you are talking to a Father who loves to spend time with you so you don't need any big words – keep it simple!

<https://prayercourse.org/home/>

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## Bishops' statement on the situation in Gaza

As Bishops in the Diocese of Oxford we want to renew our call to the Church across the Diocese to pray urgently for peace in Gaza and Israel.

Along with many others we call on Israel to cease immediately the appalling violence and withholding of aid inflicted on the people of Gaza and the escalating violence in the West Bank. The images of starvation, injury and death at the aid distribution points are terrible to witness and a stain on the whole world.

We continue to call, as we have done previously, for the immediate release of the remaining hostages and for meaningful and effective negotiations in the region leading to a lasting peace.

Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford

Gavin Collins, Bishop of Dorchester

Mary Gregory, Bishop of Reading

Dave Bull, Bishop of Buckingham

### New Sunday Children's Church

This will be starting in the autumn but it needs a new name and a new logo!

**STORIES ++ CRAFTS ++ SONGS ++ ACTIVITIES.**

We have a competition for children up to 12 years old to think of a new name and to design a logo. Send your ideas and designs to [s.birrell@stonedintonhartwell.com](mailto:s.birrell@stonedintonhartwell.com) by noon on Saturday 16th August. Please keep to half of an A4 sheet (A5) and make it bright and inviting. Don't forget to add your name, age and contact details!

### Lego Church at the Jubilee Pavilion in Stone

A new, informal, interactive church service for people of ALL ages

Starts Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm, and thereafter every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday monthly  
(12<sup>th</sup> October, 9<sup>th</sup> November, 14<sup>th</sup> December.....)

**SING SONGS ++ LISTEN TO A BIBLE STORY ++ BE CREATIVE WITH LEGO/DUPLO  
++ PRAYERS ++ EAT FOOD!**

### Ride & Stride - Saturday 13th September

SJB will again be taking part in the Bucks Historic Churches Ride and Stride. It will also be an opportunity to open the church for visitors generally. If you can help staff the church for the day (or part of it) and welcome visitors, please let Stephan know. If you would like to take part in the event by riding or striding, information and sponsorship forms can be found online at:

[www.stonedintonhartwell.com/events/ride-and-stride-2025/](http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com/events/ride-and-stride-2025/)

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