

**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**

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**Prison socks thankyou**

Dear All

A very big thank you to all those who donated socks for the prison residents at Christmas time. We gave out the socks (and chocolate bars) at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. The residents were surprised and very grateful for the one and only gift they would receive at Christmas thanks to you all. Lovely comments were made about the quality of the socks and the range of styles!! What came across is that they were so grateful and asked for their thanks to be extended to those who donated.

Forty one pairs of socks were given out over the Christmas service period. The chaplaincy team is so grateful for your support for the purchase of the gifts but also all the prayers and support offered in other ways. Thank you so much.

Best wishes

Sue and the chaplaincy team at HMP Grendon and Springhill

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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 29<sup>th</sup> January

11:00am **UNITED SERVICE**  
**At the Methodist Chapel**

*Led by Revd Keith Edwards*



*Heavenly Father*

*We thank you for the faithful witness of our brothers and sisters in the chapel. We are pleased to come together with them in our worship today. We pray that together we will continue to serve our local community in the name of your dear son Jesus Christ.*

*Amen*

**There is no service in SJB today**

**This week**

- 31<sup>st</sup>** 11:00am **Café in the Park** in the Jubilee Pavilion
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** n/a **Candlemas** when the baby Jesus was presented in the Temple
- 4<sup>th</sup>** 10:00am **Café in the Park** in the Jubilee Pavilion
- 5<sup>th</sup>** 10:30am **Family Worship** with baptism of Eloise Hope Edwards  
*led by Revd Canon Phil Groves*

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## Matthew 5:1-12

*5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup> and he began to teach them.*

*He said:*

*3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*4 Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.*

*5 Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.*

*6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.*

*7 Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.*

*8 Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.*

*9 Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.*

*10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*11 "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*



As even more people flocked to hear Jesus speak, the group grew into a great crowd. The fact that so many people were drawn to Jesus illustrates their longing for direction, their need for something more in life, and Jesus recognised and responded to this. In this passage Jesus is painting a picture of what His kingdom is like.

The Sermon on the Mount focuses on internal changes. It focuses on what is inside our hearts, and how we demonstrate these character qualities as followers of Jesus. Our actions alone are not enough to save us (though the religious leaders of the time were saying they did). It is what is inside our hearts that matters to God. It is those internal changes that cause us to act in certain ways and not in others. True change comes from within when we take Jesus' words to heart and let his love shine through us.



*Lord, help me to live by the values of the Sermon on the Mount and to be characterised by the Beatitudes, so I might be a light to the world around me.  
Amen*

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## Benefice Notices

### 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](mailto: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.

### 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/>

### Lent theme

Our theme for Lent will be 'Dust and Glory', which is based on the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for this year 'Failure: what Jesus said about Sin, Mistakes and Messing Stuff Up' by Emma Ineson. Some of our benefice churches will have a sermon series on this over Lent, Lent study groups, and resources to explore this theme. At SJB we are still discussing our Lent course arrangements so look out for more information in the coming weeks.

### Save these Dates

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

*Cassa*

### 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 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.

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