

Coffee Cup news

The amount going to Christian Aid from the Coffee Cup Collection in May and June totalled £196.13 – **thankyou everyone**. The SJB committee is also currently considering ways we can support Christian Aid even further later in the year.

Our **Coffee Cup Cause** for July and August is **SCRIPTURE UNION**

The forerunner of Scripture Union began in 1867 in a drawing room in Islington when Josiah Spiers spoke to 15 children about Jesus. The following year while on holiday in Llandudno Josiah spontaneously held a children's meeting on the beach. He wrote 'God is love' in the sand, and this simple but compelling message attracted the attention of local young people.

Today, 95% of under-18s don't go to church, but they desperately need to discover the life-changing good news of the gospel. Across England and Wales SU equips and supports local churches and passionate individuals, to go beyond the walls of the church and share the good news of Jesus with those children and young people who don't go to church.

SU produces Bible reading notes as well as running events and holidays for children. Discover more about the work of Scripture Union in next week's pewsheets.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Stone, Dinton and Hartwell is seeking an enthusiastic individual to fill the role of Honorary Treasurer:

Do you have some time to give to take up a voluntary position in your community? The parish of Stone, Dinton and Hartwell is seeking someone to be our Parochial Church Council treasurer. You will work as part of a team with our book-keeper and members of our finance group. Please feel free to discuss the role informally with Richard Smith on 07584 246268 or Revd Phil Groves on 07875 438244".

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Please send all notices to the pewsheets address by 7pm on a Friday evening for publication the following Sunday morning.

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Sunday 6th July 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**

Led by Raymond Medhurst and Richard Smith



*God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen*

17:00 **CONFIRMATION SERVICE** at PCC Dinton
led by the Bishop of Buckingham – Bishop Dave



Bishop Dave will join us at SPP Dinton to confirm SEVEN people from our parish. **Everyone** is invited to come and celebrate with them this important step of faith and commitment.

Roger Withers of Dinton will be joined by Steve and Martha Kennel, Megan Cobb, Crystal Poulter, Jess Cobb and Natasha Taylor. Please remember them all in your prayers

This week

Tues 11:00 - 13:00 **Café in the Park** – in the Jubilee Pavilion
Thurs 9:00 - 10:30 **Little Wrigglers** – in the Jubilee Pavilion
Sun 10:30 **FAMILY COMMUNION** with **EXPLORERS**
led by Revd Sue Smith and Richard Smith
18:00 **EVENSONG** at PCC Dinton
led by David Pickup

NOTE: The PCC due to meet this week has been POSTPONED until Thursday 17th July

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It is with sadness that we are letting you know that Phil's Mother passed away this week.

We ask that you keep Phil, Anne and the family in your prayers at this difficult and sad time.

Please can you respect Phil's privacy during this period and direct any church business or issues to the church wardens or to myself (Raymond) as Vice Chair of the PCC.

Any external queries can be sent to the Benefice office as usual.

Raymond and Sue - Churchwardens

Luke 10:1-11 & 16-20

Jesus Sends Out the Seventy-Two

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. ² He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. ³ Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. ⁴ Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

⁵ "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' ⁶ If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

⁸ "When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. ⁹ Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.'

¹⁶ "Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me."

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."

¹⁸ He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ²⁰ However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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Little Wrigglers

This Thursday sees the last Little Wrigglers session of this busy term. It will be a sad day as we say 'Goodbye' to two families who are moving away, a couple of 3yr olds who are off to nursery in September and two 4yr olds who are starting at Stone School. We thank God that they've been part of the Little Wrigglers big family. Please pray for those moving away and for those starting school in September. We'll miss them all when we start again on September 4th. **Special thanks to Naomi and the team of helpers** who've turned up early every week to set up and run every session.

Lego Church – a Different Style of Church



This simple informal service is launching on **14th September** in the Jubilee Pavilion and will then meet every second Sunday of the month after that for a trial period of six months. It is ideal for anyone who isn't used to traditional church. We are excited about this new venture but it will need helpers. Please let Naomi know if you are interested.

Praying together online for half an hour

On Thursday evening we were reminded that 3rd July is the feast day of Thomas the Apostle. He is often referred to as 'doubting Thomas' but this is probably unfair because ALL the Apostles had doubted the resurrection when they first heard accounts of it. Furthermore WE ALL have doubts from time to time. Jesus understands that.

From there we went on to pray for those who have recently been bereaved, for the candidates who will be confirmed later today, for the courage to step outside our comfort zone in seeking new ways to take the gospel out in to the community, and for the church finances. All that in just 30 minutes!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME to join the Zoom prayers. It is a very informal half hour - you do not need to pray out loud and you do not need a Theology degree. Being present and joined together in prayer is what it is all about. Our next session is at 8pm on Thursday 17th July. <http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com/zoom-prayers>

******* Keep these dates *******

Sunday 7th September – our annual OUTDOOR Evensong in the grounds of Hartwell House. By kind invitation. This is always a special occasion so please note the date.

Saturday 13th September - SJB will again be taking part in the Bucks Historic Churches Ride and Stride. 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/

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