

### Thankyou!

.....to our wonderful choir who have lifted our worship in church on Palm Sunday and will do so again today in our Easter celebration. They are taking a deserved break after today until they resume practices on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May in the church at 7:30pm**. Chris Ashbridge would welcome enquiries from anyone who would like to sing in the choir. There is no audition – you just need to enjoy singing! 01296 748777

### 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.

We have a limited number of these to give away in church **TODAY**. We ask that each household would take one copy only so that we still have some available for those who are not able to come to church to collect one for themselves.

### 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

### THIS WEEK

<b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup></b>	11:00am	<b>Café in the Park</b> - in the Jubilee Pavilion <b>Note – there is no choir practice today</b>
<b>Sun 16<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00am	<b>MATINS</b> led by David Pickup
	10:30am	<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b> led by David Pickup

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## St. John the Baptist STONE

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April

## EASTER SUNDAY

# HE IS RISEN !!

10:30am

### FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE

with the choir

Led by: Revd Canon Dr Phil Groves



*God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen*

There will be an Easter chick hunt straight after the service today which *may* also mean there are Easter eggs .....



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

6:00pm

### CHORAL EVENSONG

at **SPP DINTON**

Led by: David Pickup

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## John 20:1-18

### The empty tomb

<sup>1</sup> Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. <sup>2</sup> So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!'



<sup>3</sup> So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup> as well as the cloth that had been wrapped round Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. <sup>8</sup> Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

### Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene

<sup>11</sup> Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup> and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

<sup>13</sup> They asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying?'

'They have taken my Lord away,' she said, 'and I don't know where they have put him.' <sup>14</sup> At this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realise that it was Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> He asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?'

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.'

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Mary.'

She turned towards him and cried out in Aramaic, 'Rabboni!' (which means 'Teacher').

<sup>17</sup> Jesus said, 'Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' "

<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: 'I have seen the Lord!' And she told them that he had said these things to her.

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When Cassa preached at our Benefice Maundy Thursday service, she highlighted a phrase I had not noticed before. The disciples could not stay awake because they were 'weary with sorrow.' Those words resonated with the Good Friday congregations in Stone and Cuddington. People murmured recognition that they and all around us are 'weary with sorrow'. Amidst the sadness brought on by the pandemic, the ongoing horror of war, and the immensity of natural disasters, as well as the cost of living, we need to have hope and good news.

The resurrection is that good news. It does not lessen the weight of sin, death, and law that pulled Jesus down to the grave. It does something more amazing – it breaks the chain.

Salvation stories often focus on Jesus paying the price of sin, but Paul said he also won the victory over 'law'. The amazing thing about Easter is that on his return Jesus did not take revenge: he offered forgiveness. The perpetrators were not held to account, they were offered the same hope as all of us.

Easter is the hope that is the answer to the weariness of sorrow.

*Phil*



### Good Friday

On Friday we were blessed with beautiful weather for our Walk of Witness. There were approximately 30 walkers from a mixed age group as well as a very special dog who came as an assistance dog to one of our church members. The walk was led by David Pickup and we stopped to pray at the school car park, the War Memorial gates, the village hall, the Methodist chapel, and the pond. Several people took it in turns to carry the cross. On arrival in church Revd Phil led us in a simple service during which the children made the Easter Garden under the altar. You can see it in church today. Well done and thankyou everybody.

After the service we put up a wooden cross by Oxford Road for all who pass by to see. You are welcome to lay flowers there today. The cross will return to the churchyard tomorrow with any floral tributes. The words on the cross are John 3:16

*'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life'*

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