



Choir practice

Choir practices for Pentecost (28th May) will start on **Tuesday 2nd May** at 7:30pm in the church. Chris Ashbridge would welcome enquiries from anyone who would like to sing in the choir. There is no audition – you just need to enjoy singing! 01296 748777

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) Wednesday 10th May 2023 at 20:00 St Peter and St Paul, Dinton

Reminder - the deadline for receiving completed application forms to join the Electoral Roll is 25th April (this Tuesday). Dee James: 01296 747671 or 07773270023



Coronation of King Charles III

We are now on day 15 of the book of 'Daily Prayers for the Coronation of King Charles III'. These booklets were given out in church on Easter Sunday. The notes for today remind us that many objects in the Coronation Regalia are marked with a cross in some way; and a dove, the symbol of God the Holy Spirit perches on the cross at the top of the rod. Together they remind us that Jesus Christ is king over all. Here is the prayer for day 15:



*God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory. Amen*

(from the Church of England book of daily prayers for the coronation)

Café in the Park

Saturday 6th May (10:00am- 12:00 noon)

WE ARE GOING AHEAD (even though it overlaps a bit with the Coronation).

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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 23rd April

10:30am FAMILY COMMUNION

Led by: Revd Canon Dr Phil Groves



EXPLORERS will meet in the vestry during the service.



This is the last Sunday when our coffee cup donations go to the Leprosy Mission as there is no service in church next week.

THIS WEEK

Tues 25th	11:00am	Café in the Park - in the Jubilee Pavilion
Weds 26th	2:30pm	SJB Fabric meeting – in the church
Thurs 27th	8:00pm	SJB committee – online - note change of date
Sun 30th	11:00am	JOINT SERVICE WITH METHODISTS - at the chapel

Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting - Wednesday 26th April 7:30pm

Jubilee Pavilion in Stone Recreation Ground

Come along and find out what your Parish Council has been up to over the last year and what plans are in place for the next year. This is your chance to chat with your Parish Council.



Lord, we thank you for the dedication of those who give up their free time to serve our community on the Parish Council. Give them unity of purpose, wisdom and integrity, and ensure that everything they decide is for the good of all. Amen

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Luke 24:13-35

On the road to Emmaus

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognising him.

¹⁷ He asked them, 'What are you discussing together as you walk along?'

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, 'Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?'

¹⁹ 'What things?' he asked.

'About Jesus of Nazareth,' they replied. 'He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.'

²⁵ He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?' ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going further. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?'

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, 'It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread.



During Holy Week this year I read a book by Paula Gooder that saw the Easter journey through the eyes of nine different women. We know that many of Jesus' followers were women though their words are rarely recorded.

Nearly all the pictures you will have seen of the travellers on the road to Emmaus will show them as two men, even though there is nothing in the scriptures to say that was the case. So it is possible that they were a married couple, because they were going to the same house together.

The original Greek words in this passage also throw some light on the discussion the couple were having. Verse 14 (talking with each other) used the verb *homileo* which means to converse. Verse 15 (talking and discussing) repeats *homileo* and then adds *suzeteo* which is commonly used for debate or argue. Then in verse 17 Jesus used the verb *antiballo*, which means to throw against. So that suggests they were having a row. What can we take away from this? No doubt the couple were upset / emotional / agitated by what had just happened in Jerusalem. I am sure I would have been as well. Nevertheless Jesus was walking alongside them, even though it took a long time for them to realise that. He walks alongside us too, but when we are going through distressed and difficult times do we recognise that he is with us? Sometimes we only work it out afterwards. JP

(*'Women of Holy Week – An Easter journey in nine stories'* by Paula Gooder)



Lord, you were with your disciples on the road.

Walk with me now and always

celebrate my joys with me, and comfort me in my sorrows

so that I too may do the same for others. Amen

Thy Kingdom Come



Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

Since it began in May 2016, God has grown TKC from a dream of possibility into a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions- so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ. TKC is now in its 8th year and we at SJB have taken part in different ways each year right from the beginning. We will do so again next month beginning on 18th May.

We will be encouraging every person and household to pray during the 11 days, either in their own home, or in church. The SJB committee are currently finalising ways of making sure our prayers are all caught up together in a tidal wave of prayer for our community. *to be continued next week*