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SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY, 2018

Church News

TODAY
Lent 2

9:00

SJB, Stone

BCP Matins

Leaders: Raymond Medhurst

10:30

SJB, Stone

Holy Communion

Leaders: Canon Phil Groves

Readings: Acts 2. 42-47 & John 10. 1-10

16:00

SPP, Dinton

All Age Messy Church

THIS WEEK

Mon 26	19:30	SJB Fabric Meeting, 29b Eythrope Road
Tues 27	19:30	Choir Practice, 29b Eythrope Road
	19:30	Benefice Council, St Nicholas, Cuddington
Fri 2	14:00	World Day of Prayer, Stone Methodist Chapel
Sun 4	9:00	Holy Communion, SPP, Dinton
	10:30	Family Service, SJB, Stone
		Leaders: Canon Phil Groves
		Readings: : Psalm 23 & John 10. 11-18

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Women's World Day of Prayer

2 p.m. on Friday 2nd March in the Methodist Chapel.

Service prepared by the women of Suriname on the theme 'All God's Creation is Very Good' leading us to think, pray and act with care for all creation; led by Revd. Margot Hodson.

Refreshments after, including Suriname recipe Coconut Macaroons!

Written by women, but the Service is for EVERYONE

Parish Magazine

We need a volunteer to keep the Co-op shop in Stone supplied with parish magazines and collect any money at the end of the month.

If you are really keen there are other places we would like to sell magazines such as the filling station and pubs.

For more details contact David Pickup.

David@pickupandscott.co.uk

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

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



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Parish Vacancy

The church is looking for volunteers to support its mission. Good financial management is essential for the church's work. We need a parish treasurer, or several people, to cover these important but unpaid roles. You may or may not have been a treasurer of an organisation before. In many respects the work is not dissimilar from keeping good control of household finances. The work is not difficult, but does require some time input.

- ◆ Financial competence, and the ability to maintain a basic accounts book.
- ◆ Have an understanding of the parish, its needs and challenges.
- ◆ Willingness to attend PCC meetings (5 or 6 a year)
- ◆ Be able to explain financial issues clearly, mainly to the PCC, but occasionally to the general church membership.
- ◆ Be able to maintain confidentiality.

Tasks include:

- ◆ Carry out the financial decisions made by the PCC and work with the finance committee
- ◆ Draft an annual budget to assist the PCC to plan how it will fulfil its objectives for the coming year.
- ◆ Record all financial transactions carried out on behalf of the PCC and ensure they are properly authorised.
- ◆ Monitor the PCC's finances throughout the year, and alert the PCC if any difficulties are likely.
- ◆ Work with the PCC to meet all its financial obligations,
- ◆ Maintain a simple book-keeping system.
- ◆ Prepare the annual financial statements for approval by the PCC and copy to the Diocese

For an initial discussion or more information contact a churchwarden or david@pickupandscott.co.uk



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Fair Trade Fortnight

Fairtrade FORTNIGHT begins 26th February. Please make a special effort during the next two weeks to source and buy as many Fairtrade products as you can in your regular shopping. Your support makes life changing differences to producers and suppliers in poorer countries. As well as the well known tea, coffee, sugar trio there is a wealth of other products from scrumptious chocolate to lavatory cleaner! Catalogue available from Sue Spinks, 748369 or royandsue1@btinternet.com

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.

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