

Archbishop of Canterbury

The next Archbishop of Canterbury is to be the Rt Revd Sarah Mullally, the Bishop of London since 2018, and she will be the first woman to hold the post. She says she believes that her previous experience as Chief Nursing Officer – when she worked with the World Health Organisation and the UN – as well as her ministry since, will serve her well as she tackles some of the challenges presented in the Church of England. Bishop Sarah said:

“As I respond to the call of Christ to this new ministry, I do so in the same spirit of service to God and to others that has motivated me since I first came to faith as a teenager. At every stage of that journey, through my nursing career and Christian ministry, I have learned to listen deeply – to people and to God’s gentle prompting – to seek to bring people together to find hope and healing. I want, very simply, to encourage the Church to continue to grow in confidence in the Gospel, to speak of the love that we find in Jesus Christ and for it to shape our actions.....”

She will be installed in a service at Canterbury Cathedral in March 2026

Saturday Café helpers needed

Our Saturday Café in the Park was buzzing again yesterday. Thankyou to the team of helpers who make visitors feel welcome and deal with their food orders. One of the first visitors through the door yesterday caught us praying and said it is great that we do that before we start! The café is one of the places where the church can get involved with the wider community – BUT – we need more volunteer helpers to do that on a Saturday. Please speak to Naomi if you would like to join the team.

God is good – all the time

How's this for God blessing Lego Church! A Cafe helper was telling a friend who doesn't live in Stone about Lego Church. I don't even know if they go to a church. They wanted to donate some money towards it. They donated an amazing £250 and do you know how much the setup costs came to? £250.61.

As we say at Lego Church: **God is good - all the time!**

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Sunday 5th October 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 Richard Smith

followed by **SOUPA SUNDAY**
in the church – see separate
note from Terry



*O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to
fulfil them;
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

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 **JOYFULL JUNIORS**
led by Revd Canon Phil Groves
16:00 **LEGO CHURCH** in the **Pavilion**
18:00 **HARVEST EVENSONG** in **SPP DINTON**
led by David Pickup

and followed by prosecco and nibbles
please bring fresh produce, tinned, or dried food to be
donated



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Luke 17:1-10

Sin, faith, duty

17 Jesus said to his disciples: 'Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come' ² It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied round their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble' ³ So watch yourselves.

'If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them' ⁴ Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying, "I repent," you must forgive them.'

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

⁶ He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.

⁷ "Suppose one of you has a servant ploughing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? ⁸ Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'"

Homelessness Sunday

Today is Homelessness Sunday and Christians are asked to reflect on this. As figures for homelessness keep rising we feel helpless not knowing what we can do to help.



Lord, we confess our faith feels small.

But we give You our mustard seed, trusting You to grow it.

*Teach us to see our neighbours as You see them —
to love not just in words but in action.*

*Take our small steps, and use them to bring Your kingdom
here on earth,*

*for every neighbour without a home,
and for every heart that longs for shelter. Amen.*

Welcome to Stone

Steve and Sue Birrell are moving into the village on Wednesday and their new address will be: **39 Creslow Way, Stone, Aylesbury, Bucks HP17 8YN**

They will not have a landline so please use Sue's mobile: **07816448268.**

We are delighted to welcome them into the village at last!

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JOYFULL JUNIORS

The first session was last Sunday with the theme of Harvest of course. There were 14 children, 2 adult helpers, and one supervisor.

The children made cookies as they talked about harvest and what they had to be thankful for and whilst these cooked they coloured their chefs' hats and wrote a prayer of thanks which they read to the congregation at the end of the service.

The children and helpers went to the Communion Rail after the choir and then returned to the vestry to complete their session. The cookies were served by the chefs to the congregation with their drinks.

Soup-a-Sundays **STARTING TODAY**

On the first Sunday of each month through to March we will be having soup after the 10:30 Service.

Today we will be serving what posh chefs call 'vichyssoise' and what I call 'Leek and Potato Soup with Cream'. I will also bake two sourdough loaves on Sunday morning to enjoy with the soup. I source all ingredients locally including potatoes from our garden. The flour for the bread is milled as far away as Oxford.

Terry

Note: the soup is already gluten free but there will also be gluten free sourdough bread rolls from as far away as Sainsburys in Aylesbury.

Jenny

Fun at the Harvest afternoon event

Last Sunday afternoon we welcomed about 30 adults and over 20 children into SJB for a Harvest Event (of which 18 adults and 14 children were not SJB families). Children searched the church grounds for veg/fruit pictures with letters to complete the phrase 'All good things come from God'. Inside little hands reached into boxes to identify a fruit/veg by touch and a very tricky quiz stumped even some adults. The highlight - the ingenious homemade animals made from fruit/veg - giraffe, fish, peacock, hedgehog, an owl, turtles, snakes and lots more - it was like Noah's ark!



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