



### A BIG THANKYOU

A **very big thankyou** to Dee and her team of ladies who have done such a marvellous job yet again in preparing the posies of flowers – not just for the service today – but also for the residents and staff of Stone House residential home yesterday. Ladies – your skills are a blessing to us all.

### SOCIALLY CRAFTY

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, except Bank Holidays in St John the Baptist Church

The next meeting is **MONDAY 18th MARCH 10.30am - 12.30pm**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**  
**Make friends ~ Drink Coffee ~ Eat Cake ~ Do Crafts**

### Janet Morgan



Please remember in your prayers the family of Janet Morgan who sadly passed away last weekend. Janet was a faithful member of our church family in Dinton for many, many years, and we will miss her.

### GOOD FRIDAY

Everyone is welcome on our annual **WALK OF WITNESS** from the school to the church. We carry a big wooden cross at the head of the procession as a reminder to passers-by of the significance of the day. We pause for prayer in several places along the way.

We meet in the school car park at 10:00am and arrive at church at 10:30am for our **EASTER GARDEN SERVICE**. This is a short service suitable for all ages during which the children build the Easter Garden beneath the altar.

**We no longer take a collection during the service. There is a collection bowl near the door as you leave and also a card payment machine if you prefer that. Thankyou.**

	Network Name:	We now accept online donations. You can donate at:	
	SJB Congregation		
	Password:	www.stonedintonhartwell.com/donate	
	StJohnBaptist		

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# Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March

## Notices for the week

*Our church is a member of the Wychert Vale family of churches*



### Services today

10:30am **FAMILY WORSHIP with posies for MOTHERING SUNDAY**

*led by Revd Phil Groves*



*Dear God, we thank you for mothers. We thank you for all those who care for us in quiet, often unrecognised ways, and we thank you for all those who care for others in patience and love. Be with all mothers whose hearts, like Mary's, are pierced with the sword of their child's death. Please forgive us for those times when we have failed to show love for others, and teach us to care as you do. Amen.*

6:00pm **CHORAL EVENSONG at SPP DINTON**

*led by David Pickup*

### Services next Sunday

9:00am **MATINS** *led by David Pickup*

10:30am **FAMILY WORSHIP with EXPLORERS**  
*led by David Pickup*

### The week ahead

Tue 12<sup>th</sup> Mar 11:00am **CAFÉ IN THE PARK** in the Jubilee Pavilion  
3:00pm **LENT STUDY COURSE** 51 Eythrope Road  
7:30pm **CHOIR PRACTICE** at the Chapel  
Weds 13<sup>th</sup> Mar 8:00pm **PCC MEETING** venue TBC  
Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Mar 7:45pm **LENT STUDY COURSE** 40 Beacon Close

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## Luke 1:46-55

### Mary's song

*<sup>46</sup> And Mary said:*

*'My soul glorifies the Lord*

*<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,*

*<sup>48</sup> for he has been mindful*

*of the humble state of his servant.*

*From now on all generations will call me blessed,*

*<sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me –  
holy is his name.*

*<sup>50</sup> His mercy extends to those who fear him,  
from generation to generation.*

*<sup>51</sup> He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;  
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.*

*<sup>52</sup> He has brought down rulers from their thrones  
but has lifted up the humble.*

*<sup>53</sup> He has filled the hungry with good things  
but has sent the rich away empty.*

*<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel,  
remembering to be merciful*

*<sup>55</sup> to Abraham and his descendants for ever,  
just as he promised our ancestors.'*

Mary is the most well-known mother in the Bible and the best example too. However, there are many other mothers whose example we can celebrate and learn from as well. So in the service today we will be looking at the story of Ruth because there is a lot that is relevant to our modern society too.

### Ruth

Naomi was a widow, and both her sons had died as well. She did not want to be alone, but she didn't want to be a burden either. Her daughter in law, Ruth, promised to stay with her, and to go with her wherever she went, because they were a family.

Ruth did stay faithful to Naomi, and in turn, Naomi was able to introduce her to a man who would love her and marry her. They had a child, and then grandchildren, and then great grandchildren – and one of Ruth's great grandsons became King David, the great shepherd-King of God's people. And then, fourteen generations later, Ruth and Naomi's growing family included a man named Joseph, who married a woman called Mary, who had a son named Jesus...



Ruth and Naomi were heroic bible mums because they had the courage and the faithfulness to make a new family out of their sadness – and so their story became part of a much, much bigger story.

The book of Ruth is in the Old Testament. It is only four chapters long so it can be read in one sitting. You will find it tucked between Judges and the First Book of Samuel.

### Lent study course

#### LIVING IN THE WAY OF LOVE

This is a series of five weekly group Bible studies exploring what it is to live as a follower of Jesus. You are warmly invited to join one of our small groups both of which are meeting in private homes in Stone.

Tuesday 3.00pm - 51 Eythrope Road

Thursday 7.45pm - 40 Beacon Close

NOTE: the evening course is meeting on **THURSDAY** this week to avoid a clash with the PCC meeting

If you would like to join a group or want further information please email Canon Phil on [drphilgroves@gmail.com](mailto:drphilgroves@gmail.com) or ring him on 01296 748390

### Coffee Cup news

From today until the end of April our coffee cup collections will be given to **Aylesbury Homeless Action Group**. AHAG is a local charity based in Rickfords Hill in Aylesbury. It provides support and advice to those who are homeless; at risk of becoming homeless; or who are inadequately housed.

Examples of services offered are:

- One to one appointments with a support worker to discuss housing options and develop a plan of action.
- A weekly surgery offering advice and support about benefits.
- Mental health support from a trained mental health worker.
- Vouchers can be issued for use at the local foodbank.
- A new drop in advice service every Friday at Aylesbury Library 9:30 – 12:30

From January to December 2023 AHAG supported 490 people of whom 289 also had mental health issues.

You can read more about the work of AHAG at <https://www.ahag.org.uk/>

