



### Beetle Drive

The Social Committee invite you to a beetle drive and Fish 'n' Chip supper on Friday 23rd March. 6:30pm at Bishopstone Village Hall.  
Adults £8, Children under 16 £4.

Ticket price includes food.

To order tickets, please contact Barbara Fowle on 01296 748631

### The Real Easter Egg

Fairtrade Easter Eggs can be ordered through Sue Spinks 01296748369 or email royandsue1@btinternet.com.

These are the ONLY Easter Eggs which include a booklet of the Easter story.

There is a wide choice of sizes and flavours; most popular are the milk choc @ £3.99, the dark choc @ £5.95 or bags of mini eggs in milk choc, salted dark caramel, hazelnut praline or speckled [sugar hard coat over milk]. There's also a Real Easter Egg Hunt Box for £5

POSITIVELY LAST ORDER DATE 18th March

### St Mathew Passion

A very special start to Holy Week from Aylesbury Choral Society: ACS are delighted to invite you to there performance of Bach's St Matthew Passion, on Saturday 24th March, St Mary's Church, 7.30pm.

This beautiful piece follows Christ and his disciples through the events of Holy Week, with a particular focus on Christ's passion and death. With two orchestras, three choirs and a range of soloists, this is a massive piece that hasn't been performed in Aylesbury for 20 years. Come and join us for a very special start to Holy Week.

Tickets (£15) are available from St Mary's Church, Aylesbury and from 'Just' Wendover High St, or via our website aylesburychoral.org.uk where you will also find more detail about the performance.

We look forward to welcoming you there!!

# SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018

## Church News

TODAY  
Passion Sunday

9:00

SPP, Dinton

Holy Communion

10:30

SJB, Stone

Morning Worship

Leaders: Canon Phil Groves

Readings: 1 Corinthians 11.23-26 & John 15. 1-17

## THIS WEEK

Mon

19

19:45

Journey Through the Lords Prayer Focus Group,  
Stone Methodist Chapel

Tues

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19:30

Choir Practice, 29b Eythrope Road

Thurs

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19:30

Baptism Preparation, The Vicarage, Badgers Rise

Fri

23

18:30

Beetle Drive, Bishopstone Village Hall

Sat

24

10:30

Choir Practice, SJB Stone

Sun

25

9:00

Matins, SJB, Stone

10:30

Holy Communion with Palms, SJB, Stone

Leader: Canon Phil Groves

Readings: Psalm 118. 1-2,19-29 & John 12. 12-16

16:00

All Age Messy Church, SPP, Dinton



# Parish of Stone, Dinton and Hartwell

Churches of: St. John Baptist, STONE; Ss Peter & Paul, DINTON; Assumption of St. Mary the Virgin, HARTWELL

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## Planned Giving

Like many churches our parish is facing financially challenging times. We are looking at different ways to increase our income and this includes improving regular giving which is the major source of our revenue. We are contacting everyone on the Electoral Roll, asking them to consider signing up to the new Parish Giving Scheme. It is a new way to give regularly and the parish can reclaim tax. You can pay monthly, weekly or make a payment in advance. We do encourage everyone to think carefully about what you can give. If you have signed up to the scheme there is no need to put anything in the collection (unless you want to!) Tokens will be available at the start of a service and you can put those in the collection bowl so the sides-people know you have contributed.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to this scheme.

### Village Fete Spring Bank Holiday Monday 28th May.

Another way to raise money for the church would be running a stall or game at the fete. Pitches are £15.00 or £12.50 if paid in advance. Alternatively please donate a cake or help with refreshments.

There are other ways to be involved in the fete such as,

Car parking

Setting up and clearing away

New this year: Car show.

### Home Grown Stone

An evening of light entertainment on Saturday 12th May.

If you are interested in performing, please let the social committee know by 1st May,

Or email [Raymond.Medhurst@stonedintonhartwell.com](mailto:Raymond.Medhurst@stonedintonhartwell.com)



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MARCH 18 – 24

## WATER FOR LIFE



"Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks of this water [from a well] will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life..."

JOHN 4:13, 14 (ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION)

**SUN 18** } **Almighty God, Creator of all things, we come to You to drink this spiritual water that will quench our thirst and give us eternal life. Please give us wisdom and loving boldness as we share the good news of Jesus with others, and send Your Spirit to draw many to Yourself. Amen.**

**MON 19** } Remember delegates attending the World Water Forum, "Sharing Water", in Brasilia this week to consider how to conserve and manage our water supply in ways that "enhance our environment for the benefit of all life on Earth". Pray for a change in attitude from those who dismiss concerns about water pollution and shortage.

**TUES 20** } Pray about the serious pollution of springs, rivers, lakes and seas by untreated sewage, plastic and other rubbish, chemical and radioactive substances. Ask God to encourage the many local initiatives to clean up waterways and to prevent contamination in the first place.



**WED 21** } **Lord, we pray for more efficient methods of collecting water to be established in remote parts of the developing world, so that women and children do not have to spend many hours each day fetching it, instead of working, caring for their families or going to school. Amen.**

**THURS 22** } **WORLD WATER DAY y NATURE FOR WATER**  
Pray that today's activities across the world will educate and encourage governments, industry, agriculture, business and local communities to work together and safeguard this precious resource of water y using "nature-based solutions" such as reforestation and improved agricultural practices.

**FRI 23** } **THANKSGIVING:**  
for the encouraging progress being made to provide clean water and hygienic sanitation to people in the poorest places in the world. Pray that the Sustainable Development Goal, to give everyone access to safe water by 2030, will be reached

**SAT 24** } Remember those working in the UK water industry to supply clean water and sewerage services, reduce leakage and maintain the infrastructure of pipes, treatment works and storage facilities. Pray that we as consumers will use our water wisely.

2.3 billion people in the world y one in three y do not have a decent toilet.  
844 million people in the world y one in ten y do not have clean water.  
Around 289,000 children under five die every year from diarrhoeal diseases caused by poor water and sanitation.  
That's almost 800 children per day, or one child every two minutes.