



## SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2017

### Church News

TODAY

*2 before Advent*

9:00

SPP, Dinton

### Holy Communion

Leaders: Jonathan Hawkins & Nigel Featherston

10:30

SJB, Stone

### Morning Worship

Leaders: David Pickup & Raymond Medhurst

Readings: 1 Samuel 1. 1-20 & Luke 18. 35-43

### THIS WEEK

Wed  
22

19:30

20:30

SJB Fabric Meeting, SJB, Stone

Communications Committee, SJB, Stone

Sat  
25

9:30

Wychert Vale Benefice Safeguarding Training , St. Nicholas, Cuddington

10:00

Fabric Working Party, SJB, Stone

Sun  
26

10:30

Holy Communion, SJB, Stone

Leader: Archdeacon Guy Elsmore & Canon Phil Groves

Readings: Galatians 5.22-26 & Luke 10. 38-42

16:00

All Age Messy Church, SPP, Dinton



### Welcome & Hospitality

Are we a really welcoming church? what do visitors think of us ? what does the Bible say about Welcome & Hospitality ? The Aylesbury Deanery Learning Community is hosting a 3-part series of interactive evenings – learning and sharing good practice, as well as discussing and discovering new ideas. This series really is for everyone in the church so please come along on the following dates - Wednesday 24th January; Wednesday 14th March; Wednesday 9th May – all starting at 7.45pm and all are at Holy Trinity Church in Aylesbury. You can register at aylesburydeanery-welcome.eventbrite.co.uk or speak to Jenny Pickup or Liz Tomkins.

### Choir Practice

Choir practice will resume on Tuesday 28th November  
19:30  
29b Eythrope Road

### Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal this year. Please contact David Pickup as soon as possible about retuning the boxes and collecting tins.  
D.Pickup@stonedintonhartwell.com

### Coffee Cup

The coffee cup collection for July/august, which included donations from the harvest lunch, amounted to £120. This was for Send a Cow's 'Mother and Child' appeal for which the Government will double the donation.

The September/October coffee cup collection was for 'Angel Tree' and this amounted to £61.

November/December collection is for 'Aylesbury vineyard'.



## Christmas Gift Stall

We will be raising funds for the church with a Christmas gift stall at the Parklife Café on Saturday 9th December, so we are asking for your help. We need gifts to sell! They could be bought or home made. So please get knitting, baking, cutting and sticking. We are also holding a raffle for two lovely hampers.

The stall will be open 10.30-12.30 in the Jubilee Pavilion. There will also be refreshments including 'real' coffee and cake, and a craft activity table for children to make their own Christmas decorations.

For further details or if you can help on the day, please contact: Jenny Pickup tel no.748170 or Sue Birrell tel no.338163

## Posada 2017

We are displaying the Posada from 2016 in Church in preparation for this year's Posada that starts on Advent Sunday. Each day a new posting is uploaded to the website to mark the journey of Mary and Joseph around the parish.

If you would like to take part this year please speak to Jenny Pickup after the service or ring her on tel no.748170, and do come to the service on 3rd December to send Mary and Joseph out on their new journey.



NOVEMBER 19 – 25

## COURAGE IN DARK PLACES

£For God ... has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ. We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure."

2 CORINTHIANS 4:6,7 (NEW LIVING TRANSLATION)

**SUN 19** Lord of all compassion, please draw near to our brothers and sisters suffering in many countries for their Christian faith: persecuted, outcast, tortured and even killed. Grant them courage and perseverance as they shine for You in the darkness. Amen.

**MON 20** Pray for the estimated 11 million people in prison worldwide, many in squalid conditions with no knowledge of when they will be freed. Intercede that many will turn to Christ and give thanks for Christian ministries supporting prisoners and their families.

**TUES 21** PRAY DAY y STUDENTS AND STAFF ACROSS EUROPE PRAY FOR THEIR SCHOOLS.

Ask God to inspire thousands of Christian young people today as they pray for their schools, where sometimes it is hard to witness for Christ. Pray they will be filled with faith by the Holy Spirit to inspire a revival so that the gospel is spread across our schools. (prayforschools.org)



**WED 22** Father, please shine Your light of hope into the lives of people with mental health problems who are in a dark place. Help them to recover from their illness and equip the medical and counselling professionals helping them. Amen.

**THURS 23** Intercede for displaced families in refugee camps and the health, education, social care and other workers who are trying to establish some kind of order and normality into their lives. Pray too for Christians who suffer discrimination and persecution in some of these places.

**FRI 24** THANKSGIVING: for the thousands of Muslim refugees from Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria, who are converting to Christianity, and others across the Middle East who are coming to Christ through Satellite TV programmes and the internet. Pray for them to grow in their faith and be protected from persecution.

**SAT 25** INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN  
Pray that today will raise awareness of the shocking fact that one in three of all women around the world will experience violence, often from someone they love. Pray for their rescue and restoration.

£Courage is an inner resolution to go forward in spite of obstacles and frightening situations...  
Courage faces fear and thereby masters it...  
Courageous people never lose the zest for living even though their life situation is zestless...  
We must constantly build dikes of courage to hold back the flood of fear."  
(Dr Martin Luther King Jr, Baptist minister and American Civil Rights leader.)