

Worship at St Peter and St Paul, Dinton

We have been praying for our beautiful church of St Peter and St Paul to be used more as a place of prayer and worship and God has answered our prayers in a most unexpected fashion. The Romanian Orthodox community have been praying for a place to worship for their congregation gathered from Aylesbury, and Wycombe. Fr Julian was driving on the Lower Road, saw our church and called in. He was welcomed by Rosemary and from there we have discovered that God is working among us.

The Romanian congregation wishes to worship on the Sunday mornings when we are not currently using the church, on Tuesday Evenings and for the major festivals – some of which (Christmas and Easter) they mark with overnight vigils. Our worship patterns seem to fit together like a jigsaw.

The community is overseen by an experienced priest in Oxford and they have a contract with an Anglican Church there so we can replicate written agreements.

They will bring in icons (holy pictures) and candle holders, but the space for our worship will be respected. They are eager to assist with the care of the church and churchyard. They are keen to join in fundraising for a sound system. They are also keen to pay their way as guests and pay a service and usage charge to cover additional costs we will encounter.

The PCC met with Fr Julian and four other members of his congregation and we shared a time of prayer together for Ukraine and especially the plight of refugees, many of whom are in Romania. Fr Julian shared about how his mother is welcoming refugees.

Following a discussion, we enthusiastically agreed to move to a formal relationship. Rev Nigel, Rosemary Jackson and Steven Kennell are following up with the Diocese of Oxford. They are doing due diligence and will draw up agreements for signing.

We have invited the congregation to worship as visitors on March 27 and they will worship in our church over their Holy Week and Easter – a week after ours. This will enable us to ensure that the partnership will be good for both of us before we sign formal agreements.

Please pray for this exciting development. It reminds us that the church must be diverse because humanity is diverse; it must be one because Christ is one.



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

St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 20th March

9:00am **Matins**

David Pickup

10:30am **Morning Worship**

David Pickup and Rev. Harriet Orridge

This week

<i>Tuesday 22nd March</i>	<i>10:00am – 12:00 noon</i>	<i>CAFÉ in the PARK</i>
<i>Tuesday 22nd March</i>	<i>7:30pm</i>	<i>CHOIR PRACTICE at the Chapel</i>
<i>Wednesday 23rd March</i>	<i>8:00pm</i>	<i>SJB Meeting Online</i>
<i>Thursday 24th March</i>	<i>7:30pm</i>	<i>LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH COURSE at the Chapel</i>
<i>Friday 25th March</i>	<i>1:30pm</i>	<i>LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH COURSE Online</i>
<i>Sunday 27th March</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Mothering Sunday</i>

Update to covid arrangements in church

Now that the Government has removed all remaining legal restrictions to prevent the spread of Covid 19, we will no longer be asking people to wear face coverings during church services, including when singing. However, when attending church services, please continue to be respectful of each other's personal space, particularly that of worshippers who wish to continue wearing face coverings in church at present.

March 22nd Is World Water Day



THANK YOU FOR THE WORK WHICH IS PROGRESSING ON OUR FACILITIES AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY DONATED TOWARDS TWINNING.

We would like to show our thanks by twinning our new toilet with one in a country where water and toilets are not so readily available and YOU can help.

There is a board in the church porch which needs to be filled with faces in exchange for a donation. Please take a face to decorate, write a comment or poem and stick it on the board, placing your donation in the box. When we send off the donations we will be twinned with a toilet abroad and we will get a certificate to hang in our loo.

More details available here: [HTTPS://WWW.TOILETTWINNING.ORG/](https://www.toilettwinning.org/)

Sue Birrell Fabric Committee Chair

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2022

This year's APCM is on **17th May at 8:00pm.**

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 want to attend the APCM, or vote at the APCM, you will need to be on the electoral roll. You can enrol on the electoral roll online at:

www.stonedintonhartwell.com/apcm/

If you are already on the roll but want to come off, please let us know.

All reports will be available shortly. So watch this space and save the date.

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Ukraine Refugee Support Network

We are working as a benefice with our local communities to form a network of support for the humanitarian sponsorship route for Ukrainian refugees. This will hopefully link up those host and their guest with each other and people able to offer support for education, health/wellness (particularly thinking of the trauma that may have been experienced by the refugees), legal advice and access to work. Please let me (Cassa – cassamesservy@gmail.com) know if you think you would like to be part of this network and/or you can provide accommodation, or if you can offer to help link people in your community with it or you feel able to give specific support or connections to others who can provide it? Here is a link to the Church of England's advice:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/community-action/war-ukraine-responding>

Prayer for the Peace of the World

Almighty God,
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:
kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen



Clock Change

Next week on Mothering Sunday the clocks will be changing.
As we head into BST, We will be loosing an hour of sleep.



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