

An Invitation

As you may know, Bishop Steven (our Diocesan Bishop) will be in our deanery for the day on 15 June. We have been giving an invitation for all the people in our churches to join Bishop Steven at 7.30pm at St. Mary's Church Princess Risborough for a short act of worship followed by some input and reflection from Bishop Steven; followed by questions and responses, finishing around 9.00 pm.

Revd David Cooke

It is with sadness that we announce that Revd. David Cooke passed away on Friday 29th April.

Revd Cooke was our minister for many years, his funeral will be held at 14:00 on Thursday the 26th May at St John the Baptist. Family flowers only but any donations should be made to the Royal British Legion

Christian Aid Week 2022

Christian Aid week begins this Sunday. The campaign this year focusses on the climate crisis and the experience of families in Zimbabwe.

Together, we hope to restore justice to our world, and protect the future for our children and grandchildren.

Please give to help women grow crops that survive in the drought. You can help turn hunger into hope.

With every gift, every action, every prayer, every one of us can change lives.

Sunday 15th May	2 pm – 5 pm	Plant Sale	Mayerin, Churchway
Thursday 19th May	2.30 pm – 4.30 pm	Cream Teas	Methodist Chapel
Saturday 21st May	10 am – 2 pm	Collect Ploughman's Lunch Bags From the Methodist Chapel	
Sunday 22nd May	12 noon	Austerity Lunch	Methodist Chapel

We desperately need volunteers to help deliver the big red donation envelopes – as many or few as you can manage would be a massive help. This year there is no return trip to collect them!

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St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 15th May

9:00am Matins

10:30am Christian Aid Service

This week

<i>Sunday 15th</i>	<i>14:00 - 17:00</i>	<i>Plant Sale - Mayerin</i>
<i>Tuesday 17th</i>	<i>10:00 – 12:00</i>	<i>Café In The Park</i>
	<i>20:00</i>	<i>APCM – SJB, Stone</i>
<i>Thursday 19th</i>	<i>14:30 – 16:30</i>	<i>Cream Teas- Methodist Chapel</i>
<i>Sunday 22nd</i>	<i>10:30</i>	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	<i>12:00</i>	<i>Austerity Lunch – Methodist Chapel</i>

Prayer

God our Mother and Father, we praise you
for the blessings you shower upon us.
Bless the lives of our sisters and brothers and their precious children.
In life's saddest moments,
may we feel your love most, O Jesus.
Continue to dwell in our hearts, Lord.
May your love keep us strong.
Amen.

Alpha Course / Confirmation

We are planning to run Alpha or another Christian basics course and would value some feedback on how we might go about this in terms of timings and location (in person and/or online). Please let Phil or Cassa know your views. Also, we will be hosting a confirmation service on Sunday 16th October 4pm. If you would like to be confirmed, please let one of the ministry team or the office know. We aim to run a confirmation course in the early autumn.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2022

This year's APCM is on 17th May at 8:00pm at St John the Baptist, Stone.

The APCM is the Annual Parochial Church Meeting where we review what has happened in the past year and we look to the next year with the election of Churchwardens and PCC members.

If you would like to apply for the roll of Church Warden or to be on the PCC, please fill out the forms in the porch and place in the black letterbox or fill out a downloadable form and email it in.

All reports and forms are available on the website:

www.stonedintonhartwell.com/apcm/

Please Note the change of Venue.

Stone Fete

We will be having a table with childrens activities at the Stone Village Fete on Friday 3rd June.

If anyone can help look after the stall please let Naomi know.

naominz@hotmail.co.uk

Can You Help Us To Be A Welcoming Church?

When people come to a church for the first time, what they usually notice most is not the quality of the sermon or the music, but the quality of the welcome they receive. For us to be a welcoming church, we need more people who can help with important tasks such as setting up for services, clearing away after services, and particularly making people feel welcome as they arrive. The Welcome Team is open to people of all ages, including children (when supervised by a parent), as none of the tasks are difficult. Even if you are only able to help once every few weeks, we would really appreciate your help. You would need to be available to arrive about 30 minutes before the service starts and to stay for a few minutes after the service. The welcome team will be led by one of the duty wardens (Richard Smith, Raymond Medhurst, Sue Birrell) and we will provide you with any training needed. In addition, we also need more help with some of the things which happen during services, such as reading from the Bible and operating the sound system. We would love to hear from you if you can help with any of these things. Please contact Richard Smith (07584 246268) or any member of the leadership team.

Thy Kingdom Come

This month we have the national Church special focus on prayer starting on Ascension Day (26th May) we are called to pray 'Thy Kingdom Come'. Prayer resources and events will be happening within some of the churches of our benefice. We are invited to begin these ten days of prayer with a benefice Holy Communion service for Ascension Day, hosted at St. Peter and St. Paul, Dinton 7.30pm. At the end of the period on Pentecost Sunday (Sunday 5th June) we will have a benefice Pentecost praise service hosted at St. Mary's Haddenham 6pm.

Praying Together

Two evenings at SJB Stone led by Canon Phil and Rev Harriet to inspire us to pray together throughout the year.

Sunday 29th May 6.00pm

Tuesday 31st May 8.00pm

These evenings are for anyone who wishes to deepen their prayer life and to enrich our church community's communication with God.

They will include times of prayer, as well as a consideration of what we are doing when we pray and thoughts on how we can build up our communal prayer as a community.

We will specifically consider how we lead intercessions in church and we hope that we can restore our pool of people who lead intercessions on a Sunday morning from some of those who attend.