Dates for your diary

Thurs 6th Feb. Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting

Sun 9th Feb. Snowdrop Walk at Nether Winchendon House

Tues 25th Feb. Stone School pilgrimage to church

Tues 25th Feb. Winchester to Canterbury pilgrimage open evening

at Princes Risborough

Weds 26th Feb. 7.30pm Ash Wednesday Service at SJB

Sat 7th Mar. 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 <u>donate to the church by your mobile phone</u>. 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 <u>pewsheet@stonedintonhartwell.com</u>

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

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St. John the Baptist STONE

Sunday 26th January

9:00am Matins (Book of Common Prayer)

Leader: David Pickup

10:30am Holy Communion

Leaders: Canon Phil Groves and David Pickup

Readings: Amos 3.1-8 John 1.1-4

(unfortunately Richard Fisher from BRF cannot be with us today so he will come on another day)

4:00pm Messy Church at SPP DINTON

Weds 29th 7:30pm SJB committee meeting AT THE CHAPEL

Sat 1st 10:00 – 12:00 **Café in the Park** at the Jubilee Pavilion Needed – helpers on the day, homemade cakes, welcomers. Remember to invite all your neighbours and friends.

Next week – 2nd February

10:30am Family Service led by Revd . Phil Groves

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Please stay for refreshments after the service today

Our coffee cup collection this month is in memory of lain 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.

Our coffee cup collection for the free Christmas Day meal at St. Mary's Church in Aylesbury raised £120 and we have received a letter of thanks

Children's group in Stone Church

Our new Children's Group will start on **9**th **February 2020**. It will 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.

Thankyou to Naomi Corbould for taking the lead on this and to those who have already come forward as helpers. If you would like any further information or want to help in any way please talk to Naomi on 01296 747689 or email treasurer@stonedintonhartwell.com

Benefice vacancy for a new rector

On Wednesday evening people from all over the benefice gathered in St Mary's church in Haddenham to review the Benefice profile. The meeting was chaired by Bishop Alan supported by Revd David Williams our Area Dean. The Bishop was very impressed with the profile and only suggested two small changes.

The vacancy for a rector will be advertised from 7th February with the shortlisting 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 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!

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A message from the Parish News team

We are pleased to announce that Sue Unwin has joined our News Team as our volunteer Advertising Co-Ordinator. Sue has lived in Upton for 18 years and recently spent 2 years as Parish Clerk for Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell Parish Council. Sue will mainly be liaising with current and potential advertisers, as well at attending our monthly editorial meetings. Please feel free to contact her with any advertising enquiries on 07760 177599 or sunwin1958@hotmail.com

Snowdrop Walk - Sunday 9th February

11:00am to 4:00pm (last entry 3:30pm) at Nether Winchendon House Entry £4 Children under 12 free. Delicious Refreshments at the Carriage Barn, Dogs welcome (only on leads). Visitors should be aware of the unfenced riverbank and other winter-time hazards, such as the possibility of slippery paved areas.



ALL PROCEEDS TO THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HOSPICE CHARITY organised by Haddenham Community Support Group with kind permission of Robert Spencer Bernard. More information available by calling Sue Peck on 01844 292110 or emailing on fnhcsg@gmail.com

Stone School pilgrimage to church

Year 4 at Stone School have been looking at pilgrimages. One member of the class said that pilgrimage could be walking to church so why not try that. We are taking up this suggestion and the children will be walking to church with the wooden cross during the afternoon of **Tuesday February 25**th. Please note the date as we will need people to help either on the walk or to welcome them when they arrive. The details are still being worked out but if you would like to be involved please let Revd. Phil Groves know.

Walking the Pilgrims' Way 2020 – Winchester to Canterbury

Our Area Dean Revd David Williams invites you to join him on this 14 day walk **31**st **May-14**th **June.** Prayers will be said each day on the walk. Walkers can join for just one day, or multiple days, or just come along to Winchester Cathedral on 31st May and Canterbury Cathedral on 14th June. Further detail will be available at the Open Evening at St. Mary's Church, Princes Risborough on Tuesday 25th February 7.30pm to 9pm or email Parishoffice@stmarysrisborough.org.uk

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