

Dates for your diary

- Tues 25th Feb. Stone School (Year 4) pilgrimage to church
- Tues 25th Feb. Winchester to Canterbury pilgrimage open evening
At St Mary's Church Princes Risborough 7.30-9pm
- Tues 3rd Mar. 7.30pm Finance Committee meeting at SPP Dinton
- Thurs 5th Mar. 7.30pm Lent Course starts at Methodist Chapel
- Fri 6th Mar. 2.00pm World Day of Prayer at the Chapel
See notice on inside page
- Sat 7th Mar. Café in the Park - cakes and helpers needed !!
- Thurs 12th Mar. Fashion show at Bradmoor Farm in Haddenham in aid of
Florence Nightingale Hospice. See notice in church
- Thurs 12th Mar. 7.30pm Lent Course at Methodist Chapel
- Thurs 19th Mar. 7.30pm Lent Course at Methodist Chapel
- Sun 22nd Mar. MOTHERING SUNDAY – a special service for all the family
- Thurs 26th Mar. 7.30pm Lent Course starts at Methodist Chapel
- Thurs 2nd April 7.30pm Lent Course starts at Methodist Chapel

A prayer for the emergency services and all those affected by the floods



God of compassion,
hear our prayers for those who are affected by storms and flooding:
strengthen them in their hour of need,
and grant them courage to face the future,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

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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 23rd February

9:00am **Matins**

Leader: David Robinson

10:30am **Holy Communion**

Leaders: Canon Phil Groves and David Robinson

Readings: Exodus 24. 12-18 *page 82*

Matthew 17. 1-9 *page 984*

(The new children's group will meet during the service)

4:00pm **Messy Church** at SPP Dinton

Tues 25th 7:30pm Choir practice at 29(b) Eythrope Road

Weds 26th 7:30pm **Ash Wednesday Service**

Sat 29th 10:30am Choir practice at 29(b) Eythrope Road

Next week – 1st March

10:30am **Family Service with baptism**

Leader: Canon Phil Groves

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Welcome everybody!

We welcome all visitors to our service today, especially if this your first time here. We love to meet new people of all ages and backgrounds. If you have children with you that is fantastic! We expect a certain amount of background noise from our younger members so please relax about it. **Young people form 20% of the population but 100% of the future.** 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. Please stay and have a chat after the service if you can.



There are refreshments after the service today

Our coffee cup collection this month is for Milton Keynes Cancer Hospital in memory of Iain Westgate from Stone who sadly lost his fight against cancer two years ago aged 35. Next week we will be starting a new coffee cup collection for another worthy cause.

Children's group in Stone Church

Our new Children's Group has started! It will take place for part of the service using 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 side area next to the altar has now been equipped for the children. Thankyou to Naomi Corbould for taking the lead on this and to those who have come forward as helpers.

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

Stone School pilgrimage to church

Year 4 at Stone School have been looking at pilgrimages. The children will therefore be walking to church with the wooden cross during the afternoon of **Tuesday February 25th**. They will be praying and singing. Please let Revd. Phil Groves know if you can help by welcoming them to the church.

An invitation from our Methodist friends

Pancake Day - **Tuesday 25th February** is Fourth Tuesday Fellowship afternoon and we would like to invite you all to come along and join us - of course from 2.30 if you are free then [Avril Clark will be talking about Lent] but especially from 3.30 when the children can come along from school as we're having PANCAKES ! So everyone is welcome and that includes the chaps - we're not a ladies only group!

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Benefice Service for Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent begins on **Wednesday 26th February**. Lent is a time of reflection and repentance on the journey to Easter. Join us for a moving service of repentance and commitment here in St John the Baptist Stone at 7.30 pm. This is a moving, transformational service and it will be led by Canon Phil Groves and David Pickup.

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. The course will run on five Thursday evenings in the Methodist chapel. The theme is 'God's Church for God's World' and David Pickup – 748170- will be leading us. Other groups will be meeting around the Benefice.

The dates for your diary here in Stone are:

5th, 12th, 19th, 26th March and 2nd April all starting at 7.30pm.

Benefice vacancy for a new rector

This is now being advertised. The shortlisting is taking place on 9th March and the interviews 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 suitable candidates to apply!

World Day of Prayer – Friday 6th March

The Service this year has been prepared by the Christian women of Zimbabwe. It starts at the Chapel in Eythrope Road at 2 p.m. The theme is on Peace and Reconciliation and this being his 'specialist subject' Revd. Phil will be taking part.

In a world where you can be anything.....

Due to recent sad events in the national news we all know the 'answer' to this is 'be kind'. It also highlights the power of social media to be 'unkind' when it chooses to be, and yet it is fuelled by real people hiding behind the anonymity of the online world. The Church of England has pledged to help make social media and the web more positive places. You can read more about this campaign and also sign up to their voluntary Digital Charter

<https://www.churchofengland.org/terms-and-conditions/our-digital-charter#no-back>

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