

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

Prayers from a bomb shelter

Prayers for peace led by an Anglican priest in a bomb shelter in Kyiv will be heard across the BBC's network of local radio stations at 8:00am today. *(you will probably be able to listen later on BBC Sounds).*

The Revd Sylvia Cortez-Masyuk will remember all those caught up in war and facing separation, fear and bereavement, in prayer as part of a service to be broadcast across 39 local radio stations in England. She will also be joined by her husband Volodymyr Masyuk, reading the Lord's Prayer in Ukrainian.

The service is being led by the Church of England's Diocese in Europe, which has churches both in Kyiv and Moscow.

Alison Rogers, a member of the congregation of St Andrew's Anglican Church Moscow, will give a reading from John 14: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you".

Other contributors will include Fr Bohdan Matwijczuk, a priest in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Great Britain.

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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

**St. John the Baptist STONE
 Sunday 6th March**

10:30am ALL AGE FAMILY SERVICE
Revd Phil Groves

*Gospel reading for today Luke 4:1-13
 Jesus is tested in the wilderness*

This week

<i>Tuesday 8th March</i>	<i>10:00am – 12:00</i>	<i>CAFÉ in the PARK</i>
<i>Tuesday 8th March</i>	<i>7:30pm</i>	<i>CHOIR PRACTICE at the Chapel</i>
<i>Wednesday 9th March</i>	<i>8:00pm</i>	<i>PCC meeting at SPP Dinton</i>
<i>Thursday 10th March</i>	<i>7:30pm</i>	<i>LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH COURSE at the Chapel</i>
<i>Sunday 13th March</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>HOLY COMMUNION</i>
<i>Sunday 13th March</i>	<i>6:00pm</i>	<i>PARISH EVENSONG at SPP Dinton</i>

If you missed the Ash Wednesday service you can watch on catch up on <https://www.facebook.com/WychertValeBenefice>

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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.

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. 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.



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IN LOVE
& FAITH

Living in love and faith

This year as a Benefice we are engaging with the national 'Living in Love and Faith' (LLF) material and exploring issues of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage.

A study group is meeting at the Methodist Chapel in Stone on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm and it is not too late to join in. We are being led by Cassa, Richard Smith, and David Pickup. There is also 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](#)

A prayer from the course:



*God of gentleness and love
draw near to us as we draw near to you.
Dwell in every heart and conversation,
fashion in us the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ.
Help us to discern together all that you are calling us to be
and all that you are calling us to do.
Assist us, by your Spirit, to become a more contemplative
more compassionate and more courageous Church.
For the building of your kingdom and the glory of your Son.
Amen*

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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.

Our Saturday morning Café will continue each month. Thankyou to the team of helpers from yesterday especially those who were new. Well done everybody.

** Prayers for the Ukraine, Russia & for World 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

Father in Heaven

In these turbulent times we are shocked and dismayed by the suffering and devastation inflicted by deliberate human intent.

We pray for those who have been separated from those they love, anxious for the safety of others more than themselves.

Be with those who have fled their homeland with nowhere to go, looking for a safe place to stay.

Bring comfort to those who are sick, hungry, or living in fear.

And we pray for those who have died and for those who mourn.

Give wisdom to the leaders of the nations as they seek to bring the conflict to an end, and pour out your spirit on all peoples so that the world may once again choose the path of peace.

May your light shine out ever more brightly through the darkness and restore hope for the future.

Amen

The charity **Link to Hope** is supported by some of our benefice churches through the Christmas shoe box appeal. They now also have a Ukraine campaign that will support project managers in Ukraine and countries taking in refugees around Ukraine:
<https://linktohope.co.uk/campaigns/donate-to-the-ukraine/>

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