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SUNDAY 3RD FEBRUARY, 2019

Church News

TODAY 5 Before Lent

10:00 SPP, Dinton **BCP Holy Communion**

Leaders: Rev. Nigel Featherston Readings: Ezekiel 43.27-44.4 & Luke 2.41-52

10:30 SJB, Stone Family Service

Leaders: Canon Phil Groves Readings: Ezekiel 43.27-44. 4 & Luke 2. 41-52

18:30

Evensong for Candlemas

St. Michael and All Angels, Aston Sandford

19:00

10:30

18:00

THIS WEEK

Finance Committee, 7 Badgers Rise, Stone

All Age Holy Communion, SJB, Stone Leader: Canon Phil Groves & David Robinson Readings: Isaiah 6.1-8 & Luke 5.1-11 Evensong, SPP, Dinton

Leader: Valma Thompson

Readings: Hosea 1 & Psalm 2 & Colossians 3.1-22



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Flower Rota

he flower rota for 2019 has now been put up in the Church Porch. We are in need of volunteers to put their names down next to any dates available or if you would rather you could make a donation towards the cost of flowers. Maybe there is a special date you would like to remember with your flowers. Please see Dee or Gwen if you are able to help.

Church Cleaning

ow that the church is used almost every week it has to be cleaned every week. This is usually done on a Friday morning from 9am. If you are able to give a little of your time (it doesn't have to be a weekly commitment, just when you are available to do so), it would be much appreciated.

Many hands make light work, and at the moment there are very few hands.

Please see Dee if you feel you would be able to 'lend a hand'

Austerity Lunch

he Austerity Lunch last Sunday for the Yemini Famine Appeal was generously supported by the Church friends and the total to send is £310 to the Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal.

ABSOLUTELY MARVELLOUS - THANK YOU EVERYONE.

A Message from the Churchwardens

t was announced on Sunday morning (27 January) that Margot and Martin Hodson will be moving in the summer to West Oxfordshire to take up a new ministry. The Hodsons have been looking for a way to give more time to their environmental work while keeping their roots in local parish ministry. They will be moving to the Shill Valley and Broadshire Benefice, where Margot will be licensed as half-time Associate Minister in early September. Alongside this post she will be taking up the part-time (selfsupporting) role of Theology and Education Director for the John Ray Initiative (JRI). There is more information about their move on their blog.

It means that our parish and benefice will go into interregnum but there is good time to prepare for this. Margot and Martin will be praying for you for the vacancy period and for the appointment of a new rector for the benefice.

The Hodsons will be really grateful for your prayers as they prepare for the move and will be very sad to leave Wychert Vale. Margot will be taking services in different churches in the benefice through May and June and hopes to have the weekend of 29-30 June as her last official weekend in the benefice.