

### Hope for 2021

Do you have things you have made that could be shared with others to show the brighter side of lockdown?  
Keep sending us photos of your craft work to brighten up our website and bring **HOPE FOR 2021** and remember to log in to see what others have been busy doing.  
Send your photos to [webmaster@stonedintonhartwell.com](mailto: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.**

### Easter services

We hope to have a worship service on Easter Day at 10:30am, with strict safety measures in place. Dinton SPP may also have a service at 10.00am.

We are also planning to have both churches open just for prayer on Good Friday. Stone at 10.30am and Dinton at 2.00 pm, both for an hour.

These are subject to confirmation nearer the time when a decision will be taken on national and other advice.

**Please look out for notices at the churches in Holy Week and on the church website** [www.stonedintonhartwell.com](http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com)



*Dear God,  
Be with us as we think about all that has changed this year,  
And help us to trust that you are always with us.  
Be close to us as we remember those who have died,  
And help us to trust they are at peace with you.  
Show us how to reach out to others with kindness and care,  
So that hope shines out in every heart and home. Amen*

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Wychert Vale Benefice  
[www.wychertvale.org](http://www.wychertvale.org)



## Parish of Stone, Dinton and Hartwell

Churches of: St. John Baptist, STONE; Ss Peter & Paul, DINTON; Assumption of St. Mary the Virgin, HARTWELL  
[www.stonedintonhartwell.com](http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com)

## St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 21st March PASSION SUNDAY

On this fifth Sunday of Lent, we turn with Jesus towards Jerusalem and the end of his earthly life: suffering, the cross, and death. But this is only part of the story. We face with Jesus suffering and death, but we face them with the promise that death is not the end. A year after the first national lockdown, as we are reminded of the pain, loss and grief that the last year has brought, we are also reminded that Jesus promises new life, new hope, and a love that continues.

You are welcome to join us for a zoom service every Sunday at 10:30.

Login by using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88617212701?pwd=UHpnS1hXRIAvRHFLS0RTaTg1ZXPgdz09>

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

### **THIS WEEK**

Wednesday	7:45pm	PCC meeting (15 mins)
Wednesday	8:00pm	SJB committee meeting
Thursday	9:00pm	A fresh look at Philipians - Bible study <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88235669326">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88235669326</a>
Friday	3:00pm	A fresh look at Philipians - Bible study <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88978010315">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88978010315</a>

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## John 12:20-33

*Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.*



*Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.*

*"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say--' Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."*

### A Remarkable Journey

Jesus had admirers who sought him out like fans wanting an autograph. People were curious about what all the fuss was about and others looked for a miracle or a teaching. Some Greeks pressed one of the disciples, a fellow Greek, Philip, to get them an interview with Jesus. Perhaps Philip was wary about how Jesus would react and so he spoke to a fellow disciple called Andrew and they approached Jesus together. It is not clear if the seeking Greeks actually got to see Jesus or whether he is speaking only to Philip and Andrew. His message however is for us all.

Jesus' reply at first seems to be off the point but he is talking about what was in store for him. His speech here prepares us for the passion narrative. Jesus doesn't want us just to admire him, he wants us to become his followers. Following him can be a hard journey and involve a complete change in everything. We must be prepared to lose the life we know in order to receive something even better. *Contd.....*

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Perhaps the seeking Greeks represent those of us for whom this gospel is written. They might not have received a personal audience with Jesus, but the truth is revealed to them, along with us, in Jesus' speech foretelling the meaning of his death. As we draw near to Easter again Jesus invites us to join him on a remarkable journey which leads to the cross and to the empty tomb and beyond.



*God of glory, thank you for showing us the way to you in Jesus, your son.  
Give us courage to walk in His footsteps, feeding those in hunger and welcoming those in need.  
May we find you in these footsteps, and may others dare to join us on the path toward you.  
Amen*



Dear Friends,

Our [YouTube service for Passion Sunday](#) focuses on the Cross of Christ, how it demonstrates God's love and the challenge it presents to us as we pray not to be brought to the time of trial.

The service is also on Red Kite Radio at 12 noon on Sundays and we are hearing that people who do not come to church are listening. If you are talking to anyone who has listened to the service can you feed back to us why they listen, what they like about it and what we can do better. **107.2fm Red Kite Radio**

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### **Easter postcards – can you help?**

A few of our talented SJB team have produced a special church Easter card with a message of HOPE for every home in the village - but we need volunteers to deliver them through letterboxes. If you have some free time and would like to join the delivery team please contact Naomi on 747689 or email her [naominz@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:naominz@hotmail.co.uk)



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