

**Dates for your diary .....**

- Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Mar. 7.30pm SJB Church meeting – venue tbc
- Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Mar. Clocks go FORWARD one hour
- Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Mar. **PASSION SUNDAY** 11.00am joint service at the Chapel. The journey to Jerusalem – from Bethany to the Cross. Led by David Pickup. There is no service in SJB.
- Sat 4<sup>th</sup> April 10.00am-12.00 noon **CAFÉ IN THE PARK**
- Fri 10<sup>th</sup> April **GOOD FRIDAY** 10.00am - Walk of witness starting in the school car park. The **Easter Garden service** starts at 10.30am in the church
- Sun 5<sup>th</sup> April **PALM SUNDAY** 10.30am – Holy Communion with choir
- Sun 12<sup>th</sup> April **EASTER SUNDAY** 10.30am – Family Communion service with the choir to lift our worship and an ‘Easter hunt’ for the children afterwards

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**Please send anything for inclusion in the pewsheets by 7pm on a Friday**

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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  
[www.stonedintonhartwell.com](http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com)

## St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March

10:30am **MORNING WORSHIP**

Leader: David Robinson

Readings: Romans 5. 1-11

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John 4. 5-42

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**The children's group will meet during this service**

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Tues 17<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm Choir practice at 29(b) Eythrope Road

Weds 18<sup>th</sup> 10:30am Daytime Lent course in Dinton (see notice)

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm Lent Course at Stone Methodist Chapel (see notice)

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> 10:30am Choir practice at 29(b) Eythrope Road

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Next week – 22<sup>nd</sup> March



9:00am **MATINS** (Book of Common Prayer)

10:30am **MOTHERING SUNDAY** – a special service for all the family during which posies of flowers will be given out

Leader: David Pickup

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### Welcome everybody!

We welcome all visitors to our service today, especially if this your first time here. If you have children with you that is fantastic! We expect some background noise from our younger members so please be relaxed about it. **Young people form 20% of the population but 100% of the future.** Please stay for refreshments after the service. We are sorry we do not have a toilet in the building yet, but we are working hard to put that right in the near future - see next item.

### Facilities and Kitchenette Update

Following a recent meeting of the subcommittee, architect and builder it is anticipated that the project will finally move into construction in April 2020. The architect will now draw up the contracts for signing whilst the builder liaises with the groundworks subcontractor over a firm start date for phase one, the groundworks. It is estimated that the project will take 14 weeks from start to completion.

### There are refreshments after the service today

When refreshments are served at the end of the service you will see a cup on the table for donations. If you would like to give a small donation to our nominated charity please do so, but there is no pressure to give.



During March/April our coffee cup collection will be for the **local Air Ambulance**. Thank you everyone for your continued giving, it is much appreciated by the Charities we support. We choose local charities or causes for our coffee cup collections. If you would like to suggest a local charity for a future collection please speak to our churchwarden Eryl Morgan.

### AUSTERITY LUNCH supporting the TEARFUND APPEAL for humanitarian aid for ZIMBABWE

SATURDAY 28th MARCH : 12 - 2 @ METHODIST CHAPEL

A total of 6.7 million Zimbabweans were classed as in urgent need of humanitarian assistance in December 2019. Contraction of agricultural production following an El Nino induced drought has worsened an already chaotic fiscal situation with inflation running at beyond 230 per cent. There is widespread rationing of water and electricity supplies. One tenth of rural households are going without food for whole days.

For up to date information look at the BBC Newsdesk - Zimbabwe news

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### Benefice vacancy for a new rector

The shortlisting of candidates has taken place and the interviews will be held on 27th March.



PRAY for wisdom for those who are managing this process on our behalf, especially David Robinson, and Sue Birrell and Neil Chudley who are representing our parish. Pray for unity and shared vision between the parishes in the benefice; and for the candidates.

### Lent Course

We have been asked by the Diocese of Oxford to think about how we are a Christ-like church for the sake of God's World. Our Lent Course will explore what this might mean for us.

There are two study groups meeting in our parish:

- **Thursday evenings** at 7.30pm in the chapel in Stone - 19th, 26th March and 2nd April – led by David Pickup
- **Wednesday mornings** at 10.30am at Valma Thompsons house - Meadway in Westlington - 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April – led by David Robinson

If you were not able to come to the first sessions you are still welcome to come along to either discussion group.

### Children's group in Stone Church

Our Children's Group takes place during our main morning services on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. We use the Scripture Union materials as a basis. Our children can learn and enjoy church and parents can benefit from the 'adult service' without distraction. The children meet in their own special area which is set out for them to the side of the altar.

If you would like any further information or want to help in any way please contact Naomi on 01296 747689 or [treasurer@stonedintonhartwell.com](mailto:treasurer@stonedintonhartwell.com).

### A prayer for deliverance from Coronavirus

*God of all Wisdom, we pray for our leaders: the World Health Organisation, national governments, and local leaders too - heads of schools, hospitals and other institutions. Since you have positioned these people in public service for this hour, we ask you to grant them wisdom beyond their own wisdom to contain this virus, faith beyond their own faith to fight this fear, and strength beyond their own strength to sustain vital institutions through this time of turmoil. God of all Wisdom and Counsel, you are powerful and merciful. **Hear our prayer***



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