

Hope for 2021

Our beautiful collage of HOPE was done recently by one of our mother and daughter crafters. What have you been doing during the long days of lockdown? Do you have things that you have done that could be shared with others to show the brighter side of the situation we are in at present? Please send us a photo of your work to brighten up our website and bring **HOPE FOR 2021** Send your photos to webmaster@stonedintonhartwell.com



Water Aid



For several years our Methodist friends have collected for Water Aid during Lent and they invite us to join them in doing so this year as well. One of the many things we have been urged to do during the pandemic is to WASH OUR HANDS and for us this is an easy thing to do. This is not so for the many millions in the world who, like us are facing Covid, but without the blessing of clean water. Please help by saving your loose change in a jar. We will collect it in when we come out of lockdown. Thankyou.

Daily Lent reflections from the Church of England



The Church of England's Lent resources theme for 2021, building on the success of recent years, is **#LiveLent: God's Story, Our Story**.

It is based on the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for 2021, *Living His Story* by Hannah Steele, [published by SPCK](#). Rather than just being a Lenten discipline, this year's **#LiveLent** is a joyful invitation to make witness a normal part of the Christian life, the natural overflow of a life lived in devotion to Christ.

From Ash Wednesday (17 February) to Easter Sunday (4 April), there are six reflections for each week, written by Stephen Hance, the Church of England's National Lead for Evangelism and Witness. Each reflection includes a short passage from the Bible, a brief exploration of the reading, and a prayer. Additionally, each week has a unifying theme and an action to be taken during the week.

The reflections are available as a free app, emails, audio and through the Church of England's social media accounts. The app version will include a daily Family Activity, offering a simple way to explore a story or a theme from the day's reflection.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/livelent-2021-church-resources-gods-story-our-story>

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St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 14th February

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Our church building is now closed for in person worship until there is a significant change in the circumstances.

However, you are welcome to join us online for a zoom service every Sunday at 10:30.

Login by using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88617212701?pwd=UHpnS1hXRIAvRHFLS0RTaTg1ZXPgz09>

You can also phone in on these numbers: 020 3901 7895 or 0131 460 1196 (You do not need to set a participant ID)

Meeting ID: 886 1721 2701

Passcode: Service

The service sheet is on the website www.stonedintonhartwell.com

THIS WEEK

Mon. 15th Feb. 7:30pm SJB Fabric committee online

Wed. 17th Feb. 7:30pm Ash Wednesday service online

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Mark 9:2-9 - the Transfiguration



² After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³ His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them.

⁴ And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁶ (He did not

know what to say, they were so frightened.)⁷

Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Reading the Bible as separate passages often means we start with words like ‘Six days later’. So it is here, so we will remind ourselves what had happened before.

Jesus had been performing many miracles in the presence of his disciples and then on the way to Caesarea Philippi he asked them ‘Who do people say I am?’ After some discussion Peter confessed ‘You are the Christ’ and so Jesus taught them that He must be killed and after three days rise again.

Notice that Jesus took only Peter, James, and John up the high mountain with him. These are the same closest three disciples who Jesus later asked to keep watch while he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus was preparing them even at this point on the mountain for what was to come.

The events on the mountain seem rather extraordinary because they are just that – outside the ordinary. The appearance of Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus was however significant. We are being told that Moses represents the law, and Elijah the prophets, but Jesus is the beloved son and heir who completes the law and fulfils all that the prophets foretold. The voice from the cloud reminds us of the baptism of Jesus when the voice from heaven said ‘You are my Son whom I love; with you I am well pleased’. On the mountain however the message is addressed not to Jesus but to those who were present.

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Peter, James, and John would also have been aware that Moses and Elijah were said to have passed directly to heaven without a physical death. For Jesus to be in their presence and talking with them demonstrates the easy transition for Him between the earthly and the heavenly realms.

Finally, and probably most importantly we should note the brilliant glory radiating from Jesus in those moments that his three disciples were privileged to witness. As we enter Lent and the road to the cross, this glimpse of the radiant Christ reminds us of the glory that awaits Jesus at his resurrection. Let us rejoice in that.

Dear Friends,

In this week's [Morning Worship](#) Phil focuses on prayer, using the final chapter in Rowan William's book 'Being Christian'.

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Ash Wednesday service

Revd Jonathan Hawkins will be leading a Zoom communion service on Ash Wednesday at 7.30pm. Please provide your own bread and wine if you wish to join in. The invitation is below and the order of service is available on our website. If you wish to join by telephone the numbers are available on our website.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83932922922?pwd=VE5lUEqzb21mY0xTZzZUWHQyOjJlZz09>

Meeting ID: 839 3292 2922

Passcode: 834119

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*Lord, grant us simplicity of faith and a generosity of service
that gives without counting cost.*

*A life overflowing with Grace poured out from the One
who gave everything,*

*that we might show the power of love to a broken world,
and share the truth from a living Word.*

Lord, grant us simplicity of faith, and a yearning to share it

Amen



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