

SOCIALLY CRAFTY
Monday 20th March
10:30am – 12:30pm

Everyone is welcome to join in the craft project, no special skills are needed, or you can bring something else to do, or just sit and chat if you prefer.

Make friends ~ Drink Coffee ~ Eat Cake ~ Do Crafts

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



This Green and Pleasant Land

A concert of music by English Composers, sung by the Witchert Chorale

Saturday 25th March at 7.30pm
St Nicholas Church Cuddington

Proceeds to Aylesbury Women's Aid and St Nicholas Church

Advance tickets £12.50 U16 free Tickets on the door £15

Book ahead at www.witchert.org.uk or phone Ann on 07876 683990

Electoral roll

Once again it is the time of year for the revision of the church Electoral Roll, which always occurs before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. If you would like to apply to be included on the church Electoral Roll, and you meet the criteria, which you will find on the church website as well as on the Electoral Roll notice displayed in the church porch, please telephone for an application form. If you are already on the Roll and would like your name taken off, or for any further information please telephone the number below or speak with one of our church wardens. The deadline for receiving completed application forms is 25th April 2023

Dee James 01296 747671 or 07773270023

Save these Dates

Maundy Thursday 6th April 7:30pm benefice service hosted at St. Nicholas, Kingsey

Good Friday 7th April 10:00am Walk of Witness

10:30am Easter Garden service for all ages

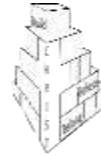
Easter Sunday 9th April – service details to follow

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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 19th March

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

Led by David Pickup

10:30am **MOTHERING SUNDAY WORSHIP**

with posies



Led by Richard Smith

Readings: Ruth chapter 1

Psalm 91

*This service is for ALL AGES together so **EXPLORERS** will not meet*



During March and April, any money raised from coffee and biscuits at the end of services will be given to the work of The Leprosy Mission (TLM).

THIS WEEK

Mon 20th 10:30am **Socially Crafty** in the church
8:00pm **Lent Study Group** at Vicarage Farmhouse

Tues 21st 11:00am **Café in the Park** in the Jubilee Pavilion
7:30pm **Choir practice** at the chapel

Thurs 23rd 8:00pm **SJB committee meeting** online

Sat 25th **remember to put your clock forward an hour before bed !!**

Sun 26th 10:30am **FAMILY COMMUNION**

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John 3:1-17

Jesus washes his disciples' feet

13 It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

2 The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. **3** Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; **4** so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel round his waist. **5** After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped round him.

6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?'

7 Jesus replied, 'You do not realise now what I am doing, but later you will understand.'

8 'No,' said Peter, 'you shall never wash my feet.'

Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.'

9 'Then, Lord,' Simon Peter replied, 'not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!'

10 Jesus answered, 'Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.' **11** For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not everyone was clean.

12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. 'Do you understand what I have done for you?' he asked them. **13** 'You call me "Teacher" and "Lord", and rightly so, for that is what I am. **14** Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. **15** I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. **16** Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. **17** Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them'.

This was not the ritual washing that a female slave would normally carry out in preparation for the meal. The evening meal was already in progress when Jesus began washing the disciples' feet, and it made Peter feel uncomfortable. Peter could see this was a significant act but he did not understand it, so he objected.

Notice that Peter called Jesus 'Lord' because that gives us a clue to Peter's concerns. Jesus is breaking the conventions of society because a Lord does not wash the feet of a servant. However, we already know that Jesus never hesitated to contradict societal norms when teaching his disciples, and as his followers we should be prepared to challenge what society expects as well.

Jesus was demonstrating the full extent of his love by washing his disciples' feet, and he tells us we must do likewise and follow his example in humble service to one another, whatever our status. Status in society has no place in God's Kingdom.

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Mothering Sunday origins

Each year on the fourth Sunday of Lent, countries around the world celebrate Mothering Sunday. This typically involves lavishing Mums with gifts and celebrating the women who have nurtured us throughout our lives – but the origins are different.

In the 16th century, Mothering Sunday was less about mothers and more about church. People then would make a journey to their 'mother' church once a year. This might have been their home church, their nearest cathedral or a major parish church in a bigger town. The service at the 'mother' church symbolised the coming together of families - a significant journey for many.

Another tradition was to allow those working in the fields on wealthy farms and estates to have the day off on the fourth Sunday of Lent to visit their mothers and go to church too. This was a variation on the theme of visiting the 'mother' church and was a move towards a more family focussed occasion. Before the days of cars and roads, family get-togethers were far more rare, (and facetime was still a long way off). This tradition is still alive today as grown up children often visit their parents on Mothering Sunday.

(taken from the Church of England website)



Loving God,

Thank you for mums and children

and for all the joy of family life.

Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother;

Be close to those who are struggling because they have no children;

Be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from those they love.

Let your love be present in every home,

And help your church to have eyes to see and ears to hear the needs of all who come.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Flower Ladies

As well the lovely flowers for the funeral of Joan Shurvell on Friday the flower ladies also made 35 posies for Revd Harriet to take to Stone House yesterday. They were given out to each resident individually and were very well received with many comments about how beautiful they were. Some were amazed to know the church had thought about them at all. We also gave the staff a big box of chocolates and a card as a thankyou for the care they give.

The flower ladies have also produced the posies we will be distributing in church today. So, a big *Thankyou* to Dee, Gwen, Sue H, Liz T, Enid, Clare, and Pumpkin.



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