

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The APCM is on Wednesday 22nd April. Anybody who is on the Electoral Roll is welcome to attend. This year we have spaces for nominations for Deanery Synod members as well as for PCC members. Application forms and APCM booklets will be available on the website shortly.

The Electoral Roll is open until TOMORROW for new additions. If you would like to join it please see Dee James, or email ElectoralRoll@stonedintonhartwell.com
Application Forms can be found online at: www.stonedintonhartwell.com/apcm/

Bishop of Oxford

The Church of England is looking for a new bishop to serve and lead the Diocese of Oxford (the Church of England in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, and Oxfordshire) and we are encouraged to join in praying for God's help in this.



*Lord God,
thank you that you care so much about your people.
Please help the Church of England to listen to what you say as they
work together to find the right person to be Bishop of Oxford.
Please provide a bishop who will serve well, in all the ways you want,
for the good of all.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

Coffee Cup collection



We are currently supporting the **Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy** with our Coffee cup collection. They are a team of volunteers from various local Christian churches who take the love of Jesus out on to the streets of Aylesbury in practical ways as both daytime chaplains and night time Street Angels at the weekend.

Street Angels will listen to those who want to talk, and offer support to those who are distressed or upset as a result of homelessness, intoxication, drug abuse and/or other issues, referring people onto other relevant agencies when applicable. They can offer help to those who are isolated or separated from friends.

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Sunday 29th March 2026 Notices for the week



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

Have you remembered to move on an hour for British Summer Time?

10:30am **PALM SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP
WITH THE CHOIR** led by Richard Smith



*Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience
and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen*



This week

Tues 31st - 11:00am **Cafe in the Park** – in the Jubilee Pavilion
7:30pm **Choir practice** – 29(b) Eythrope Road
Fri 3rd - 10:00am **WALK OF WITNESS**
10:30am **ALL AGE FAMILY SERVICE**
2:00pm **AN HOUR BY THE CROSS** at SPP Dinton
Sat 4th - 10:00am **Cafe in the Park** – in the Jubilee Pavilion
10:30am **Choir practice** – in the church
Sun 5th - 9:00am **MATINS**
10:30am **ALL AGE COMMUNION**

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Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

21 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

*⁵ “Say to Daughter Zion,
‘See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”*

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”



¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

¹¹ The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Easter makes more sense when you see how it fits into Holy Week. It begins today with the crowds in Jerusalem at first hailing Jesus as King. Yet only days later the crowds mock him. Enemies close in to kill Jesus, who doesn't fight back or run away. Instead, on the day we know as Maundy Thursday he shares a Passover meal with his friends. This meal is a reminder of Israel's exodus from Egypt when they experienced God's power to free them from slavery. Like Moses, Jesus is rescuing people out of slavery, not physical slavery this time but spiritual.

“Maundy” comes from the Latin mandatum, meaning “command” or “instruction.” During the meal, Jesus gives a new command: His followers are to love one another like he has loved them. Holy Week and Easter therefore remember not only Jesus' resurrection but also God's renewal of all things.

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Easter Services

Good Friday 3rd April

- 10:00am **Walk of Witness** from Stone School car park to the church, stopping for prayer along the way *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 5th April

HE IS RISEN!

- 9:00am **Matins** a quiet Prayer Book service *led by David Pickup*
that takes place in the chancel
- 10:30am **Easter All Age Holy Communion** with the choir *led by Revd Phil Groves*
Followed by **Soup – a – Sunday and the Easter Chick hunt**



So do stay after the service for further fellowship!

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.

Good Friday Walk of Witness



Join us for our annual Walk of Witness carrying our wooden cross through the village. We will meet in the school car park at 10:00am and process along Oxford Road, pausing in various places for prayer and reflection. We then arrive at church in time to join the **10:30am Family Service** during which the children will build the Easter Garden under the main altar. Everyone is welcome to join us but children on the walk must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Moonrakers cancellation

Sadly the Moonrakers concert at SPP Dinton on 17th April has had to be **cancelled** due to low numbers of tickets being sold.

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