

Update on keeping everyone safe at our services

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



The special bank holiday 2nd – 5th June this year will be a busy one in our community. As well as taking part in the village fete on Friday 3rd June we are also planning our own church celebrations because June 5th is Pentecost Sunday. Details of the celebrations will become available nearer the time but we already know we will need lots of helpers - please mark the date(s) on your calendar now.

Lent course



**LIVING
IN LOVE
& FAITH**

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 3rd March at 7:30pm.

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

Meeting ID: 884 2947 3076

Passcode: 107287

The Archbishop Interviews

A new series of half hour broadcasts begins today on BBC Radio 4 at 13:30. Each week Archbishop Justin Welby has a conversation with a different public figure who has an interesting relationship with religion and spirituality. This week's guest is a British-Turkish novelist and political scientist Elif Shafak. Her books draw on diverse cultures and uncomfortable subjects, giving voice to those on the margins of society.

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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 20th February

9:00am **MATINS**

David Pickup

10:30am **MORNING WORSHIP**

David Pickup



*Almighty God we pray for the situation on the border of Ukraine.
We pray for those who live in fear, that you may grant them peace.
We pray that the voices for discernment and peaceful solutions may prosper.
Lord, we ask that you raise up peacemakers on all sides, that war and violence might be averted.
Give diplomats wisdom, understanding and build trust.
We ask for the church in the nations involved, may they be salt and light in a dark situation.
Lord we lift this dangerous situation to you.
May your kingdom come.
Amen.*

(Prayer by Fred Drummond, Evangelical Alliance Scotland and prayer director)

This week

Tuesday 22 nd Feb	7:30pm	CHOIR PRACTICE at the Chapel
Wednesday 23 rd Feb	8:00pm	SJB COMMITTEE (online)
Saturday 26 th Feb	10:30am	CHOIR PRACTICE at the Chapel
Sunday 27 th Feb	10:30am	HOLY COMMUNION

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A new weekly 'Café in the Park'

starts on **Tuesday 8th 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! Please get in touch with me (Naomi) on 01296 747689 or naominz@hotmail.co.uk if you would like to know more and be part of this exciting new venture. Our Saturday Café will continue to run once a month. The next one is on **5th March**

ASH WEDNESDAY – 2nd March

We mark the beginning of Lent with a special service for the whole benefice in our church (SJB) at 7:30pm

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

This year the service has been prepared by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland

FRIDAY 4th MARCH at 2:00pm
at the Methodist Chapel



The theme this year is God's promise "I know the plans I have for you"
Join Christians of all denominations worldwide to worship together on this special day

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

pewsheets@stonedintonhartwell.com

website: www.stonedintonhartwell.com

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Jesus Calms the Storm

Luke 8:22-25

22 One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and set out. 23 As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

24 The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!" He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. 25 "Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples.

In fear and amazement they asked one another, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him."

Following the disruption of storm Eunice on Friday these few verses speak to us even if we were safely at home watching most of the devastation on the television news. From time to time we all suffer storms in our lives when we simply feel overwhelmed by everything that is going on around us. We feel powerless. We are not comfortable with the feeling of having no control over what is happening. Jesus wants us to remember that he is in control and we need to put our faith in Him.

Dear Lord Jesus, I want to learn to trust you more. Please help me in the situations where I feel alone and struggle to believe you are with me. I long for greater faith and deeper understanding of you. Thankyou that you never let me down. Amen.



Fairtrade Fortnight 2022

21st February – 6th March

Theme 'Choose the world you want'



Please try to swap to Fairtrade to help relieve poverty and support the climate.

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