

### MacMillan coffee morning

We are holding a coffee morning at St John the Baptist on **Friday 26th September** for Macmillan Cancer Support.

We would love to see you there for Coffee and cake between **10:30 and 14:30**.

**There will be a raffle and competitions to help boost the funds.**

**PLEASE COME AND JOIN US TO RAISE MONEY FOR A VERY WORTHY CAUSE.**

If you would like to donate online you can do so direct on the Macmillan giving page: <https://cm25.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/CM25004034>

If you could help staff the Church or volunteer to bake some cakes, please let Stephan know: [Stephan@stonedintonhartwell.com](mailto:Stephan@stonedintonhartwell.com)



Ride and Stride is on **SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**  
Our church will be open to welcome visitors **10:00 – 18:00**  
with refreshments available

**Ride + Stride** is open to walkers as well as horse-riders and cyclists – in fact to anyone using a non-mechanical form of transport. The object is to raise money for the repair and restoration of churches and chapels of any Christian denomination in Buckinghamshire.

Half the money raised goes to the church or chapel of the participant's choice, and the other half is added to a general fund which is administered by the Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust. If you do not wish to nominate a church, you can instead donate 100% of the money raise direct to the Historic Churches Trust.

### Cleaning Fairies

I think our church must have these as you don't see them, but the church is always clean and ready for our services! Dee, Gwen and Sue H are in church every other Friday at about 9am. So, if you can join them, please speak to one of them or to Sue Birrell and you too could be a very special cleaning fairy.....THANK YOU

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## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025

### Notices for the week

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



#### 10:30 **FAMILY WORSHIP**

*led by Richard Smith*



*Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

#### 18:00 **EVENSONG** at SPP DINTON

*led by David Pickup*

#### This week

<u>Tues</u>	11:00 - 13:00	<b>Café in the Park</b> – in the Jubilee Park
<u>Sun</u>	9:00	<b>MATINS</b>
	10:30	<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b>

#### Thank you from Rev Canon Phil

*Thank you to all of you who have been so kind over the past month. I needed some time to process my mother's passing. I am very grateful to all those who stepped in to help and to all of you who have prayed for me.*

*I have started to take on a few duties while still giving myself time. I am around again until Friday when I have a planned holiday for a week.*

*Richard, Sue, Nigel and David have been wonderful and they will be leading services in August. I look forward to worshipping with you again in September.*

*Rev Canon Phil*

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## Luke 12:32-40

<sup>32</sup> "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

### Watchfulness

<sup>35</sup> "Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup> like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. <sup>37</sup> It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them.

<sup>38</sup> It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. <sup>39</sup> But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

### Some more on prayer

Prayer is a two way conversation with the creator of the universe (wow!)

Sometimes it can feel easier to spend our prayer time talking to God rather than listening to what He might be saying to us. He speaks in so many different ways – we just need to learn how to listen.

**Take time** - listening can take time, so set aside a time and place to focus on God.

**Refocus your mind** – sitting in silence and inviting God to speak to you is a good place to start. You could simply say 'speak Lord, your servant is listening'.

**Stop distractions** – it's easy to lose focus when listening in silence. If you get distracted and find yourself thinking about other things write them down and put them to one side. To remain focussed you could reflect on a simple verse such as 'Be still and know that I am God' (Psalm 46:10).

**Recognise God's voice** – God can speak to us in many different ways: our thoughts, feelings, Bible, experiences or even what's around us. If you find your mind wanders to a specific word, Bible passage, or picture – pay attention as God may be speaking!

*Extracts taken from 'How to hear God: a simple guide for normal people' by Pete Greig*

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## Coffee cup collection

Throughout August we will continue to support SCRIPTURE UNION with the donations we receive in the coffee cup at the end of the main morning services. We will be moving on to another good cause in September.

### New Sunday morning Children's Church

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

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

Our competition for children to think of a new name and to design a logo for Children's Church CLOSES this Saturday at noon. Please send your ideas and designs to [s.birrell@stonedintonhartwell.com](mailto:s.birrell@stonedintonhartwell.com) and 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 - update

A new, informal, interactive church service for people of **ALL** ages starting **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm**, and thereafter every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday monthly  
**SING SONGS HEAR A BIBLE STORY BE CREATIVE WITH LEGO/DUPLO PRAY EAT!**

A **massive** thankyou for all the generous donations of Lego already received (We probably have enough now). For a while it was looking like we were short on yellow bricks for 'thanking God', and red bricks for 'sorry/things to change' but then another two tubs came in on Friday and they were full of .....red and yellow bricks.

God just keeps on providing!

### Evensong Service

**Sunday 7th September 2025 at 6 pm**

**By kind permission of Hartwell House**

This traditional and very popular Common Prayer service takes place out of doors, in front of Hartwell Church. The spectacular and romantic mid-18th-century church was built in the 'Gothic' style between 1753 and 1755 to a design by Henry Keene for Sir William Lee. It is situated in the landscaped grounds of Hartwell House, now a luxurious country hotel. Henry Keene designed the church for Sir William Lee. It is octagonal with east and west towers and is thought to echo the chapter house at York Minster.

**Please bring your own chair**

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