



SOCIALLY CRAFTY

Presents the AMAZING

CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND COFFEE MORNING

in the church

SATURDAY 22nd NOVEMBER

10:30 – 12:30



- *Christmas Gifts
- *Cakes for sale
- *Decorations
- *Handmade Cards
- *Tombola Stall

Come and enjoy a coffee, and support your local church.

Donations for tombola prizes would be most welcome - any nice bits, as well as alcohol or edibles.

MISTS AND MELLOW FRUITFULNESS

A selection of vocal music for the season from

THE VALE SINGERS

Saturday 22 November @ 7:30pm in Dinton Church

Tickets are £10 including light refreshments

available from: Dinton Church, the singers, cdalladay@aol.com or

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-vale-singers>

Coffee Cup Collection

Our Coffee Cup Collections in SJB during November and December will be sent to the **Community Christmas Lunch** project that offers a free Christmas Day meal in St Mary's Church in Aylesbury on Christmas Day. The free dinner is available to anyone who might be alone at Christmas, or homeless, or whose home circumstances might be difficult in some way. Further information is here <https://www.freechristmasdinner.com>

Christian Aid Co-ordinator

We are seeking someone to be a link person for Christian Aid for Stone, Bishopstone and Hartwell. Christian Aid is a global charity whose aim is to eliminate poverty, particularly where this has come about through natural disaster.

Ideally the new co-ordinator will be in post in the New Year. To find out more please speak with Richard Smith in church or contact David Blackmore who is an experienced co-ordinator based in Weston Turville davidbblackmore@gmail.com

Revd Canon Dr Phil Groves: drphilgroves@gmail.com 01296 748390

Website: www.stonedintonhartwell.com

Weekly pewsheets: pewsheets@stonedintonhartwell.com

Benefice office: office@wychertvale.org 01844 291108

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SJB

Sunday 16th November 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 Revd Canon Phil Groves

Today is **Safeguarding Sunday**. Defending the rights of vulnerable people is integral to Christian faith and teaching. Sadly, the church hasn't always done this well, but this is changing. Our parish Safeguarding Officer is Clare Davey. Do speak to her if you have any safeguarding concerns.



*Loving God,
 we pray that this church may be a place of welcome,
 security and compassion.
 Keep us watchful yet caring,
 trusting yet ready to question,
 that all who worship here may do so
 in safety and in the knowledge of your love;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen*

This week

<u>Mon</u>	10:30 - 12:30	Socially Crafty – in the church
<u>Tues</u>	11:00 - 13:00	Café in the Park – in the Jubilee Pavilion
	19:30	Choir practice – 29b Eythrope Road
<u>Thurs</u>	9:00 - 10:30	Little Wrigglers – in the Jubilee Pavilion
	20:00 - 20:30	Praying together online for 30 minutes http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com/zoom-prayers
<u>Sat</u>	10:30 - 12:30	Christmas Craft and Coffee Morning
<u>Sun</u>	10:30	FAMILY COMMUNION with JOYFULL JUNIORS

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Acts 16:16-38

Paul and Silas in Prison

¹⁶ Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved." ¹⁸ She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her.

¹⁹ When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities. ²⁰ They brought them before the magistrates and said, "These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar ²¹ by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice."

²² The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. ²³ After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully.

²⁴ When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. ²⁷ The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

²⁹ The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

³¹ They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. ³³ At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptised. ³⁴ The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

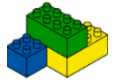
³⁵ When it was daylight, the magistrates sent their officers to the jailer with the order: "Release those men." ³⁶ The jailer told Paul, "The magistrates have ordered that you and Silas be released. Now you can leave. Go in peace."

³⁷ But Paul said to the officers: "They beat us publicly without a trial, even though we are Roman citizens, and threw us into prison. And now do they want to get rid of us quietly? No! Let them come themselves and escort us out." ³⁸ The officers reported this to the magistrates, and when they heard that Paul and Silas were Roman citizens, they were alarmed.

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Lego Church

Our 3rd monthly Lego Church was on 9th November. The Bible story was Noah obeying God by building the ark and then God's promise of the rainbow. Most made Lego models of the ark, some made quadbikes (presumably for Noah to round up the animals!) and someone else made a beautiful dove. We were 18 adults and 14 children - some had been before, others were new, some came in halfway through and others arrived just in time for pizza! There were also 3 unexpected visitors from Wantage who are also looking at 'doing church differently'. Thanks to the team of **Naomi, Linda, Clive, Fiona, Jess and Amy**.



Posada 2025

Advent is a special time in the church calendar when we prepare for the coming of Jesus. It is a period for us in the church to reflect and wait. Our annual Posada (Spanish for 'inn') begins on **Advent Sunday on 30th November**. During the Posada our figures of Mary and Joseph stay with a different host household each night before moving on and eventually returning to church for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. Each host takes them to the next host but for those with mobility issues we can make arrangements for someone to collect the figures from you. We minister to one another at the handover with some very simple prayers that are already written down for you to say together. The Posada is open to all ages, and it offers an opportunity to include those who are no longer able to come to church on a regular basis for whatever reason. To take part please contact Jenny Pickup by **Friday 28th November** at the latest. jennifer_pickup@hotmail.com
tel no: 01296 748170



Lest we forget

Last Sunday morning the Remembrance service took place as usual by the memorial gates in the park, and was attended by about 135 people with a very wide age range. The weather was dry and mild. David Pickup spoke about how this community responded to the Second World War and how the words of Jesus undergird our commitment to peace. Lee Buckingham played the trumpet fanfares of the Last Post and Reveille, with two minutes silence between. Stone choir members led the singing of hymns of remembrance. In addition to four wreaths laid to remember those who gave their lives in the two great wars, there was an array of poppies made by church members in front of the memorial gates, and a display of poppies made by the children of Joyfull Juniors.



In Bishopstone the Act of Remembrance was led by Revd Tim Harper and 40 people were in attendance. Then on 11th November a party of children and staff from the school, as well as several villagers, came to the Memorial Gates and observed the two minutes silence as part of their own act of Remembrance.



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