

SOMETHING NEW IS COMING TO STONE!

Do you want to be in at the start? 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



Posada pictures

We are still receiving pictures of Mary and Joseph on their Advent journey around the Parish. Here you can see they are being well looked after by one of our young hostesses.

If there are any more pictures to come in please send them in soon to the pewsheet address below. We would love to display them all together in the church.

Many thanks to all those who took part this year.



Do you have 1-2 hours per month available to help out on a voluntary basis with the delivery of the Parish Church & Community News to residents in your area?

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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 22nd January**

10:30am FAMILY COMMUNION

*Led by Revd Canon Phil Groves
We will also be welcoming **Rupert, Rose, and Monty** for baptism. Please remember them, as well as their parents Eunice and James in your prayers.*



EXPLORERS will meet during the service



*Loving Heavenly Father
We pray for all those who are starting out on their journey of faith. Young or old, thank you that it is never too late to take the first step. We especially remember today our young Explorers as well as Rupert, Rose and Monty. Guide and protect them all as they learn to put their trust in you. May they always know your loving presence with them and may the light of Christ shine in their lives ever more brightly.
Amen*

January

- 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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Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins to preach

¹² When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali – ¹⁴ to fulfil what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁵ 'Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles –

¹⁶ the people living in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.'

¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

Jesus calls his first disciples

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.' ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

It must have been devastating for Jesus to hear that his cousin had been put in prison for his preaching. John's arrest would have created a dangerous situation for Jesus as well but he was not daunted by it. Even so, he left the Judean wilderness and settled in Capernaum. For the time being he would carry out his ministry of proclamation in and around Galilee. He preached the same message that caused John's arrest 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near'.

The ministry of Jesus was beginning.

The next scenes illustrate how dramatically lives can change when Jesus appears.

Without comments or questions, Peter and Andrew abandoned the tools of their trade and followed him when he called them. Next, Jesus' call took priority over family commitments for James and John. Jesus disrupted these four men's lives, called them to a different loyalty and way of life, created a new community, and gave them a new mission. These were exciting times!

Answering Jesus' call is an exciting step for all of us if we are prepared to follow him. We can make that decision at any time. You can make it today if you have not already done so.

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Benefice Notices

Come and See

The 'Come and See' course (run by Oxford Diocese) takes place during Lent each year. This year it starts on Ash Wednesday, 22 February. The Diocese will send you a short email each day, Monday to Saturday, and on Sundays during Lent you receive a short video from Bishop Steven exploring the theme in a bit more detail. Each email begins with a short passage of text from the Bible. For more information and to sign up: <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see/>

Pastoral Care

We are concerned about the high levels of pastoral care needs across our benefice at the moment. We are particularly worried about people who might be 'falling through the gaps' and being missed for visits, home communion or practical support. Rev Harriet has kindly offered to lead an initiative over the next couple of months to ensure we pick up people who may have been missed and put strategies in place to resources the pastoral care ministries of the whole church family. Please be in touch with Harriet harriet.wychert@gmail.com to highlight people who you know of who are in need of pastoral care or please contact her or Chloe in the office 01844 291108 if you have a pastoral need and would like a visit or support.

Save these Dates

Ash Wednesday benefice service – 22nd Feb 7.30pm hosted here at SJB Stone
Maundy Thursday benefice service – 6th April 7.30pm hosted at St. Nicholas, Kingsey

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Coffee cup collections

Each month we support a different good cause by asking for donations of loose cash in our 'coffee cup' at refreshment time after the morning service (you will see the coffee cup on the kitchen counter). We prefer smaller local charities (that do not receive national publicity) or those with which anyone in our church family has a personal connection.



This month we are supporting PACE in Aylesbury. PACE helps children with neurodisabilities to achieve their fullest potential. In December we supported the Free Christmas Day Lunch in St Mary's church in Aylesbury. We have been sent some photographs of the day and these will soon be on display at the back of the church.

The SJB committee will be considering other good causes at their meeting this week.

Prayer for Christian unity

We pray for churches of all traditions across our benefice, our country, and the wider world who are sharing in this week's Prayer for Christian Unity. We ask that they be united in seeking justice as well as united in prayer. Amen



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