

Matins is on the move!

In order to fit in better to the benefice pattern of services we have decided to move our third Sunday service of Matins to the first Sunday of each month. This will begin on 4th June. Matins is a short prayer book service at 9:00am and we sit in the chancel. We do not sing - the focus is on the Word and the liturgy, and is a good way to start the day. Everyone is welcome. Although it is a prayer book service you will be guided through it as we go, so no previous experience is required.

Coffee Cup news

Thanks to your generosity over the past two months we have raised £172.11 from our coffee cup collections to support the work of the Leprosy Mission.

We are currently supporting Christian Aid and you can hear more about that in our service today.

Next week we will move on to the Aylesbury Town Centre chaplaincy. This is a team of volunteers from a number of different churches and their work includes the weekend Street Angels who go into the town centre late at night at the weekends.



Bug houses

If you look carefully in the churchyard you may spot some paper tubes hanging from the trees! Each one is stuffed with smaller paper tubes, twigs, and bamboo.

On Monday morning our Socially Crafty team set to work making these in an attempt to attract Masonry bees. We are trying to encourage them away from the church brickwork where they could cause damage.

So thankyou Socially Crafty team, and also thankyou to everyone who turned up on Saturday morning to care for the churchyard.

Music in Quiet Places

Saturday 24th June at 7:30pm ~ St Peter & St Paul Church Dinton ~ Tickets cost £10

Concert includes pieces by Bach, Beethoven, and Eybler.

Ticket agent: Helen Wild 01296 748679 wilddinton@waitrose.com

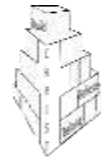
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BELONG - BELIEVE - BUILD - WITH CHRIST AS THE CORNERSTONE



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 21st May

9:00am

MATINS (Prayer Book Service)

Led by: David Pickup

10:30am

FAMILY WORSHIP

Led by: Revd Phil Groves



EXPLORERS will meet during the service

7:00pm



HALF HOUR OF PRAYER in the church

for ourselves, our church, our friends and families, our community, our country, for the world an informal gathering for prayer and quiet reflection open to all.

THIS WEEK

Tues 23rd 11:00am

7:30pm

Café in the Park - in the Jubilee Pavilion

Choir practice – in the church

Sat 27th

10:30am

Choir practice – in the church

Sun 28th

10:30am

FAMILY COMMUNION (PENTECOST)

led by: Revd Nigel Featherston and David Pickup

every evening
this week 7:00pm

**half an hour of informal prayer in
church for 'Thy Kingdom Come'**



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Matthew 13:31-35

³¹ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. ³² Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

³³ He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

³⁴ Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. ³⁵ So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet:

“I will open my mouth in parables,
I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world”

Joel 1:10-12

¹⁰ The fields are ruined, the ground is dried up;
the grain is destroyed, the new wine is dried up, the olive oil fails.

¹¹ Despair, you farmers, wail, you vine growers;
grieve for the wheat and the barley, because the harvest of the field is destroyed.

¹² The vine is dried up and the fig tree is withered;
the pomegranate, the palm and the apple tree -
all the trees of the field - are dried up.
Surely the people’s joy is withered away.

Joel 2:21-25

²¹ Do not be afraid, land of Judah; be glad and rejoice.
Surely the LORD has done great things!

²² Do not be afraid, you wild animal
for the pastures in the wilderness are becoming green.
The trees are bearing their fruit;
the fig tree and the vine yield their riches.

²³ Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the LORD your God,
for he has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful.
He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before.

²⁴ The threshing floors will be filled with grain;
the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.

²⁵ “I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten—
the great locust and the young locust,
the other locusts and the locust swarm—
my great army that I sent among you.



We are now at the end of Christian Aid week and our coffee cup collection today as well as from last week will be given to it. Support for Christian Aid Week has never been more vital – this year Christian Aid week is supporting Malawi, who are paying a harsh price for the global cost of living and climate crises. Cyclone Freddy struck the southern part of the country during the growing season, which had a devastating effect.

Christian Aid believes there is still hope. With support, farmers are able to bounce back using the most resilient crop, pigeon peas, and winter crop planting where possible. Esther Saizi (pictured) and her co-operative make bread from pigeon peas. Revd Phil Groves will be talking about Esther in our morning service today.

Christian Aid works in some of the world's poorest communities. They act where there is great need, regardless of religion, supporting people to live a full life, free from poverty.



In all we do let us show the love of Jesus.
Let us treat everyone with dignity.
Let us stand up for equality.
Let us fight for justice.
In all we do we will show the love of Jesus.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.