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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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SUNDAY 8TH APRIL, 2018

Church News

TODAY
Easter 2

10:30

SJB, Stone

Holy Communion

Leaders: Rev. Margot Hodson & David Robinson

Readings: Ezekiel 37. 1-14 & John 11. 17-44

18:00

SPP, Dinton

Evensong

Leaders: Valma Thompson

Readings: Genesis 3. 8-15 & Galatians 4. 1-5 & Psalm 85

THIS WEEK

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| Mon 9 | 19:30 | SJB Fabric Meeting, 29b Eythrope Road |
| Tues 10 | 19:30 | Choir Practice, 29b Eythrope Road |
| Thurs 12 | 19:00 | Stone Fete Planning Meeting, Jubilee Pavilion |
| Sat 14 | 10:30 | Choir Practice, 29b Eythrope Road |
| Sun 15 | 9:00 | Holy Communion, SPP, Dinton |
| | 10:30 | Morning Worship, SJB, Stone |
| | | <i>Leader: David Robinson, David Pickup</i> |
| | | <i>Readings: 1 John 1.1 – 2.2 & John 20.19-31</i> |

Coffee Cup Collections

The coffee cup collection for January/February for PACE amounted to £59, the collection for March/April is for Thames Valley Air Ambulance.



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Stone Open Gardens—2nd July 2018

A few years ago we had a very successful open gardens in Stone and this has been suggested again. If you would like to help in any way please let David Pickup or Ray Medhurst know.

David@pickupandscott.co.uk

Raymond.Medhurst@stonedintonhartwell.com

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

Planned Giving

Like many churches the parish is facing challenging times financially. We are looking at different ways to increase our income and this includes regular giving which is the major source of revenue.

We are contacting everyone on the Electoral Roll asking to consider signing up to the new Parish Giving Scheme. It is a new way to give regularly and the parish gets the reclaimed tax. You can pay monthly, weekly or make a payment in advance.

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 for you to collect at the start of a service and you can use those in the collection bowl so the sides-people know you have contributed

pewsheets@stonedintonhartwell.com



Stone Fete (28th May) Planning Meeting

The next Fete planning meeting is on Thursday 12th April 2018 at 7 pm at the Pavilion .

Please let us know if you can help or would like a stall

This is a major fund raising opportunity for the church. Please help if you can.

David Pickup 748170

david@pickupandscott.co.uk

Prayer Hunt

Once again we will be taking part in 'Thy Kingdom Come' this year. That is the ten days between Ascension Day (10th May) and Pentecost (20th May) when the wider church intensifies its prayers for the Holy Spirit to be at work in our lives, in our churches, and in our community. It is a movement that is supported and promoted by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and you will see more publicity in the next few weeks. In the past two years here in SJB we have opened the church each day for anyone to visit the prayer stations we have set out. This year we are doing something slightly different as we will be building our own 'Prayer Room' at the back of the church. It will be open for visitors on Monday 14th , Wednesday 16th, and Friday 18th May between 5.30pm and 7.30pm. It will be stocked with a variety of prayer resources and someone will be on hand to pray with anyone who would like support.

We want to greatly increase our stock of prepared prayer cards for people to use if they find this helpful. If you have a favourite prayer or book of prayers that you would be willing to share we would love to hear from you. We really are going on a prayer hunt !

There is a box on the prayer table by the kitchen for you to put your contributions in. If it is a book or leaflet that you want back, please remember to put your name on it.



APRIL 8 – 14

UK PARLIAMENTS AND ASSEMBLIES

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people y for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.-

1 TIMOTHY 2: 1-4 (NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION)

- SUN 8** Almighty God, we bring before You the elected representatives of each of our Parliaments and Assemblies, and members of the House of Lords. Please instil in them a spirit of integrity and service and help them to put the welfare of the people of the United Kingdom before personal or party interests. Amen.
- MON 9** Intercede for a solution to Northern Ireland-s political problems following the breakdown of the power-sharing agreement between the DUP and Sinn Fein. Pray for James Brokenshire MP, Northern Ireland Secretary, as he negotiates with the Stormont party leaders.
- TUES 10** Pray about problems around the Scottish Government-s intended Named Person Scheme to monitor the wellbeing of every child in Scotland, especially the real concern that parents- rights to raise their children in accordance with their values and beliefs could be undermined.
- WED 11** Lord, please show grace and favour to the politicians, negotiators and civil servants who are trying to make progress on the various aspects of Brexit. May the final agreement be fair and workable for all parties. Amen.
- THURS 12** Pray for our Prime Minister and the Government as they seek to tackle their key priorities: strengthening the economy, investing in infrastructure, education, the NHS, housing, improving employment opportunities and legislation about domestic violence.
- FRI 13** **THANKSGIVING:** for the "light and salt- influence Christians can have as they serve in the UK Parliaments and Assemblies as elected representatives, civil servants, advisers and other staff. Ask God to strengthen and protect them, particularly when they feel under increased pressure.
- SAT 14** Pray about the recent distressing accusations of sexual harassment and assault against several politicians at Westminster, Holyrood and the Welsh Assembly. Pray that the truth about each allegation will be made clear and appropriate action taken.



Holyrood y the Scottish Parliament

"In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father ... For the maintenance of democratic values and principles, for the pursuit of justice, equality and fairness for all, and for humility to imitate Christ and to be the servant of others. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.- (From a Service for the New Parliament, St Margaret-s Church, Westminster in June 2010)