

Dates for your diary

- Thurs 12th Mar. Fashion show at Bradmoor Farm in Haddenham in aid of Florence Nightingale Hospice.
- Sun 22nd Mar. **MOTHERING SUNDAY** – a special service for all the family during which posies of flowers will be given out
- Wed 25th Mar. 7.30pm SJB Church meeting – venue tbc
- Sat 28th Mar. Clocks go FORWARD one hour
- Sun 29th 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.
- Fri 10th 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 5th April **PALM SUNDAY** 10.30am – Holy Communion with choir
- Sun 12th April **EASTER SUNDAY** 10.30am – Family Communion service with the choir to lift our worship and an ‘Easter hunt’ for the children afterwards



THANKYOU to everyone who helped make Café in Park such a wonderful place to be yesterday morning. We still seem to be welcoming newcomers as well as serving our regular community. Our next Café is **on Saturday 4th April 10.00 am -12.00 noon**

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Please send anything for inclusion in the pewsheets 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 8th March

10:30am HOLY COMMUNION
Leader: Revd Sue Smith
Readings: Romans 4. 1-5 & 13-17 (page 1131)
John 3. 1-17 (page 1065)

The children's group will meet during this service

6:00pm PARISH EVENSONG at SPP DINTON

Tues 10th 7:30pm Choir practice at 29(b) Eythrope Road
Weds 11th 10:30am Daytime Lent course in Dinton (see notice)
Thurs 12th 7:30pm Lent Course at Stone Methodist Chapel (see notice)
Sat 14th 10:30am Choir practice at 29(b) Eythrope Road

Next week – 15th March

10:30am MORNING WORSHIP (with children's group)
Leader: David Robinson

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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 meeting last week 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. The coffee cup collection for

January/February 2020 for Milton Keynes Cancer Hospital, in memory of Iain Westgate from Stone, amounted to £190. Many thanks to our Methodist friends for the generous donation of the collection taken at the joint service in January.

March/April 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.



Mothering Sunday - 22nd March

Our 10.30am service will be a special service of praise for all the family. Posies of fresh flowers will be given out at the end of the service.

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Benefice vacancy for a new rector

The shortlisting of candidates is taking place on **9th March** (tomorrow) 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 suitable candidates to apply!

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 - 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th March and 2nd April – led by David Pickup
- **Wednesday mornings** at 10.30am at Valma Thompsons house - Meadway in Westlington - 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March and 1st 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 2nd, 3rd, and 4th 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.

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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