

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.

Alpha/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.

Stone Jubilee fete

We will be having a table with children's activities at the Stone Village Fete on Friday 3rd June. This is a great opportunity to take the church into the wider community and build new connections but we need volunteers to help us on the day. If you can help look after the stall Naomi would love to hear from you naominz@hotmail.co.uk



Toilet twinning



Once again thank you to everyone who has already contributed to the toilet and tap twinning, but we are still desperate to know which country our facilities have been twinned with! Sue Birrell has been 'selling' countries for £1 a go before revealing the answer to us. She has already sold 58 but there are more available. *(There is a prize for the owner of the winning country).* If you would like to take part your last chance to do so will be **after the service today** as we are planning to reveal the answer during refreshments. So remember to bring a £1 with you to church today!

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

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St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 22nd May

10:30am HOLY COMMUNION

Revd Phil Groves / Richard Smith

Today is **ROGATION SUNDAY** – Rogation means asking. By tradition churches used to pray around the parish for the crops and livestock. As one of the psalms puts it:

"The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere Him."

With famine in Africa, and Ukraine and Russia providing much of the world's staple food, this year we need His blessing as much as ever. Please remember the farmers in Ukraine in your prayers as they struggle to send their crops abroad to where they are desperately needed.

This week



CORRECTION - The Christian Aid austerity lunch at the chapel is NOT today, it is next Sunday – 29th May at 12:00 noon. Apologies for the confusion.

Tuesday 24 th	10:00am – 12:00noon	CAFÉ IN THE PARK
	8:00pm	CHOIR PRACTICE in the church
Wednesday 25 th	8:00pm	SJB committee meeting (online)
Thursday 26 th	2:00pm	FUNERAL SERVICE for Revd. David Cooke
	7:30pm	BENEFICE SERVICE for ASCENSION DAY at SPP DINTON
Sunday 29 th	11:00am	JOINT SERVICE with METHODISTS at the CHAPEL (with David Pickup preaching)

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Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2022

This year's APCM was held on Tuesday 17th May in SJB Stone and it was followed by refreshments served from our lovely new kitchen facilities! We are now challenged to make best use of the facilities in welcoming our local community in to the church.

Our churchwarden for the last year has been Richard Smith but he has now stood down to concentrate on his LLM training. Richard was thanked for his service to our church and he received a well-deserved round of applause. He is staying on the PCC though so he is not saying goodbye. Our new warden at Stone is Raymond Medhurst and Sue Birrell has agreed to act as deputy. Our sister church at Dinton will continue to be served by Rosemary Jackson.

John 14. 23-29

23 Jesus replied, 'Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24 Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

25 'All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

28 'You heard me say, "I am going away and I am coming back to you." If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. 29 I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

Revd David Cooke

The funeral service for Revd David Cooke will take place here in St John the Baptist at 2:00pm on Thursday this week (26th May). It is family flowers only but donations can be given to the Royal British Legion. David was Rector of this Parish from Feb 9th 1970 to March 3rd 2007 a total of 37 years during which time the 'temporary' Rectory was on Ford Road (now the Archdeacon's House). We give thanks for his service to the church and ask that you will remember Tim, Imogen, Abigail and Jeremy and their respective families in your prayers this week.

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 - there will be two evening sessions 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.

Great prayer resources for individuals can be accessed here:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/2021-resources>

There are also paper copies of these available from the benefice office, SJB in Stone and SM in Haddenham. Please contact Cassa or Phil if you would like a booklet for children or a prayer journal.



*God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen