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## Parish of Stone, Dinton and Hartwell

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# SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2018

## Church News

**TODAY**  
*Easter 3*

**9:00**

SPP, Dinton

**Holy Communion**

**10:30**

SJB, Stone

**Morning Worship**

Leaders: David Robinson & David Pickup  
Readings: 1 John 1.1 – 2.2 & John 20.19-31

## THIS WEEK

Tues

17

19:30

Choir Practice, 29b Eythrope Road

Wed

18

19:00

Annual Parochial Church Meeting, SPP, Dinton

Sat

21

10:30

Choir Practice, 29b Eythrope Road

Sun

22

9:00

Matins, SJB, Stone

*Leaders: David Pickup*

10:30

Holy Communion, SJB, Stone

*Leader: Canon Phil Groves*

*Readings: 2 Corinthians 5.11-21 & John 21: 15-25*

16:00

All Age Messy Church, SPP, Dinton

## 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

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## 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 15 – 21

## LIFE ISSUES



"For the life of every living thing is in his hand, and the breath of every human being--"

JOB 12:10 (NEW LIVING TRANSLATION)

**SUN 15** Father God, we pray for every baby who is on the brink of being born. We also remember those of any age whose lives are hanging by a thread, possibly nearing the end of their days. Please bestow Your grace and love upon all who care for these precious ones. Amen.

**MON 16** Pray that those involved in current debates about abortion will heed recent ComRes polling findings that most people are opposed to removing legal restraint from the practice of abortion with only 12 per cent in support of this. Ask God to continue to give CARE and other agencies, who want to defend the unborn, opportunities to speak about this with wisdom, grace and truth.



**TUES 17** Please pray that the Care Not Killing coalition, of which CARE is a member, and other organisations representing disabled people, will be well prepared to thwart any fresh attempts to bring forward legislation allowing physician assisted suicide in the UK. (carenotkilling.org.uk)

**WED 18** Lord, please grant wisdom and success to Christians and others in Northern Ireland who are committed to protecting the most vulnerable and are challenging the campaign to legalise abortion there because it is claimed that the existing rules are a breach of women's human rights. Amen.

**THURS 19** Pray that doctors, nurses and midwives who would overwhelmingly seek to protect all human life will speak out against to moves within the British Medical Association and the Royal Colleges of Midwives and Obstetricians and Gynaecologists to support the further liberalisation of abortion.

**FRI 20** **THANKSGIVING:** for Hospice UK, the national voice for over 200 hospices providing vital care to 200,000 people with terminal or life-limiting illnesses, and supporting their loved ones. Pray for staff and the 125,000 volunteers engaged in caring, fundraising and advocacy. (hospiceuk.org)

**SAT 21** Remember people who are in a deep coma, and those experiencing "locked in syndrome" who are seemingly comatose, but are actually aware. Ask God to comfort their families and friends, and guide those who are looking after them about their treatment and care.

Hospice care aims to affirm life and death, working with and within local communities to tailor palliative care around the needs of those with a terminal or life-shortening condition, and support carers, friends and family before and after bereavement. Staff and volunteers offer expert support that places equal emphasis on clinical, physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs, understanding that everyone is different.