

Dates for your diary

Sat. 25th 10.00am – 4.00pm *Bookfest Café Day at the Chapel*
all proceeds to the *Alzheimers Society*
BOOKS - RAFFLE - TEA and COFFEE
donations of raffle prizes and books most welcome
Sue Spinks 748369 / royandsue1@btinternet.com

Wed. 29th 7.30pm *SJB committee meeting – please note the new date*

Sat. 1st 10.00am – 12.00noon *CAFÉ IN THE PARK*

Maintaining our church building



At Stone church we very often need expert help and advice to maintain the church fabric and grounds. Would YOU be willing to help or advise at times? If so please contact us to offer your gift of knowledge or time to the church. We look after the stonework, ironmongery, wood work, grounds and trees, walks and paths, painting, general repairs and upkeep of all public areas within and around the church. Please contact sjbfabric@stonedintonhartwell.com or call 01296 338163 and leave a message and we will get back to you. Thankyou.

*You can now donate to the church by your mobile phone. Just text **CHURCH (amount)** to **70470** to donate from £1 to £20 (e.g. CHURCH 8 to donate £8). The donation plus a standard rate message fee will be debited to your mobile account.*

Contact details: Pewsheet pewsheet@stonedintonhartwell.com
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Please send anything for inclusion in the pewsheet by 7pm on a Friday

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Wychert Vale Benefice
www.wychertvale.org



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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St. John the Baptist STONE

Sunday 19th January

11:00am **COVENANT SERVICE and HOLY COMMUNION at THE CHAPEL**
(there is no service in SJB)

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Tues 21st 7:30pm Finance committee meeting at SPP Dinton

Weds 22nd 7:30pm Special s12 meeting at St. Mary's Haddenham
This is an important part of the process for appointing a new Rector. See notice inside.

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Next week – 26th January

9:00am Matins (Book of Common Prayer)
Leader: David Pickup

10:30am Holy Communion
Leaders: Canon Phil Groves
Richard Fisher (Bible Reading Fellowship)

4:00pm Messy Church at SPP Dinton

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Please stay for refreshments after the service today. Our coffee cup collection this month is in memory of Iain Westgate who was born in Stone and grew up here. As a child he sang in the church choir and his mother Janet is still a regular member of the choir today. Sadly, two years ago at the age of 35 Iain lost his fight against cancer. Iain was a very talented piper who played with the RAF Halton Pipe Band, and one year was even the lone piper at the Edinburgh Military Tattoo. Some of you will remember him playing his bagpipes here in church! Iain was keen to raise funds for cancer care and research so a world renowned piper is giving a recital in memory of Iain to raise funds for Milton Keynes Cancer Hospital. We want to donate to this worthy cause as well.

Children's group in Stone Church

As the number of children at our services has increased we would like to start a Children's Group on **9th February 2020**. This would take place for part of the service and will 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. Would you like to help teach our children? Please talk to Naomi Corbould on 01296 747689 or email treasurer@stonedintonhartwell.com

Church Finances: A Big Thank you

The PCC and churchwardens thank everyone for their financial support over the last year. The parish is now able to meet its immediate liabilities including the Parish Share which is what we pay to the Diocese. We have also managed to buy new hymnbooks and pew bibles and the church is investing in children's work at both ends of the parish.

Although the finances are much improved from last year we continue to rely on your generosity. We encourage you to support the work of the church in the parish by the Parish Giving Scheme and donations in kind or money.

We are using new ways to give such as text giving and contactless payment which are proving very popular in the increasingly cashless society. The parish is now using 100% "green" energy from renewable sources and we have been able to make some savings.

If you would like to increase your financial support or you are new to the church please phone Alan Atkinson 07970 599012. Thank you again.

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Benefice vacancy

As part of the process for advertising for a new Rector there is a meeting at St. Mary's Church in Haddenham at 7.30pm on Wednesday. This is for all PCC members and any other church members who are interested. We will be looking at the Benefice profile that has recently been put together after consultation with members of all six churches.



MOST IMPORTANT – please remember to PRAY for wisdom for those who are managing this process on our behalf, especially Sue Birrell and Neil Chudley who are representing our parish. Pray too for unity and shared vision between the parishes in the benefice; and for suitable candidates to apply!

A message from the Parish News team

We are pleased to announce that Sue Unwin has joined our News Team as Advertising Co-Ordinator as from 13th January 2020. Sue has lived in Upton for 18 years and for 30 years worked in pharmaceutical marketing. More recently, she spent 2 years as Parish Clerk for Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell Parish Council. With more free time on her hands and keen to remain involved in our community, Sue has taken up this voluntary role and will mainly be liaising with current and potential advertisers, as well as attending our monthly editorial meetings. Please feel free to contact Sue with any advertising enquiries on 07760 177599 or sunwin1958@hotmail.com.



2020 prayer initiative

Pray in 2020 on the 20th day of each month at 20:20 for 20 Minutes. **Pray.....that God will give many opportunities to Speak about Christ** (Colossians 4:3)

This is the invitation from the organisation 'HOPE Together' to Christians of all denominations, and this prayer initiative kicks off around the globe this Monday evening (tomorrow). You can pray quietly at home on your own, or in a group. You can use your own spontaneous prayers or this one for January:

' Father, as we start Prayer 2020, we ask that this year we will carry your light into every place we go and share your good news with those we meet. May we walk and work in unity to reveal your love and goodness. Amen'

For further information on this prayer campaign <https://hopetogether.org.uk>

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