

### 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.

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## St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

**10:30am**      **Passion Sunday**

*Rev. Sue Smith and Richard Smith*

### This week

<i>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April</i>	<i>10:00am – 12:00 Noon</i>	<i>Café In The Park</i>
<i>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April</i>	<i>1:30pm</i>	<i>Living In Love And Faith Course Online</i>
<i>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April</i>	<i>10:30am 6:00pm</i>	<i>Palm Sunday Holy Communion * Evensong – SPP, Dinton</i>

*\* Palm Sunday service with Choir.*

*We hope to livestream this service. Please see the front page of the website for more information during the week.*

### 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.

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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. You can enrol on the electoral roll online at:

[www.stonedintonhartwell.com/apcm/](http://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. Watch this space and save the date.



### Benefice Youth Ministry

We are so fortunate to have a brilliant benefice youth ministry team who organise meetings bi-monthly. This Sunday is the Easter social event, which looks great fun. Also being advertised is the diocesan youth weekend called 'Yellow Braces' 8-10th July. Please pray for our young people and the team.

[www.oxford.anglican.org/yellow-braces](http://www.oxford.anglican.org/yellow-braces)

### Prayer

Loving God, your Son told his disciples to become like little children.

Lead us to work for the welfare and protection of all young people.

May we respect their dignity that they may flourish in life, following the example of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Logs

The tree work at the church has now been completed and there are some logs available in the churchyard. If you would like to take some for your own use then you are welcome but if you can give a donation to the church it would be appreciated. Please leave the area tidy.

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Churches of: St. John Baptist, STONE; St Peter & Paul, DINTON; Assumption of St. Mary the Virgin, HARTWELL  
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Come and celebrate with us as our  
Facilities are completed

Bishop Steven will be at the church service on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>  
April 10.30am to bless our facilities and give thanks for them.  
Please come and join us.

St John the Baptist Church, Church Way, Stone, Aylesbury HP17 8RG

### Toilet Twinning

THANK YOU SO MUCH

Due to all of your donations we have been able to twin our toilet and our tap! So now even more people have not only have a toilet as we do, but have running water too.



### Facilities Wish List

There are lots of things needed in the kitchen to make sure we can use our facilities to the full and we are asking for your help again. In the porch you will find a list of some of these things and if you would like to pledge a donation for something specific please tick it off on the list and put your donation in the box on the board. Make sure you highlight when you have paid so we don't come calling again. THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY BEEN SO GENEROUS.

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