

Update on keeping everyone safe at our services

Churches are now expected to decide for themselves what their covid risks are and to apply appropriate regulations. 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.

If you are in doubt as to whether you should attend, please keep yourself safe. We have services on our [YouTube](#) channel and we will look forward to seeing you again another time.

Marking the Queen's Platinum Jubilee



This year to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee the country has a special bank holiday weekend. The Spring Bank Holiday (originally on Monday May 30) will be moved to Thursday June 2 and an additional bank holiday will be held on Friday June 3. So that means we have a four day bank holiday weekend! The Parish Council are organising a village fete on Friday June 3 and we as the church will take part in this. We are also planning our own church celebrations because Sunday June 5 is Pentecost - so it will be a wonderful weekend of community celebration all round! Details will become available nearer the time when they are being finalised but we already know we will need helpers - please mark the date(s) on your calendar now.

The Queen's accession to the throne

Today, 6th February, is the 70th anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne. It was Prince Philip who took her the news that her father had passed away. They were in Kenya at the time. In more recent years the Queen has treated 6th February as a day of quiet reflection at Sandringham. This year of course Philip will not be beside her.

The Queen as sovereign is also the Supreme Head of the Church of England, and she makes it known that her Christian faith is very important to her.



Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ exchanged the glory of a heavenly throne for the form of a servant, we thank you that you have given Elizabeth our Queen a heart to serve her people, and have kept her devoted in this service beyond all who were before her: encourage us by her example to serve one another, and to seek the common good, until you call us all to reign with Christ in your eternal kingdom. Amen

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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 6th February

10:30am ALL AGE FAMILY SERVICE

Rev'd Phil Groves

This week we will be thinking about the story of the Disney film [Encanto](#) and asking why they [don't talk about Bruno](#). There may be some mild spoilers and we will have video clips. It will enable us to think about the inclusion of all in God's Family and we will have the chance to enjoy the stand out TV moment of 2021 - Rose Ayling-Ellis dancing on Strictly.

We are going to learn a new song called [The Big Family of God](#) and you may want to take a look as a family before the service so we can sing along together.

Phil



*Help us dear Lord to put aside preconceptions about other people, because that alters our behaviour towards them.
Help us to simply accept that they, like us, are precious in your eyes.
Amen*

This week

Tuesday 8 st Feb	7:30pm	Choir practice at the Chapel
Saturday 12 th Feb	10:30am	Choir practice at the Chapel
Sunday 13 th Feb	10:30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Sunday 13 th Feb	4:00pm	PARISH EVENSONG at SPP DINTON

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Lent course

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

Summer Holiday Club

Churches Together in Haddenham is very excited to announce a new holiday club venture for this summer. This is a holiday club for children aged 4-11 years, who are at school or live in our benefice. It will run from Monday 22nd of August to Thursday 25th August from 9.30am to 1pm. This is a great way to serve our communities and to work with other Christians to share the Good News in a fun way.

How can you help?

- **Pray** – asking for God's help in all aspects of Holiday Club is a key task.
- **Preparation** (before the event) – collecting craft resources, various co-ordinator roles (e.g. refreshment, helpers, registration), stage team and music.
- **Helping during the week:** can you do the whole week, a morning or two? Are you free the weekend before Holiday Club but not during the week? There are many roles, which are mostly very flexible:
If you love working with children – age group leader, group leader, group assistant (12-16 years), help with drama, craft, or sport?
If you feel called to work elsewhere – administration, registration assistant, refreshments team, site crew, car park team, site build up and take down.

If you can help, please speak to Cassa (Rector) or email: cassamesservy@gmail.com

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

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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! Maybe you could offer your time once a fortnight or once a month.

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. Thankyou.

Our Saturday Café will continue to run once a month. The next one is on **5th March**. Thankyou to everyone who helped yesterday, we had a wonderful time with a packed Café and new visitors to make welcome.

News from the chapel

From the generous offerings made at last week's Covenant Service it was decided to make a donation of £50.00 to the Save the Children Afghanistan Appeal.



Pat Card who passed away recently was known to many in the Church, especially as she sang for some years with the SJB Choir. The arrangements have now been made for her funeral; this will be at the Chapel at 2 p.m. on Tuesday 15th February. Mourners are invited to remain at the Chapel for refreshments after the Service, while the family attend the committal at the Eythrope Road Cemetery.



Loving Heavenly Father, bring comfort and peace to all who are mourning the loss of a loved one at this time, and in the weeks and months ahead sustain them with your perfect love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

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