

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)
Wednesday 10th May 2023 at 20:00
St Peter and St Paul, Dinton**

Please join us on the PCC

The PCC is the Council that has oversight of our churches in Stone and Dinton. While decisions on worship and fabric are made by our church committees, the PCC enables us to keep on the right track. We meet six times a year and the meetings are streamlined to be effective.

We need someone to oversee our finances.

Sadly, Steve Kennel has to step down due to work pressure and we are investigating innovative software systems to make the job easy, but we need someone to brief us so everyone on the PCC understands the financial situation.

We have vacancies for our representatives on Deanery Synod.

We would like another couple of people to join us to ensure we listen to our congregations and take our churches forward.

We also have vacancies for Churchwardens. Raymond and Rosemary would love help.

You could give it a go as an Assistant Churchwarden like Sue Birrell.

The APCM is on May 10. Do join us.

Phil Groves

Associate Rector in the Wychert Vale Benefice

Phone 01296 748 390

The nomination forms for the APCM are in the church porch and also online

<http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com/apcm>



Christian Aid week 14th – 20th May

Book your Ploughman's lunch for collection from

The Methodist Chapel in Eythrope Road

Saturday 13th May 10:00am – 2:00pm

Your lunch bag will contain roll and butter, cheese, coleslaw, fruit and cake/biscuit.

We ask for a minimum donation of £3.00, though please feel free to pay more!

Please ring Sue 01296 748369 or email royandsue1@btinternet.com

Could you offer to distribute envelopes in your neighbourhood? (delivery only) if so please give Sue a ring.

If you prefer to give on line click here www.christianaid.org.uk/give/ways-to-donate

Pewsheets: pewsheets@stonedintonhartwell.com

Website: www.stonedintonhartwell.com

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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 7th May**

10:30am

FAMILY WORSHIP

Led by: Revd Nigel Featherston

THIS WEEK

Tues 9th	11:00am	Café in the Park - in the Jubilee Pavilion
Tues 9th	7:30pm	Choir practice – in the church
Weds 10th	8:00pm	APCM – in SPP Dinton
Sun 14th	10:30am	FAMILY COMMUNION and start of Christian Aid week
	6:00pm	EVENSONG – in SPP Dinton (see below)

Lighten Our Darkness

Choral Evensong at St Peter and Paul Church, Dinton

A traditional Book of Common Prayer service with a choir leading hymns and music. An opportunity to reflect quietly or enthusiastically join in at our wonderful medieval church. Every second Sunday of the month at 6 pm during summer months and 3 pm in winter months.

Enquiries: richard.smith@doctors.org.uk; david@pickupandscott.co.uk or jacksonrj@btinternet.com

“Today, evensong is the most used part of the Book of Common Prayer, largely untouched by the liturgical reforms of the past 40 years. It continues to inspire...”

Bishop Alan Wilson

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John 14:1-14

Jesus comforts his disciples

14 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Jesus the way to the Father

⁵ Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

⁶ Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.'

⁸ Philip said, 'Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.'

⁹ Jesus answered: 'Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.'

This passage follows Jesus telling Peter he will deny him. The disciples were also becoming aware of the mounting peril to Jesus at this time. No wonder their hearts were troubled. We all have times when our hearts are troubled, even Jesus. In the earlier chapters of John's gospel there are three occasions when Jesus was 'deeply troubled in spirit', so we should not expect to be confident and cheerful all the time. However, Jesus offers these comforting thoughts:

1. 'You believe in God; believe also in me'. Jesus is reminding his disciples that in the past they have trusted in the promises of God. In the same way they can now put their trust in him because 'I am in the Father and the Father is in me'.
2. Although Jesus will leave them soon he is preparing a place for his disciples and promises to come back for them. He is preparing a place for all who love him and we will be with him forever in his kingdom.

This passage is often read as words of comfort at funeral services, but they are words of comfort and reassurance to us now. Thankyou Jesus.

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Thy Kingdom Come

As part of this global prayer movement we are encouraging every person and household to pray during the 11 days from 18th May to 28th May either in their own home, or in church.



1. Our own SJB **booklet of daily prayers** is being put together and will be available from next Sunday (14th).
2. From Friday 19th May to Saturday 27th May the **church will be open** each day 7pm – 7.30pm for anyone to come and pray either quietly on their own or in a small informal group. To make sure we have at least three people praying in the church each evening we are asking you to sign up for the evenings you are able to come. The sign-up sheet will be available in church today, or you can let Jenny Pickup know jenny@pickupandscott.co.uk
3. We will ask people to pray the prayer for the day between 7pm and 7.30pm (or as close to that as they can) **wherever** they are. So if you are at home and unable to come to church you can still take part knowing you are joining in the great wave of prayer with our church family.



*Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
bless our Sovereign Lord, King Charles,
and all who are in authority under him;
that they may order all things
in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace,
to the honour of your name,
and the good of your Church and people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



Thank you to everyone who made the church look so special for the coronation weekend! You have been very busy and it looks splendid. Thankyou as well to the Café in the Park team who served the community on Coronation day.

Coffee cup collections

In order to support Christian Aid this month we have amended our coffee cup collections to the following:

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| May 7 th | Leprosy Mission (final week) |
| May 14 th / 21 st | Christian Aid |
| May 28 th | Aylesbury town centre chaplains / Street Angels (first week) |

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