



Dogs for Good

Our Coffee Cup collection during September is for this charity. Dogs for Good trains dogs to help people affected by disability, dementia, autism, and other conditions and mental health challenges. Some of you will have already met William who has been to church several times already. He lives with and supports the Rush family, and Jo Rush has spoken in church about how much difference he makes to their lives. Next week will be the last Sunday when our coffee cup money goes to this cause. In October we will be supporting the Foodbank.




CHURCHYARD GARDENING

Thankyou to everyone who helped in the churchyard yesterday, and to Aaron who has been working hard in the churchyard at Hartwell.



Dates for your diary


- Weds 27th September – SJB committee meeting
- Sat 30th September – Worlds biggest coffee morning and book sale at the chapel
- Sun 1st October – Harvest Thanksgiving
- Sun 8th October – Confirmation service with Bishop Alan at SPP Dinton
- Sun 8th October – Harvest Evensong at SPP Dinton
- Sun 29th October – Service of Loving Remembrance
- Sat 25th November – Christmas Coffee and Gift Fair run by 'Socially Crafty' who meet in the church on the **third Monday of each month.**



Network Name: **SJB Congregation**

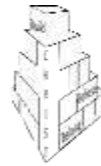
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Churches of: St. John Baptist, STONE; Ss Peter & Paul, DINTON; Assumption of St. Mary the Virgin, HARTWELL
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St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 17th September

9:00am MATINS (Prayer Book service)
Led by: David Pickup

10:30am FAMILY WORSHIP
Led by: David Pickup



EXPLORERS will meet in the vestry during the service

Confirmation preparation

There will be a service of confirmation in SPP Dinton led by Bishop Alan, on Sunday 8th October at 4:00pm. If you are thinking of being confirmed, or would like to know more about it, please let Revd Phil Groves know. He would be happy to have a chat with you.
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THIS WEEK

Mon	18 th	10:30am	Socially Crafty
Tues	19 th	11:00am	Café in the Park - in the Jubilee Pavilion
		7:30pm	Choir practice in the church
Sun	24 th	10:30am	FAMILY COMMUNION led by Revd Nigel Featherston

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Matthew 18:21-35
The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

²² Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

²³ "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt."

²⁶ "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' ²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go."

²⁸ "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. ²⁹ "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'

³⁰ "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened."

³² "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed."

³⁵ "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

C S Lewis wrote 'Everyone thinks forgiveness is a lovely idea until they have something to forgive'. So often the lack of forgiveness destroys relationships between people. Here the first servant was unwilling to forgive a comparatively small debt even though he had already been forgiven a much larger debt himself. We do not earn our forgiveness from God – he gives that freely because of what Jesus did for us on the Cross. We have all been forgiven so much by God that we must keep on forgiving the smaller offences committed against us – no matter how many times they occur. Sometimes that is hard to do, but forgiveness is a deliberate choice we make.



New course: The Story of Scripture

This course is part of the new Diocesan learning hub and free to use for anyone living or worshipping in the Oxford Diocese. [Watch this film to find out more](#). The story of the Bible is fundamentally about how God created us, how things have gone wrong, and how God faithfully throughout human history has called people back into relationship with him. This going deeper course is designed to help you get a firmer handle on that big story through the use of videos, questions, and quizzes.

The Story of Scripture launches in October 2023 and it takes around 15 hours to complete. [Register here](#), before mid-October for access to the course materials when they are launched and we'll be in touch with links and all that you need to get started.



A prayer for those affected by the floods in Libya.

*Lord Jesus, you're familiar with grief,
you know what it is to weep with those who are suffering.*

You're close to the broken hearted and comfort those who mourn.

Devastating flooding has led to losses beyond measure for the people of Libya.

With so many thousands affected, help us to see beyond the numbers to real communities and families whose lives have been upturned.

We pray that you would strengthen those who are still fighting to survive, and the rescue workers trying to save them.

We pray that you would console those who fear the worst as they wait for news.

We pray that you would be with all who are traumatised and deeply grieving.

Show us, Lord, how to serve you by helping our neighbours in Libya.

When we are daunted by the scale of the disaster, inspire us with your Spirit that we may know how to make a difference.

We thank you for the work of aid agencies on the ground and for all who give what they can to help save lives and support survivors.

You're close to the broken hearted Lord. Be close to the people of Libya, we pray.

Amen

Source: Christian Aid

New Methodist minister

Our friends at the chapel have welcomed their new minister, Revd Hee Gon Moon. His pastoral responsibilities cover five other churches as well as Stone. In his early life he was a Buddhist in Busan, South Korea before converting to Christianity at the age of 16. After completing Bible College and National Service he served as a missionary in the Middle East and was ordained in the Korean Presbyterian Church. We look forward to working with him and welcoming him ourselves.