

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

MacMillan coffee morning



We will be holding a MacMillan coffee morning in SJB on

Friday 26th September

And we would love to see you there!

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

Cleaning Fairies

I think our church must have these as you don't see them, but the church is always cleaned and ready for our services!

Would you join them if I find them as I am sure they would appreciate some more help?

I actually know that 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



Editor's note - a special thankyou to Dee, Gwen and Sue H for what you already do!

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Sunday 3rd August 2025

Notices for the week

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



9:00 **MATINS** (Prayer Book Service)

led by David Pickup

10:30 **FAMILY COMMUNION**

led by Revd Nigel Featherston



*Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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
<u>Thurs</u>	20:00	Zoom prayers – an informal half hour of praying together. Everyone is welcome
<u>Sun</u>	10:30	FAMILY WORSHIP
	18:00	EVENSONG at SPP DINTON

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:

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For Benefice enquiries please contact the Benefice office.

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Luke 12:13-21

The Parable of the Rich Fool

¹³ *Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."*

¹⁴ *Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" ¹⁵ Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."*

¹⁶ *And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'*

¹⁸ *"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."*

²⁰ *"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'"*

²¹ *"This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."*

Keep it simple, keep it real, keep it up

To be human is to pray," says Pete Greig, founder of the global 24/7 prayer movement. "Prayer is the least weird, most natural, necessary, and wonderful invitation. But no one finds it easy. I guess we all need a little help."

We all need a little help because, knowing that prayer is central to our life with God, we tend to turn prayer into a mandatory performance and we overcomplicate it. We try so hard to do it right, believing the better we pray, the more chance we have of getting on God's good side and receiving the answers we are after.

There is a better way though. In ***How to Pray: A Simple Guide for Normal People***, Pete Greig shares the best advice he ever got concerning prayer: **keep it simple, keep it real, keep it up.**

So you won't need any grand words or theology to join the Zoom prayers on Thursday evening at 8:00pm. We meet for just half an hour and pray in simple everyday language for our church and community. Everyone is welcome. If you prefer to remain silent that's fine. There is no pressure to pray aloud, but we would love to see you.

<http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com/zoom-prayers>

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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 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 14th September at 4pm**, and thereafter every 2nd Sunday monthly (12th October, 9th November, 14th December.....)

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

The Lego Church team had a very productive planning meeting on Wednesday so everything is coming along nicely. Do please remember to pray for them as they plan for this exciting new venture. They are – Naomi, Clive, Linda, Amy, Jess and Fiona.

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/



Thankyou Terry

Do go to see the beautiful plaque that Terry has made for the church. It is on the windowsill at the back of the church near the kitchen. It thanks everyone who supported the facilities project.

Coffee cup collection

Our collection during July and August is for SCRIPTURE UNION that presents the gospel to children through holiday clubs and other events for young people.

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