

SOMETHING NEW IS COMING TO STONE!

Do you want to:

- Be in at the start
- One of the first
- A trendsetter
- Just interested
- Enjoy a Coffee and a Chat
- Sit and Knit and Natter or do something different



IF SO THEN COME TO 'SOCIALLY CRAFTY'-----

MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

10.30am - 12.30pm

in St John the Baptist Church, Stone

We hope to run this on the 3rd Monday of each month (excepting Bank Holidays) and can evolve as the need arises.

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

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER CHAPEL BOOK DAY!

SATURDAY 21st JANUARY

10.30am – 4.00pm

In the Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road
also tasty toasties, tea, coffee and biscuits

all funds raised will go towards funding a ramp for easy access to the
Chapel for those with mobility difficulties

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St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 15th January

9:00am **MATINS (Prayer Book Service)**

Led by David Pickup

10:30am **FAMILY WORSHIP**

Led by Revd Cassa Messervy and David Pickup

Readings: Isaiah 49:1-7 "a light to the nations"

Psalm 40: 1-11 "the Lord... heard my cry"

Corinthians 1:1-9 "God is faithful"



EXPLORERS will meet during the service

Our coffee cup collection at the end of our services this month will be for PACE in Aylesbury. PACE helps children with neurodisabilities to achieve their fullest potential.



January

- 17th 11:00am** **Café in the Park** in the Jubilee Pavilion
- 22nd 10:30am** **Holy Communion** - Canon Phil and our **EXPLORERS** group.
We will also be welcoming three young siblings for Baptism.
- 24th 11:00am** **Café in the Park** in the Jubilee Pavilion
- 25th 8:00pm** **SJB committee meeting** online
- 29th 11:00am** **Special Service** of unity in the chapel with our Methodist friends
There is no service in SJB Stone
- 31st 11:00am** **Café in the Park** in the Jubilee Pavilion

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John 1:29-42

John testifies about Jesus

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and said, 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is the one I meant when I said, "A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me." 31 I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptising with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.'

32 Then John gave this testimony: 'I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. 33 And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water told me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptise with the Holy Spirit." 34 I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One.'

John's disciples follow Jesus

35 The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. 36 When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, 'Look, the Lamb of God!'

37 When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. 38 Turning round, Jesus saw them following and asked, 'What do you want?'

They said, 'Rabbi' (which means 'Teacher'), 'where are you staying?'

39 'Come,' he replied, 'and you will see.'

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

40 Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. 41 The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, 'We have found the Messiah' (that is, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas' (which, when translated, is Peter).

Identifying Jesus as the 'Lamb of God' was significant to the Jewish people. Each year at Passover they sacrificed a lamb to atone for their sins – but the sacrifice needed to be repeated again the next year. When John called Jesus the Lamb of God he was recognising him as the long awaited perfect Saviour. From that point on, having accomplished his witnessing task, John faded from the picture. He is seen only once more in this Gospel, when his disciples ask him about Jesus, who has become quite popular. John tells them, "He must increase, but I must decrease". John is now directing the attention of his own followers towards Jesus. He is sharing his own experience and understanding of who Jesus is, and as a result two of his own disciples choose to follow Jesus instead, and then one of them (Andrew) brings his brother Simon Peter to Jesus too. And so it all began! When we share with others our own experience of Jesus in our lives, others will want to know him too. We give thanks for the generations before us who did just that, ensuring the good news of Jesus has reached us today.

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th to the 25th January

For this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we are guided by the churches of Minneapolis as we seek to explore how the work of Christian unity can contribute to the promotion of racial justice across all levels of society. Through this resource, the CTBI writers' group has also focussed our attention on the 30th anniversary of the murder of Stephen Lawrence, which we mark in 2023. The work of restoring hope through justice undertaken in Stephen's memory continues to inspire and change lives for the better. As we join with other Christians around the world for the Week of Prayer we pray that our hearts will be open to see and hear the many ways in which racism continues to destroy lives, and to discern the steps we can take as individuals and communities to heal the hurts and build a better future for everyone.

Resources: <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2023/>



*God of Unity
forgive us when we are self-serving
and help us to grow in unity and understanding
as we extend your love and justice to all.
In Jesus name we pray, Amen.*

Aylesbury Community Christmas Lunch

This letter was recently received by our PCC treasurer Steven Kennell:

Dear Steven

I am just writing a quick note to thank you for all of the support St John the Baptist Church Stone gave to the Community Christmas Lunch at St Mary's. The money your congregation gave to the project was used to buy the food and other items for the lunch. The event was a real success and 107 guests enjoyed lunch and entertainment and even haircuts so we made a difference to those people who without the lunch would have been on their own at Christmas. We are just putting together a small newsletter with some pictures and more details and we will send you a copy as soon as that's done but we just wanted to say once again thank you so much for your support it was very much appreciated by all of our guests!

Kind Regards

Paul & Kim Walter

Community Christmas Lunch Organisers

***WANTED an upright vacuum cleaner for the church
if anyone has one to spare please let Sue Birrell know THANKYOU***

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