

### 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. In the transition month of June we will hold Matins on both the first AND third Sundays (June 4<sup>th</sup> and June 18<sup>th</sup>). 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.



### Christian Aid

#### Preliminary figures received from Sue Spinks

Lunch Bags	May 13th at the chapel	£130.00
Book Cafe	May 20th at the chapel	£350.50
SJB coffee cup collections		£51.30
SJB envelopes		£116.36

Sue is still counting other collections so she does not have a grand total yet, but she sends her thanks for the collections from SJB.

### Coffee Cup news

Our coffee cup collection today and for the next few weeks is for the Aylesbury Town Centre Chaplaincy. The Chaplaincy is an initiative by the local Christian community to help serve the needs of the town. It is an independent charitable trust and has volunteer day time chaplains and night time Street Angels drawn from churches across the town and surrounding area. All are motivated by Christian principles of love and service and fully respectful and committed to serving people of all backgrounds and of all faiths or none. Jenny Pickup will tell you a bit more about Street Angels in the service today, or you can ask her about it afterwards.

<https://www.aylesburytownchaplaincy.co.uk/>

### Music in Quiet Places

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

**Concert includes pieces by Bach, Beethoven, and Eybler.**

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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

[www.stonedintonhartwell.com](http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com)

## St. John the Baptist STONE

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May

### Pentecost Sunday



10:30am

### FAMILY COMMUNION

*Led by: Revd Nigel Featherston*

*Preacher: David Pickup*



**EXPLORERS** will meet during the service

### THIS WEEK

<b>Tues 30<sup>th</sup></b>	11:00am	<b>Café in the Park</b> - in the Jubilee Pavilion
	7:30pm	<b>Choir practice</b> – in the church
<b>Weds 31<sup>st</sup></b>	8:00pm	<b>SJB meeting</b> – in the church
<b>Sat 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	10:00am	<b>Café in the Park</b> - in the Jubilee Pavilion
<b>Sun 4<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00am	<b>MATINS</b> led by: <i>David Pickup</i>
	10:30am	<b>FAMILY WORSHIP</b> led by: <i>Revd Phil Groves</i>
	12:15pm	<b>SIMPLE LUNCH AT THE CHAPEL</b> (below)

Sue Spinks has kindly invited us to join our friends at the chapel in a simple farewell lunch for Revd Keith Edwards who will be moving on in the summer to a new circuit in Wales. If you can, please do come to wish him well in the next step of his ministry.

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## The Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-21)

*1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.*

*5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: 'aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!' 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, 'What does this mean?'*

*13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.'*

*14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.*

*15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning!*

*16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:*

*17 "in the last days, God says,*

*I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your young men will see visions,  
your old men will dream dreams.*

*18 Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.*

*19 I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.*

*20 The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.*

*21 And everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord will be saved. "'*

The wait was over. Pentecost had arrived but whatever the disciples had expected this wasn't it. Pentecost was originally a Harvest Festival (read about it in Exodus 23).

The Pentecost story is all about signs, and God uses the sign of the Harvest Festival to point to a new harvest: not of crops this time but of people. Jesus often used farming imagery in his parables because it drew on pictures people would already understand. In that way it helped to teach the truth of God's love and the urgent need of a response of faith to the good news He was bringing.

There are three signs for Pentecost: **wind, fire, and languages.**

The **wind** blew the infant church out of its comfort zone and into the streets of Jerusalem. The picture of the dove as a sign of the Holy Spirit is only ever used of Jesus at His baptism. The sign of guiding the holy, obedient Son of God is a gentle dove of peace. The sign for moving the church is a powerful wind.

The **fire** speaks of holiness. It's a sign of God's holiness that goes all the way back to Moses and the burning bush. Fire to burn away past failures, resentments, sins, and fears. Living the Kingdom means a longing for the Spirit of God to make us more like Jesus, to enable us to be the people we just can't be in our own strength.

**Languages.** Most people in Jerusalem that day would have known enough Greek to get by, but it wasn't their mother tongue ... and that's what the languages or 'tongues' of Pentecost are all about. God gave the whole world the right to hear the Gospel without having to learn another language or a whole load of theological shorthand. So often our language is aimed at insiders, those who are already members of the club. Jesus didn't do that and Pentecost sends us out to do the same.

*(this reflection was summarised from 'Thy Kingdom Come' resources)*



*Dear Lord Jesus, thankyou for sending your Holy Spirit to comfort us, to guide us, and to empower us to do your work. We pray for the church not just here in Stone, but all over the world, that it may be renewed with the rushing wind and tongues of fire as your disciples were, so long ago. May we and all members of the church go out and show the Holy Spirit at work in us to all we meet in our community and beyond.*

*Amen*

Thankyou everyone who has been praying with us from our book of prayers this week. We hope you have found this to be a time of blessing whether you have joined us in the church or from home or from anywhere else.

It would be really helpful to get some feedback on how you think it went because you may have thoughts or observations that would help us to do it better next year. You may want to join a weekly half hour of evening prayer in the church? And if you have been praying somewhere unusual or exotic we would love to hear about that too!

We know at least one person has been praying from abroad (you know who you are!)

Feedback to: [jennifer\\_l\\_pickup@hotmail.com](mailto:jennifer_l_pickup@hotmail.com) thankyou

