

### Update on keeping everyone safe at our services

Churches are now expected to decide for themselves what their covid risks are and to apply appropriate regulations. At SJB we want everyone to feel safe in our services so we have decided to keep our existing requirements which are:

- Every one aged 12 and over will be asked to wear a mask in church
- Make use of the hand sanitiser which is available as you enter the church
- Doors may be left open - so please wrap up to keep warm
- Please keep your masks on for singing (yes it is difficult but safer)
- We advise that everyone takes a LFT test before attending any of our services, and we ask that you stay at home if you have a positive result.

We have services on our [YouTube](#) channel if you prefer to stay at home for now.

### Marking the Queen's Platinum Jubilee



This year to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee the country has a special bank holiday weekend. The Spring Bank Holiday (originally on Monday May 30) will be moved to Thursday June 2 and an additional bank holiday will be held on Friday June 3. So that means we have a four day bank holiday weekend! A village fete is being planned for Friday June 3 and we as the church hope to take part in this. We are also planning our own church celebrations because Sunday June 5 is Pentecost - so it will be a wonderful weekend of community celebration all round! Details will become available nearer the time when they are being finalised but we already know we will need helpers - please mark the date(s) on your calendar now.

### Summer Holiday Club

Churches Together in Haddenham is very excited to announce a new holiday club venture for this summer. This is a holiday club for children aged 4-11 years, who are at school or live in our benefice. It will run from Monday 22nd of August to Thursday 25th August from 9.30am to 1pm. This is a great way to serve our communities and to work with other Christians to share the Good News in a fun way. If you can help, please speak to Cassa (Rector) or email: [cassamesservy@gmail.com](mailto:cassamesservy@gmail.com)

### Benefice Administrator

We are delighted to announce that we had a successful interview process and that we have appointed Chloe Wilcock to the post of benefice administrator. Chloe will be starting the role from Monday 28th February. Our thanks go to the panel team and everyone who contributed to this process. *Cassa*

### Retreat

Phil will be taking a retreat this week. Please be in contact with Cassa or one of the other members of the team if you need to speak to a minister.

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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 13<sup>th</sup> February

**10:30am HOLY COMMUNION**

*Revd Cassa Messervy/  
Richard Smith*

**4:00pm PARISH EVENSONG at SPP DINTON**

*David Pickup*

The gospel reading for today is **LUKE 6: 17-26** and you can read it [here](#)

### This week

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7:30pm	SJB Fabric committee (online)
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2:00pm	Funeral service at the chapel for Pat Card
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7:30pm	Choir practice at the Chapel
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:30am	Choir practice at the Chapel
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9:00am	MATINS (Prayer Book Service)
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:30am	MORNING WORSHIP

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## A new weekly 'Café in the Park'

starts on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March**  
from **10am -12noon**

and **EVERY TUESDAY** thereafter  
at the **Jubilee Pavilion**

Hot and cold drinks, cakes and biscuits, toasted teacakes and yummy cheesy crumpets. And most importantly a Warm Welcome.

### Could you help us?

Most of our Saturday volunteers have jobs during the week – so we are looking for some new volunteers to help serve drinks, set up and clear away, make cakes beforehand, be in the kitchen and, most importantly, make people welcome. You wouldn't have to commit to every Tuesday – unless you want to! Maybe you could offer your time once a fortnight or once a month.

Please get in touch with me (Naomi) on 01296 747689 or [naominz@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:naominz@hotmail.co.uk) if you would like to know more and be part of this exciting new venture. Thankyou.

Our Saturday Café will continue to run once a month. The next one is on **5<sup>th</sup> March**. Thankyou to everyone who helped yesterday, we had a wonderful time with a packed Café and new visitors to make welcome.

### Lent course



During Lent this year as a Benefice we will be engaging with the national 'Living in Love and Faith' (LLF) material and exploring issues of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage.

Details regarding when and where courses are running can be found on the website. There will be a group in Stone at the Methodist Chapel led by Cassa, Richard Smith, and David Pickup. It will run on five Thursday evenings starting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7:30pm.

There is an [online](#) group being run by Phil Groves on Friday afternoons 1:30 – 3:00pm starting on 4<sup>th</sup> March.

Meeting ID: 884 2947 3076

Passcode: 107287

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### Racial Justice Sunday – 13th February 2022

Racial Justice Sunday is an ecumenical observance which began in 1995 in Britain and Ireland. The catalyst for this observation was the murder of Stephen Lawrence, a Black teenager in South London, on 22 April 1993.

The Bible has a lot to say about justice because as God's Word, it reflects God's heart for justice. It can be argued that we should love justice because God does! Racism and racial discrimination are justice issues because they deny basic justice and human dignity to women and men who are made in the image of God. Equally, they are sinful attitudes because, among other issues, they assume all are not equal before God and are not part of God's family.

*And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God*

Micah 6:8

*Then Peter began to speak: "I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right..."*

Acts 10:34-35

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) has organised an ecumenical service for Racial Justice Sunday that will be broadcast by **BBC Radio 4** in its Sunday Worship slot at **8.10am on 13 February 2022** (but you can listen later on BBC Sounds).



*Merciful God,  
you are righteous and love justice:  
stir the hearts of your people that,  
rejoicing in our diversity,  
we may repent of the wrongs of the past,  
and, by your grace, seek the peaceable kingdom of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen*

Please submit news items for the pewsheet by 7pm on a Friday. Thankyou.

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