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SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2017

Church News

TODAY
Trinity 15

10:30
SJB, Stone

Harvest Family Communion

12:30
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Harvest Lunch

16:00
SPP, Dinton

All Age Messy Church



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THIS WEEK

Tues 26	19:30	Choir Practice, 29b Eythrope Road
Thurs 28	19:30	Faith and Vision Meeting, SJB, Stone
Fri 29		National Prayer Weekend
Sat 30	10:00	Fabric Committee Working Party, SJB, Stone
	10:30	Choir Practice, 29b Eythrope Road
	10:30	Park Life, Stone Recreation Ground
	12:30	SJB Fabric Committee Meeting, SJB, Stone
	14:00	Church Open, SPP, Dinton
	14:15	Prayer Walk
		National Prayer Weekend
Sun 1	9:00	Holy Communion, SPP, Dinton
	9:00	Matins, SJB, Stone
	10:30	Family Service, SJB, Stone
	14:00	Church Open, SPP, Dinton
		National Prayer Weekend

Harvest Lunch Today

Come and join us for our bring and share harvest lunch at Bishopstone Village Hall at 12:30.
Everybody Welcome!

Please park in 'The Harrow' car park

Thank You



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Park Life Café

As we move into autumn we will continue our Parklife sessions in the Pavilion but we have re-branded ourselves as the Parklife Café. Come and join us 10.30-12.30 this Saturday (30th September) for a get together with refreshments. There will be a craft activity for anyone who wants to participate – not just the youngsters. This is a good opportunity to meet up with friends and to make some new ones. Offers of cake will be gratefully received.

All ages are welcome.

Future dates are 4th November and 9th December.

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Angel Tree

We are starting a new coffee cup collection for September and October. Angel Tree supports prisoners' family relationships by providing a way for them to give Christmas presents to their children. Local Prison Fellowship volunteers work with churches and prison chaplains to buy and deliver the presents. As long as prisoners are allowed access to their children, they are given the opportunity to apply for a gift to be sent to them. Each gift is dispatched as though it is from the parent in prison and is accompanied by a personal message written by the parent for their child.

Angel Tree is a very simple and incredibly rewarding way to help prisoners keep contact with their families, which has been shown to reduce re-offending.

Those prisoners being visited by a partner or family member have a 52% reoffending rate as compared to 70% for those who do not.

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Aperitif Recital

Wed 11th October 6.45pm St Mary's Church, Haddenham

Enjoy an hour of piano and organ duets with the Scott Brothers Duo. The music critic of Manchester Evening News wrote 'I don't think I've ever met two people so talented as the Scott Brothers'. Wine and canapes are served during the recital.

Admission is free although donations towards the evening's expenses are gratefully received on leaving. Please contact aperitifrecitals@haddenhamstmarys.org if you wish to attend.

National Prayer Weekend—Prayer Walk

As part of the National Prayer Weekend, we will be taking prayer for our village out into the village this Saturday afternoon (30th September). This is an opportunity to show we are an active church that cares about every aspect of community life. Below is an outline of our intended route – PLEASE COME WITH US !

2.15pm – meet in St. John Baptist church for opening prayers

- Memorial gates Oxford Road
- School
- Rose & Crown
- Chapel
- Cemetery entrance
- Jefferies Road/Faithfull Close
- Brendoncare / St John's Drive - 4.15pm (approx.) back at SJB for closing prayers

Rev. Phil Groves will be leading us. You can bring any prayers you have for our community in general or for any of the above locations/aspects of village life . You may prefer to walk with us and pray silently.

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National Prayer Weekend 29th September – 1st October

This week we are taking our prayers for our community out into our community. We will be prayer walking in Stone on Saturday 30th September, meeting at SJB at 2.15pm. There are several ways in which you can take part:

Join us on the walk!

We will be praying for our community. If you have any suitable prayers or would like to write some for us, please send them in to J.Pickup@stonedintonhartwell.com or put them on the prayer table at the back of the church.

Volunteer as a prayer station host. We want several homes of church members to be prayer stations along our route. That means we will stand outside your home and pray! we would also like you to deliver a printed card to all your neighbours a day or two before so we can explain what we will be doing.

Remain in the church until we return at approximately 4.15pm for final prayers. This is to welcome any visitors coming for personal prayer.

