



A musical gallimaufry

A miscellany of music from Orlando Gibbons to Harold Arlen

TODAY Sunday 2nd April at 7:30pm TODAY

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

Joshua Rysdale is raising money for the 'Children with Cancer' charity who helped his sister through treatment for childhood cancer. Please consider sponsoring him 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. There is a sponsorship form in church or you can speak to Joshua's Mum Fiona. Well done Joshua.

Coronation Prayer Booklets



The Coronation of King Charles III will take place on Saturday 6 May 2023 at Westminster Abbey, in a service steeped in centuries of tradition and rich in Christian symbols and values. To mark this important moment in our nation's life, the Church of England has compiled a booklet of Daily Prayers. From Easter Day (9 April) to Coronation Day (6 May), this booklet provides a daily theme, reading, reflection and prayer. SJB has a limited number of these to give away. They will be available at the Easter Sunday morning service next week.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Wednesday 10th May 2023 at 20:00

St Peter and St Paul, Dinton

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 Dee James if you would like to be added, taken off, or for any further information. Or you can speak with one of our church wardens. The deadline for receiving completed application forms is 25th April 2023. Dee James: 01296 747671 or 07773270023

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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 2nd April PALM SUNDAY

10:30am **FAMILY WORSHIP**
with the choir

Led by: Revd Nigel Featherston



Loving God

Give us joy in our hearts as we shout Hosanna

welcoming Jesus our King with palms,

celebrating all that we hope for as the Easter story unfolds.

Then, as the journey of Jesus turns towards Good Friday

help us know that you are with us when celebration turns to sadness.

Give us the faith we need to follow you on the way of the Cross

which leads to life Amen



In this link Cassa takes us through the story of Holy Week, starting at Palm Sunday and following Jesus on the way to the Cross.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fEoco9nKUDY>



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

THIS WEEK

Tues 4th 11:00am **Café in the Park** - in the Jubilee Pavilion

Note – there is no choir practice today

Sat 8th 10:30am **Choir practice** - in the church

Easter services are listed separately

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This week we met for the final session of our Lent study course about Peter the disciple. Many thanks to Phil, Richard, and David who guided our discussions. Also to Clare and Terry for their hospitality so we were able to meet in comfort. Our pewsheet reflection has been prepared for us by Richard who led our final study evening. If you have a Bible please read the passage before the reflection, or you can read it here <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+21&version=NIVUK>

The only way is up!

John 21:1-25

Following his threefold denial of Jesus, Peter must have felt that there was no way back to being a disciple of Jesus. Jesus' original call to Peter, James and John came after a night's unsuccessful fishing, and the token of Jesus' call was an enormous catch of fish (Luke 5:1-11). Now without a leader, the obvious course for the disciples was to go back to their original work as fishermen, this time accompanied by four other disciples. After another unsuccessful night's fishing, they probably felt that the last thing they needed was someone on the shore telling them how to do their job. It was only when they landed another huge catch that they recognized that Jesus was calling them again. Even then, it was John, rather than Peter who made the connection.

Following a breakfast of bread and fish (a memory of the feeding of the 5000?), Jesus addresses Peter directly using Peter's original name, Simon (which means "one who listens"). Jesus asks the question: "Simon son of John, do you love me?" The English translation gives the impression that Jesus asked the same question three times and Peter gave the same answer each time. However, in the Greek, two different words for love are used. *Agape* means self-giving love (as God loved the world in sending his Son), whilst *philo* means the affection that dear friends hold for each other. On the first two occasions, Jesus asks "Simon, do you love me as God loves?" to which Peter replies "You know that I love you as a dear friend". The third time, Jesus asks "Simon, do you even love me as a dear friend?" That must have brought back the painful memory of his denials.

Yet, Jesus did not ask these questions simply to make Peter feel sorry for denying him. Following each question and Peter's answers, Jesus symbolically hands over to Peter the care of his most precious possessions – his followers. Jesus had earlier declared himself to be the Good Shepherd (John 10:14-18). The common human response would be "once bitten, twice shy", and the instinct to trust Peter less than before. Instead, Jesus not only forgives Peter's failure, but trusts him more.

Little surprise then that John, the author of this gospel later writes these words: "My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defence, Jesus Christ" (1 John 2:1). There is a way back from deep failure.

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Thankyou to Harriet

Last Sunday we said thankyou to Revd Harriet Orridge who is leaving the benefice to take up her new post as 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. We have been blessed by her ministry over the last 18 months and her work behind the scenes with pastoral care for people in their own homes, and for leading communion services in the care homes. At the end of the service last week, and on behalf of us all, Richard presented her with a plant for her new home. Please pray for Harriet and John as they prepare for their move.

Easter Services

Good Friday 7th April

- 10:00am **Walk of Witness** from Stone School car park *led by David Pickup*
- 10:30am **All Age Easter Garden service** during which the children will make the Easter garden underneath the altar *led by 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 *led by David Pickup*

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.

More helpers needed!

Naomi would love to hear from anyone who could join the rota to help at Café in the Park on Tuesdays. Also, more helpers are needed for the Explorers Children's group on Sunday mornings. For more information please give Naomi a call 01296 747689

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