

Lent Courses - Dust and Glory

We are welcoming everyone to join us for our Lent Study Group.

When - 8pm on Five Mondays starting 27th Feb

Where - Vicarage Farmhouse - the home of Clare and Terry (*thankyou both*)

What - Five Bible Studies on Peter: The Disciple who followed and failed and followed again. Sessions led by David Pickup and Richard Smith.

Can't make Mondays? Phil will be leading a group in Cuddington Church 12noon Fridays. He is also recording the sessions on YouTube and as a podcast for people to use at home.

A great alternative is a book group looking at the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book 'Failure: What Jesus said about sin, mistakes and messing stuff up' by Emma Ineson

- 1) Wednesday 11.30-12.30pm hosted in the Small Hall, St. Mary's Centre Haddenham (starting 1st March)
- 2) Zoom session – evening 8-9pm, day to be confirmed.

Books can be bought from the Benefice Office, please contact Chloe 01844 291108.



'SOCIALLY CRAFTY'
MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY
10.30am - 12.30pm

in St John the Baptist Church, Stone.

Many of you will have seen the splendid banner of 'HOPE' in the church that was made by volunteers a few years back.

We are now going to make another one – this time saying 'LOVE' - but we need your willing hands to do that. The good news is that no special skills are needed, and of course you can always bring something else and just sit and chat if you prefer.

Make friends ~ Drink Coffee ~ Eat Cake ~ Do Crafts if you want

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Save these Dates

Ash Wednesday benefice service – 22nd Feb 7.30pm hosted here at SJB Stone

World Day of Prayer – 3rd March at 2.00pm at the chapel in Eythrope Road

Maudy Thursday benefice service – 6th April 7.30pm hosted at St. Nicholas, Kingsey

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BELONG - BELIEVE - BUILD - WITH CHRIST AS THE CORNERSTONE



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 12th February

10:30am **FAMILY COMMUNION**

Led by Revd Nigel Featherston



EXPLORERS will meet during the service

Our coffee cup collection until the end of February is for Aylesbury PACE which supports children with neurodisabilities



*Father, thankyou for knowing me more than I know myself.
Help me to know, to love, and to trust you more,
and to daily grow stronger in you.*

Amen

3:00pm **EVENSONG at SPP Dinton**

Led by David Pickup

		This week
Tues 14 th	11:00am	Café in the Park in the Jubilee Pavilion
	7:30pm	Choir practice at the chapel
Sun 19 th	9:00am	Matins led by David Pickup
	10:30am	Family Worship led by Revd Harriet Orridge

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Matthew 5:21-37

Murder

²¹ 'You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, "You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment." ²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, "Raca," is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, "You fool!" will be in danger of the fire of hell.

²³ 'Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

²⁵ 'Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

Adultery

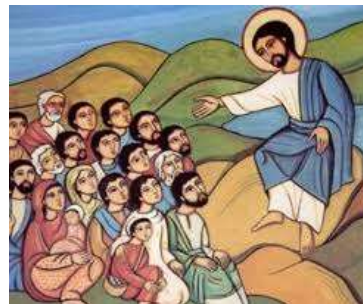
²⁷ 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." ²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

Divorce

³¹ 'It has been said, "Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce." ³² But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Oaths

³³ 'Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, "Do not break your oath, but fulfil to the Lord the oaths you have made." ³⁴ But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. ³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. ³⁷ All you need to say is simply "Yes," or "No"; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.



Last week Jesus told us He had not come to abolish the Law or the Prophets, but to fulfil them. This week he expands on that. Today's passage contains no parables or miracles, only straightforward teaching. Jesus is linking familiar lessons from Jewish teachings to his own ministry as he instructs his followers in the demands of discipleship. Here he is reminding them of the laws of Moses, and then taking them beyond specific behaviours to the attitudes and emotions that give rise to them. We all need to be honest with ourselves about what motivates our actions, and recognise the need for changes within. The righteousness of the kingdom of God is about more than just following the rules. It requires a life surrendered to God and to our neighbour – and for us to allow the Holy Spirit to get to work within us straight away to achieve it.

***** **TURKEY – SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL** *****

Stay or Take Away simple lunch of bread & cheese

Saturday 18th February 11:00am -2:00pm

Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road

***** **Donations for DEC emergency appeal** *****

This prayer for Turkey and Syria is from [DEC member agency](#) Tearfund.



Loving God

God of the Earth, of the mountains and the seas,

We lift before you the people of Turkey and Syria,

We pray for help for people who are trapped under rubble.

We pray for shelter for those who have lost their homes.

We pray for comfort for people who are grieving.

We pray for peace for all who are scared and alone.

We pray for the earth to be calm and for the aftershocks to subside.

We pray for those who have already lost so much and now have another disaster to face.

Give them strength and courage. Be their fortress, their rock and their refuge.

In Jesus' name. Amen

Pastoral Care

If you know of anyone in the parish who has a pastoral need or would like to receive communion at home please be in touch with Revd Harriet Orridge at harriet.wychert@gmail.com or contact the benefice office on 01844 291108.

Lent Taizé Services

There will be Lent Taizé services at St. Mary's Church in Haddenham on Thursday evenings during Lent, 8-8.45pm starting 2nd March. These services will focus on the last week before Jesus' death on the Cross with readings, a reflection and Taizé chants.