For further details please speak to Jenny Pickup, Eryl Morgan, or Liz Tomkins.

Dinton church will be open for personal prayer and quiet reflection on the Saturday and Sunday 2-4pm. Afterwards, if you wish, stay for a cup of tea and a scone.



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Focus Groups

Being part of a church is about building relationships, worshipping God, sharing the ups and downs of life, growing and sharing our faith, and reaching out to a world in need.

Focus Groups are a way of getting together in smaller, informal settings and exploring these issues.

The following groups are running this Autumn:

Alpha Course

Drawing and Painting

Pastoral Care

Big Questions

Parenting

Autumn Dates: Weeks beginning 23/25 Sept, 9th, 23rd Oct, 6th, 20th Nov, 4th Dec

This weekend is the last opportunity to sign up for one of the new Focus Groups that are starting next week. This is an exciting new initiative and details about it can be found on the benefice website and also in leaflets in church. You can sign up by contacting the benefice office.

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We would like folk to especially consider joining the group on Pastoral Care. This is an exceptional course and is being led by Nadine Rose and Jonathan Hawkins. Strengthening our pastoral care is a key part of our mission strategy and we need a partnership between clergy and lay people for care to be developed. At present we do not have a representative from Stone and Dinton parish on this course and we would love to encourage you to consider joining. You will find further information across.



Pastoral Care Focus Groups

In the Gospel of John we read that God said 'I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.' (John 13:34).

This commandment is instructed to each and every one of us. Loving others involves us being aware of their emotional, physical and spiritual needs.

This is pastoral care, supporting people in their pain, loss and anxiety, and their triumphs and joys. It's being aware of each other's needs.

With this in mind we have organised a Focus Group on Pastoral Care which will run fortnightly starting on Monday 25th September at Cuddington Church. Arrive at 8pm for tea/coffee and then a prompt start at 8.15pm finishing between 9.15pm and 9.30pm. The following speakers and topics have been organised:

What is Pastoral Care? Rev Heather Graham

Pastoral Care - How do you do it? Rev Phil Sutton

End of life, a good ending Dr Chris Foote

Young people's mental health issues Dr Kate Barnes

Not so young people's mental health issues Rev Charlotte Collins

Bereavement (Speaker to be confirmed)

We hope this Focus Group will support all the great pastoral care happening across the Benefice already and looking to the future it would be marvellous if we could establish a pastoral group in each Parish with a person co-ordinating the group.



SEPTEMBER 24 – 30

ROBOTICS AND THE FUTURE

'Turn away from evil and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it. The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right, and his ears are open to their prayers. But the Lord turns his face against those who do evil.'

1 PETER 3:11,12 (NEW LIVING TRANSLATION)

SUN 24 God of infinite wisdom and power, please help scientists, engineers and technicians engaged in developing robots and Artificial Intelligence (AI) always to turn from evil and do what is right. Help them as they tackle the complex challenges that will arise as this technology makes rapid advances. Amen.

MON 25 Pray about the ethical, social, economic and public policy implications as robots increasingly take on human jobs and leave many people unemployed like drivers, factory, agricultural and office workers. Ask God to help governments to prepare for this over the next 20 years.

TUES 26 Please ask God to guide and envision CARE as we consider how advances in robotics, nanotechnology and AI will affect attitudes to the value of human life. Pray that we can bring a clear, biblical voice to this important debate through our communications and public policy work.

WED 27 Lord, we long for the developing world to gain from these technologies, and for the poverty gap to be closed as food, education, healthcare and other benefits are delivered more efficiently. May there be growing harmony and cooperation internationally to achieve this. Amen.

THURS 28 Pray that God will restrain those who use drones and other remotely controlled devices as weapons to destroy innocent people and pray for military leaders who decide to target dangerous extremists to consider the moral implications of their actions.

FRI 28 Pray for the ways that artificial intelligence and robots will benefit the world by freeing human workers from repetitive, hazardous and taxing tasks and bringing innovation to industry, transport, surgery, food production, finance and many other spheres of life.

SAT 30 Pray about the development of robots to serve older people in care homes, hospitals and their own homes, especially as the population ages, offering help with everyday tasks. Pray for developments to be positive and life-enhancing.

