

Ride and Stride Saturday 12th September

The church will be open from 9am to 6pm with cream teas, coffee and cake available. Everyone is welcome to come and visit the Church between these times, even if you are not taking part in the Ride and Stride. We would love to see you there.

If you would like to take part, please contact Stephan Medhurst (email: stephan@stonedintonhartwell.com) or download the relevant documents from the Ride and Stride website.

Participants may be cyclists, walkers, horse-riders or drivers of mobility scooters. They can be of any age, but under-13s must be accompanied by an adult.

Visit as many churches as you like, planning your own route (or join the pilgrimage walk see below).

Seek sponsorship from friends, relations and colleagues, so much per church visited or a lump sum.

Ride and Stride pilgrimage walk



Every year we welcome Riders and Striders to our church who are raising funds for our historic churches in Buckinghamshire. **This year Phil is planning to stride from Aston Sandford Church to Stone**, taking in all the churches in the benefice. He intends to be at St Nicholas Cuddington for lunch and from there call in at Dinton Church before finishing at SJB for a cup of tea.

Phil would love anyone to join him on a part of the walk, even if it is just from the Methodist Church to SJB, or the whole thing. You can just join him for tea if you want. He will be praying in every church, especially for the new rector. More details to follow.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are holding a coffee morning in the church on **Friday 25th September**. There will also be a raffle for hampers so we are asking for donations of the following - Tea Bags, Coffee, Cube Sugar, Biscuits, Chocolates etc, Tea Cup and Saucer, Coffee Mug, Hot Chocolate. We still need help on the day, as well as cakes.

Thankyou **Stephan and Sue**

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Sunday 9th August 2026

Notices for the week



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

10:30am **FAMILY WORSHIP**

led by David Pickup



*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*

6:00pm **CHORAL EVENSONG
at DINTON**

*celebrating Lammastide
(see inside notice)*



Coffee Cup News



For the next two months we will be giving our Coffee Cup money to the **International Centre for Eye Health** because Clare Davey has a close association with this charity from her work as an Eye Doctor. You can find out more here <https://iceh.lshtm.ac.uk/>

This week

Tues 11th - 11:00am **Café in the Park** – in the Jubilee Pavilion

Sun 16th - 9:00am **MATINS**

10:30am **FAMILY COMMUNION** at which we will be welcoming Sophia and Debbie into our church family through adult baptism

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Genesis 37:1-4 & 12-28 (summarised)

Joseph's Dreams

Joseph, a young man of seventeen had many brothers, but their father Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, and so he made an ornate coat of many colours for him. When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

Joseph Sold by His Brothers

Now Joseph's brothers had gone to graze their father's flocks near Shechem, and Israel said to him, "Go and see if all is well with your brothers and with the flocks, and bring word back to me." Then he sent him off from the Valley of Hebron.

When Joseph arrived at Shechem, a man found him wandering around in the fields and asked him, "What are you looking for?"

He replied, "I'm looking for my brothers. Can you tell me where they are grazing their flocks?"

"They have moved on from here," the man answered. "I heard them say, 'Let's go to Dothan.'"

So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan. But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him.

"Here comes that dreamer!" they said to each other. "Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams."

When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. "Let's not take his life," he said. "Don't shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don't lay a hand on him." Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father.

So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the ornate robe he was wearing— and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it.

As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt. Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood." His brothers agreed.

So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.

Lammastide Evensong at Dinton

Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life; those who come to me shall never be hungry and those who believe in me shall never thirst.' John 6.35

Lammas (from Old English hlāfmæsse, "loaf-mass") is a holiday celebrated at the beginning of the month. The name originates from the word "loaf" in reference to bread and "mass" in reference to communion. Lammastide falls at the halfway point between the Summer solstice and the Autumn equinox.

The first grain harvested was milled and baked into bread and brought into Church to be blessed. It is a festival to mark the blessing of the First Fruits of harvest, with a loaf of bread being brought to the church.

Some churches have processions to local bakeries, which are blessed by clergy – but we have **our own local bread maker** (Terry) and he will be talking about his hobby. There will be a gluten-free alternative as well.



Lego Church Update

We have been holding Lego Church services for a year now - it's first birthday is coming up soon! So time for a review as it was set up as a 'trial' - should it continue or stop?

There have been many ups and many downs, some encouragements and some disappointments.

We are now seeing a few families coming regularly - often Little Wrighglers or Cafe attendees. The majority have no church connections and through the songs, words, prayers, Bible story and Lego creations they get to know about a God who loves them and who they can have in their lives. That's mission!!

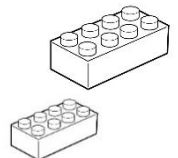
One question we asked in the review was 'are we seeking God at work?' And the answer was 'Yes definitely'. God is bringing people along to hear the good news.

So it has been decided to continue Lego Church - and review again in 6 months time.

The next 3 dates are **6th September, 4th October** and **1st November** at 4pm.

3 things:

1. Give thanks to God for bringing people to Lego Church and for the small team of committed helpers.
2. Please continue to pray for the team and those who attend - that we would see more of God at work.
3. **We could do with 1 or 2 more helpers** - so why not come along and have a 'taste' of Lego Church!



Naomi