



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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Dates for your diary

Sat 25 th November	Christmas Coffee and Gift Fair run by 'Socially Crafty'
Sat 2 nd December	Café in the Park
Sun 3 rd December	Advent Sunday with choir - Posada begins
Sun 10 th December	Christingle Service
Sun 17 th December	Carol Service
Sun 24 th December	Crib Service
Sun 24 th December	Midnight Holy Communion

Jackie Hawkins

Jackie Hawkins' funeral will take place on Thursday 9th November 11 am at St. Nicholas Church, Cuddington. We continue to pray for Revd Jonathan Hawkins and the family at this sad time.

Christmas card deliverers wanted!

Each year, at Christmas and Easter, we produce 1,100 cards with details of our services. The area is divided into 10 smaller areas of between 80 and 150 cards and take a couple of hours at the most for the cards to be delivered. This year the Christmas cards will need to be delivered in the first week of December. **We currently need another 3 people to offer to do an area each.**

If you can spare a couple of hours please talk to Naomi Corbould (07425 140887).

Thanks *Naomi*

St. John the Baptist STONE

Sunday 5th November

9:00am **MATINS** (Prayer Book Service)
led by David Pickup

10:30am **FAMILY WORSHIP**
led by Canon Phil Groves
Reading: Matthew 5:1-10




There is **no Explorers group** today - the main service is for all ages together



Posada 2023


We will soon be taking names for the Posada that begins in the Advent service in church on 3rd December. Please be thinking of who might want to take Mary and Joseph to this year,



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THIS WEEK

Tues	7 th	11:00am	Café in the Park - <i>in the Jubilee Pavilion</i>
		7:30pm	Choir practice - <i>Methodist chapel</i>
Weds	8 th	8:00pm	PCC meeting
Sun	12 th		REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - <i>see below</i>
		3:00pm	EVENSONG - <i>SPP Dinton led by David Pickup</i>



Remembrance Sunday Open Air Service Sunday 12th November



The service will again be held in conjunction with the Parish Council
 It starts in the War Memorial Recreation Ground at 10:45.
 The national silence will be observed at 11:00.
 The service will be led by Richard Smith who is in training to be a lay minister.
 There will also be a gathering at the war memorial in **Bishopstone at 10:30.**
 This will be led by Revd Sue Smith.
 There will not be a service in the church in Stone

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Matthew 5:1-10

¹ Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² 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.*

All Saints' Day

Many of the well-known saints of the church are remembered throughout the year on dates that are dedicated to them. However, All Saints' Day on 1st November provides an opportunity for us to think about all those saints who have led the way before us, especially those who are not celebrated by name. We honour the example of their lives and deaths and rejoice in the continued communion with them through membership and participation in the body of Christ.

Church of England practice allows us to celebrate All Saints either on 1st November or the Sunday following, that is today.

A prayer for All Saints' Day



*God of Holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen*

Remembrance Sunday next week goes on to explore the theme of memory further, both corporate and individual, as we confront issues of war and peace, loss and self-giving, memory and forgetting.

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Loving Remembrance

Last Sunday evening a good number of people gathered for the Loving Remembrance Service led by Phil Groves.

It is a very special evening of quiet reflection, readings, and hymns. We remembered before God those who have been special to us who have passed away. For many this was an emotional time but also an opportunity to reflect alongside others who are also grieving.

Phil reminded us that it is natural to grieve the loss of our loved ones and we do not have to keep a stiff upper lip or bottle up our emotions. We know that Jesus wept with Mary when her brother Lazarus had died.

The most poignant part of the service was the reading of the list of names we were there to remember; and as each name was called out a candle was lit and put in the central trough of memories. In all there were just over 40 candles lit.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted’

CHRISTMAS COFFEE AND CRAFTS

St John the Baptist Church

Saturday 25th November 10:30 – 12:30

Socially Crafty have been busy making gifts for your family and friends, decorations for your tree, table decorations, and more.

We will also have a cake stall and tombola. Come along and see and have a coffee too. Everyone is welcome.

Café in the Park



Thankyou everyone who helped yesterday at the Café. It may have been grey and wet outside but there was a warm welcome and good food inside for everyone. Our next Saturday Café is on 2nd December. Everyone is welcome.

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