



### Living in love and faith

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.

There will be a study group in Stone at the Methodist Chapel led by Cassa, Richard Smith, and David Pickup. It will run on four 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

### Church toilet news



As the work progresses, we are extremely grateful that this project is continuing and that the new facilities will be blessed by Bishop Alan at our service on Sunday 10th April, to which you are all invited.

It's a very exciting time for us, but we also know there are many people and places in the world that don't even have a water supply let alone a toilet. We would like to twin our toilet and raise some money to help those without even the basic water supply or a nearby toilet as a sign of our thanks to God. You can find information about the scheme here: <https://www.toilettwinning.org/>

To raise some funds I have placed a blue board representing water at church, and some faces which can be added to the board for a small donation. You can colour the face, add a message or poem put your name and amount on the back; just to try and fill our board with colour and thanks for what we have while remembering those less fortunate than ourselves.

The money will be sent off and we then we will receive our certificate to show we have been twinned, BUT WHERE IN THE WORLD WILL OUR TWIN BE? Watch this space as we may well have a competition for that! Please show your thanks by donating as every penny counts.

Sue Birrell Fabric Committee Chair

### Fairtrade Fortnight 2022 21st February – 6th March

Order your Easter Eggs (choose milk, dark or new white) and Easter cards now

Speak to Sue Spinks – 748369 / [royandsue1@btinternet.com](mailto:royandsue1@btinternet.com)

10% of sale price is donated to Chinnor Christian Aid

**N.B. NO supermarkets are stocking Fairtrade eggs this year.**

For more information visit: [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)

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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

[www.stonedintonhartwell.com](http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com)

# St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February

## 10:30am HOLY COMMUNION

Rev'd Nigel Featherston / Rev'd Harriet Orridge

*The gospel for today: Luke 9:28-36*

### This week

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	7:30pm	CHOIR PRACTICE at the Chapel
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	7:30pm	BENEFICE SERVICE at SJB For ASH WEDNESDAY
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	7:30pm	LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH COURSE at the Chapel
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	2:00pm	WORLD DAY of PRAYER at the Chapel
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	10:00am – 12:00noon	CAFÉ IN THE PARK
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	10:30am	ALL AGE FAMILY SERVICE

### Update to covid arrangements

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.

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## Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2022

This year's APCM is on **17<sup>th</sup> 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. Details about registering will follow soon, so please watch this space. If you are already on the roll but want to come off, please let us know.

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

### 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



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.

Our Saturday morning Café will continue each month and our next one is this week on 5th March 10:00am – 12:00 noon

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

[pewsheet@stonedintonhartwell.com](mailto:pewsheet@stonedintonhartwell.com)

website: [www.stonedintonhartwell.com](http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com)

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## \* Prayers for the Ukraine, Russia & for World Peace\*

This Sunday 27th February, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, are inviting Christians to pray for the Ukraine, Russia and for Peace.

They have also encouraged the Church of England to join with the Diocese in Europe in prayer for the chaplaincy in Kyiv and the other churches that serve Ukraine on 1 March, and to join with Pope Francis in making Ash Wednesday a day of fasting and prayer for peace.

**'As Christians, our response to a crisis must be rooted in prayer. We invite you to join with us in praying for an outpouring of the Spirit of God, that the world may once again choose peace'**

Archbishop Justin Welby & Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



### A Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

*God of peace and justice,  
We pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion  
to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children  
at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.  
Amen*

Will you join in prayer for peace for our world? Please see the letter from the Archbishop of Canterbury [here](#)

And a prayer for those closer to home who are in special need at the moment:



*Dear Lord Jesus we bring before you all those known to us who are sick or in any kind of pain at this time. We pray especially for those who are waiting for hospital treatment or are recovering from it. Reach out your healing hands to them Lord, and bring them your peace. And we thank you for the skill of the medical staff who care for them. Amen*

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