

## Response to Sue Birrell from The Parish Council RE: Coned off area by the Pond

"As you will have noticed this part of the pond is not now an attractive feature. Constant parking has eroded the grass so there is just an earth bed in the area. This area has never been allocated for parking so when the Parish Council made the decision to improve the pond area it was decided to put a low fence along the border to the road to prevent parking so no more damage is possible. The area will then be turfed to provide continuity with the rest of the pond area. The land will be levelled and then the fence installed. We will have to wait for the cooler wetter weather before laying the turf of it will die in these drought-like conditions. This exercise will reinstate the pond as an attractive feature of the village. I understand this will inconvenience you and others who have parked there over the years but fortunately the WMRG car park is open all year round and is a short walk away.

For your information, the Chestnut tree at the front of the Church has recently dropped a large branch which fortunately caused no harm. On examination of the tree, it has been found to be diseased and rotten in the main trunk area. No remedial action is possible so it has been agreed with Buck Council tree dept that it should be removed. This will happen next week. The Parish council will plant another tree as a replacement."

*I will circulate this to the residents of Churchway who have also been asking me what was going on. One resident has been parking by the pond in order to release a space for churchgoers and didn't know why it was coned off.* Sue



### **Coins and old gold and silver broken jewellery.**

In recent years we have been able to raise funds for the church from donations of foreign and obsolete coins and broken jewellery. The jewellery is mainly broken chains and the coins are often left over from foreign holidays.

If you have any broken jewellery or obsolete foreign or English coins and banknotes please let David know as every little helps! David Pickup tel: 01296 748170

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## **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August 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*



*Let your merciful ears, O Lord,  
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;  
and that they may obtain their petitions  
make them to ask such things as shall please you;  
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 Park
	19:30	<b>Choir practice</b> – 29(b) Eythrope Road
<u>Sun</u>	10:30	<b>FAMILY COMMUNION</b> <i>led by Revd Sue Smith and Richard Smith</i>

### **Choir practice**



After taking a break for the summer the choir will be meeting again on Tuesday evening at 7:30pm at 29(b) Eythrope Road. New members are always welcome. Further details: Chris Ashbridge tel no: 01296 748777.

We look forward to hearing you at Harvest Festival on 28<sup>th</sup> September!

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## Luke 13:10-17

### Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman on the Sabbath

<sup>10</sup> On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, <sup>11</sup> and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." <sup>13</sup> Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

<sup>14</sup> Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, "There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath."

<sup>15</sup> The Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? <sup>16</sup> Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?"

<sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.



### Evensong Service

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

**By kind permission of Hartwell House**

This traditional and popular Common Prayer service takes place **out of doors**, in front of Hartwell Church. It is situated in the landscaped grounds of Hartwell House, now a luxurious country hotel.

**Please invite your friends and bring your own chairs**

For more information [david@pickupandscott.co.uk](mailto:david@pickupandscott.co.uk)

### Everyday Faith – Food for the road

Those of you who listen to the daily 'Everyday Faith' app from the Church of England will have heard or read about this on Wednesday. This is a reflection on that.

Our spiritual journey through life is a long road, and we all need energy to keep going. You've probably heard the phrase 'hungry for God'. We may not realise it at the time but whenever we become resentful or angry it can be a sign of spiritual hunger. Without the Bible and prayer we cannot go far. So as we embark on our journey towards God let's not forget to bring spiritual sustenance for the road. Pack your provisions in advance. Is there a Bible verse that restores joy and energy to your soul? Learn it and recite it over and over when you are weary during the day. Is there a hymn or a worship song that always speaks to you? Learn it and sing it when you need spiritual energy – and then you will have the strength to keep on going.

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## MacMillan coffee morning

We are holding a coffee morning in the church on

**Friday 26th September 10:30 - 14:30.**

There will also be a raffle and competitions to help boost the funds. See the note requesting helpers!



**SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

**Our church will be open 10:00 – 18:00  
with refreshments available**

### McMillan Coffee Morning and Open Day with Ride and Stride.

We need volunteers to man the church at these events and there is a list at the back of the church where you can sign up for anytime that you can give to help. As usual any offers of cake for refreshments or sale will be very much appreciated as would items for the tea and coffee hampers to raffle.

Many thanks

Stephan, Raymond and Sue

### Lego Church at the Jubilee Pavilion in Stone - update

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

Just 3 weeks to go before the first Lego Church on Sunday 14th September at 4pm. We have just announced it to the world (on Stone Community Facebook Group) and on the Parish website and Facebook Group. We will be printing posters and fliers next week. Please pray that God would cause people to read the posters, to be interested and to come along.

Please continue to pray for the team as they put together the first service - for courage as they step out for God.

Naomi

### Joyfull Juniors (spelt like that as they are Full of Joy)

This is the name for our rebranded Explorers that came from the competition which recently ended. There were so many wonderful pictures and combinations of Sunday Children's Church names but this really says what we want. All of the pictures will be on display as soon as we have our logo, posters and header from Paul Bambrick who once again is kindly helping our church with his graphic design experience and using as many of the children's ideas as possible.

**THANKYOU** to Paul and all the children who took part. Now watch this space for the finished items!

Sue

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