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# Parish of Stone, Dinton and Hartwell

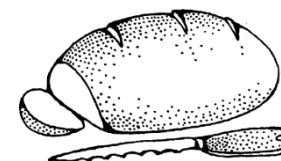
Churches of: St. John Baptist, STONE; Ss Peter & Paul, DINTON; Assumption of St. Mary the Virgin, HARTWELL

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## St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August

**10:30am ALL AGE SERVICE**

*Leader: David Pickup*



Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty" *John 6:35*

Dear Friends,

The link for our Benefice service online is [here](#). This week the service comes from Dinton Church and it includes the great Welsh hymn 'Guide me o thou great redeemer'.

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### Services in August

Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	-	10:30am	Morning Worship
	-	6:00pm	Parish Evensong – SPP Dinton
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	-	9:00am	Matins (Prayer Book service)
	-	10:30am	Morning Worship
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	-	10:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	-	10:30am	Morning Worship

Having looked at our facilities and taken account of the case rates for Covid 19 in this area, we feel that a responsible approach to church services at the moment is as follows:

- The wearing of face coverings will be optional whilst sitting in the pews
- Singing is allowed, but we will ask you to use a face covering for singing for now
- We will ask that you still wear a face covering when you are close to other people (eg entering and exiting the church)
- We will keep alternate pews cordoned off to allow 1m social distancing for now
- We will keep doors open during services to improve ventilation
- We recommend that worshippers still add their name and phone number to a "track and trace" form, or log into the NHS Track and Trace app. This information will be kept for 3 weeks after each service

Once case rates have come down to a lower level, we will review this further RS



*We pray for all who are going through anxious or difficult times at the moment. The sick, the frail and the vulnerable and those who are concerned about the health or well-being of a loved one.*

*We pray for those who are undergoing hospital treatment, or preparing for it; uncertain of what the future holds.*

*We pray for those struggling with mental health issues and for their families who are trying to support them.*

*We pray for those who are alone, not knowing who to talk to and feeling wary about seeking help. Amen*

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## John 6:24-35

*24 Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.*

*25 When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"*

*26 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. 27 Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."*

*28 Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"*

*29 Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."*

*30 So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? 31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"*

*32 Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."*

*34 "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."*

*35 Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."*

Do you have a fussy eater in your family? Or maybe you are one yourself? We all have particular likes and dislikes at meal times, and some of us may have food allergies or intolerances.

Just the other day I was telling a younger family member how school meals used to be when I was at primary school. There were no food choices at dinner time. It was a set meal served up on a plate and we were expected to eat it all. Of course there was also a lot of discrete swapping of food from plate to plate when the dinner ladies were not looking, and everybody wanted to sit next to someone who would eat their brussels sprouts for them!

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In the gospel reading today Jesus talks about bread from heaven. This is not physical food we can eat in the usual way, it is far more satisfying than that because it nourishes our spiritual hunger. Not only that but it is also to everybody's taste so there is no waste! There is an endless supply of bread from heaven because it is our Father in heaven who provides it all. He had already shown his faithfulness by supplying fresh manna from heaven each day when the people of Israel were in the wilderness.

In his son Jesus Christ our Heavenly Father has made the ultimate provision for all our spiritual needs. Jesus says 'I am the bread of life. Whoever **comes to me** will never go hungry, and whoever **believes in me** will never be thirsty'. So let's **come to him** and **believe in him** today. He is all we need. JP



*Gracious Father, whose blessed son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen*

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### Today at 1.15pm

BBC Songs of Praise will be featuring Archbishop Angaelos, the Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of London, in a special episode on Faith and Food.



### Café in the Park

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August 10:00am – 12:00 noon**  
**Jubilee Pavilion Stone Recreation Ground**

Breakfast rolls, 'real coffee', home baked cakes and much more no charge for refreshments but donations are welcome offers of help to Clive and Naomi please: 01296 747689

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### *Our rector writes .....*

I will be on annual leave from the 24<sup>th</sup> of July to 7<sup>th</sup> August. Any queries please speak to Julie in the Benefice Office 01844 291108 and she can direct you to a member of the ministry team or churchwardens who will hopefully be able to help.

I hope you will all have time for rest and 're-creation' over the summer ☺ CM

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