



A musical gallimaufry

A miscellany of music from Orlando Gibbons to Harold Arlen

Sunday 2nd April at 7:30pm

St Peter and St Paul, Dinton

Tickets £8 each from Vale Singers members (*Richard Smith / Clare Davey*) or on the door or <https://ticketsource.co.uk/the-vale-singers>

Proceeds in aid of Dinton Parish Church

London Marathon 2023

Sunday 23rd April

Back when I was a toddler I was told I was getting a sister. One year on from that my parents and I were struck with some devastating news – my sister had cancer. Thanks to the incredible support and dedication of doctors, nurses, and the Children with Cancer UK team I still have my sister. Please consider donating to this charity by sponsoring me to run the London Marathon this year. You will be supporting valuable research to give new insights into treating various forms of cancer in children to create more success stories like my sister.

Joshua Ryedale

(there is a sponsorship form in church or you can speak to Joshua's Mum Fiona)

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Wednesday 10th May 2023 at 20:00

St Peter and St Paul, Dinton

This is where we review what has happened in the past year and we look to the next year with the election of Churchwardens and PCC members. If you wish to attend the APCM, or vote at the APCM, you need to be on the electoral roll. The Electoral Roll application is now open.

Please telephone for an application form if you would like to be included on the church Electoral Roll. The criteria are on the church website and in the church porch. If you are already on the Roll and would like your name taken off, or for any further information please telephone Dee or speak with one of our church wardens. The deadline for receiving completed application forms is 25th April 2023

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Bishop Steven's address to Synod

If you enjoyed Wild Isles on BBC1 on Sunday: Bishop Steven's address to Synod is really important; the biblical imperative for Christians to invest resources to restore nature alongside working towards net zero.

You can access the talk here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GgR8WDLwZ-8>

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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 26th March



Have you remembered to move your clocks forward an hour?

10:30am

FAMILY COMMUNION

Led by: Revd Harriet Orridge and Richard Smith

Readings: Romans 8:6-11 (page 1134) John 11:1-45 (page 1077)

(these are the readings for the service only. During Lent we have been learning about the disciple Peter in our study groups. So the reading in this pewsheet is not the same)



EXPLORERS will meet during the service



Money raised from coffee and biscuits at the end of this service will be given to the work of The Leprosy Mission (TLM).

THIS WEEK

Mon 27th	8:00pm	Lent Study Group at Vicarage Farmhouse
Tues 28th	11:00am	Café in the Park in the Jubilee Pavilion
	7:30pm	Choir practice at the chapel
Sat 1st	10:00am	Café in the Park in the Jubilee Pavilion
Sun 2nd	10:30am	Palm Sunday Family Worship with the choir

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John 18:15-18

Peter's First Denial

¹⁵ Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard, ¹⁶ but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the servant-girl on duty there and brought Peter in.

¹⁷ 'You aren't one of this man's disciples too, are you?' she asked Peter.

He replied, 'I am not.'

¹⁸ It was cold, and the servants and officials stood round a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter also was standing with them, warming himself.

John 18:25-27

Peter's Second and Third Denials

²⁵ Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing there warming himself. So they asked him, 'You aren't one of his disciples too, are you?'

He denied it, saying, 'I am not.'

²⁶ One of the high priest's servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, 'Didn't I see you with him in the garden?' ²⁷ Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a cock began to crow.

The story of Peter's denials will already be very familiar, but look at it again carefully. Do you notice anything you hadn't thought about before? At our Lent group on Monday we noticed that Peter did not follow Jesus alone. Another disciple went with him. We are not told who it was but they were able to gain access for them both to the high priest's courtyard. It is thought to be John but we do not know for certain.

In the group we also considered some questions we don't know the answers to or for which the answers will vary between us:

1. What was Peter's motivation? Was he trying to release Jesus, or was he finding out what was going on, or was he just seeking to give Jesus encouragement? We have no idea – perhaps Peter didn't, but with the third denial and the cock crowing the motive was lost.
2. What would we do? Is integrity worth anything if it costs you your life or liberty? Would we have done any better than Peter? Perhaps we would not even have gone anywhere near him. The answer may well be different for each one of us.
3. How would Peter have felt when he realised what he had done? How do we all feel when we let Jesus down? especially when we do so over and over again. A sense of failure can be a great burden for us to carry. Hold those thoughts ready for our final reading about Peter next week.

We can be sure though that Jesus is confident Peter will 'turn again'. The denial is not terminal for the relationship.

For further thoughts on this passage please see Revd Phil Groves here

<https://youtu.be/Bqgw2gXixjo>

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Everyone is welcome to join us for our final Lent study get together. You do not need to have come to the previous four. We meet by kind invitation of Clare and Terry at 8pm in Vicarage Farmhouse, Church Way, and we finish at 9pm. Richard Smith will be leading us for this session.



Dear Lord Jesus

We are truly sorry for the many times we let you down, when our own determination to do what is right has not been enough. Sometimes we are impulsive and speak or act without thinking first. Each time we fail you we feel ashamed and the burden is great. Thankyou that you know us even better than we know ourselves, and that you never give up on us. Help us to get back up again each time we fall because your loving forgiveness is our strength. Amen

Easter Services

Good Friday 7th April

10:00am **Walk of Witness** from Stone School car park

10:30am **All Age Easter Garden service** during which the children will make the Easter garden underneath the altar

led by Jenny Pickup and Revd Phil Groves

2:00pm **An hour by the cross** at SPP Dinton *led by David Pickup*

Easter Sunday 9th April

10:30am **Easter All Age Holy Communion** with the choir

led by Revd Phil Groves

6:00pm **Easter choral evensong** at SPP Dinton

Easter weekend

The wooden cross will again be erected near the pond as a focal point for reflection over the Easter weekend. Anyone is welcome to place a posy of flowers at the foot of the cross. These will later be moved to the cross in the churchyard.

Congratulations to Harriet!

It was announced last Sunday that Rev Harriet Orridge has been appointed to the post of Rector of the United Benefice of Steeple Aston with North Aston and Tackley. We are delighted for Harriet, although we will be sorry to see her go as we have been blessed by her ministry over the last 18 months. Please pray for Harriet and John as they prepare for their move.

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