

Link to Hope shoe box appeal

For details of items needed in the boxes please see the Parish News magazine for October or ring Sue Spinks on 01296 748369 or email royandsue1@btinternet.com
The closing date for donations is this Friday - **28th October**. Thankyou.

National Poppy Appeal launch - 22nd October



Last year, we marked 100 years of the Royal British Legion, and also celebrated the return of our amazing Poppy Appeal collectors in our local communities. Thank you to Fiona Rysdale who has taken over as Poppy Appeal Organiser. If you can help by preparing or distributing boxes please let Fiona know.

Email therysdales@live.co.uk Telephone 01296 747663 or 07977 415507.



MONDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 10.30am

We invite you to come and have a cup of coffee and a piece of cake in the Church

BUT *we need your help while you chat over coffee and cake*

WILL YOU..... *help to sew rings onto our handmade kneelers so that they can be hung on the pews?*



We will provide the things needed to do this but if you have a thimble and some sewing needles please bring them along.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

Save these dates (not yet mentioned elsewhere):

Sat. 5th November 10:00-12:00 noon Café in the Park
Sun. 13th November Remembrance Sunday outdoor service
Sun. 27th November Advent Sunday with choir
Sun. 4th December Christingle Service
Tues. 13th December 3pm – 9.30pm Christmas Open House at the Rectory in Haddenham by kind invitation of Cassa our Rector

Pewsheets: pewsheets@stonedintonhartwell.com (content by 9am Fridays please)

Website: www.stonedintonhartwell.com

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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 23rd October

10:30am FAMILY COMMUNION

Leader: Revd Harriet Orridge
 Readings: 2 Timothy 4. 6-8 & 16-18
 Luke 18. 9-14



Our Explorers Group will meet during the service today and is suitable for children aged 3 – 11
(there will be no Explorers next week 30th October)

Our 'coffee cup collection' today is for **Aylesbury Vineyard Foodbank**

Tues. 25th	10:00am – noon 7:30pm	CAFÉ IN THE PARK @ the Jubilee Pavilion CHOIR PRACTICE @ the Chapel
Weds. 26th	8:00pm	SJB committee meeting
Sun. 30th	11.00am 6:00pm	JOINT SERVICE AT THE CHAPEL <i>led by David Pickup</i> SERVICE OF LOVING REMEMBRANCE <i>led by Revd Phil Groves</i> To have a person included for remembrance please email Chloe at office@haddenhamstmarys.org

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Luke 18:9-14

The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector



9 To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: 10 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: "God, I thank you that I am not like other people – robbers, evildoers, adulterers – or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get."

13 'But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, "God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

14 'I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

The irony in this passage is that when we read it we are tempted to be thankful we are not like the Pharisee! In doing so we fall into the same trap that Jesus is highlighting – thinking of ourselves as more righteous than others, rather than recognising our own sinful nature and our need of God's mercy. We can learn from the tax collector whose simple prayer is both direct and heartfelt. Prayer does not need to be complicated and it does not need to be wordy. Our Father already knows what is in our hearts better than we do ourselves.



Father in heaven, help us to see ourselves more clearly, help us to acknowledge our own sinfulness rather than being pre-occupied with others. Help us to discard self-righteousness and pride so we can truly humble ourselves before you. Amen

At this time of turmoil in our national government Dear Lord we pray for wise leadership. Give to all our politicians a servant heart and inspire them to work together in making decisions for the good of all. Amen



Advent Course

We will be offering a benefice Advent course of four sessions using Paula Gooder's book 'The Meaning is in the Waiting' this Advent. There will be two opportunities to join this course: Thursday 2.30-3.30pm in the small hall in St. Mary's Centre (Haddenham) and Thursday 8-9pm on Zoom starting 24th November. Please contact Chloe in the benefice office or speak to Cassa for more details.

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Confirmation Courses

We will be running two benefice confirmation courses in November in preparation for the deanery confirmation on Sunday 4th December 4pm, hosted at St. Mary's Church, Haddenham:

Being Christian – Reflecting on the basics of the Christian Life. Preparing for Confirmation and refocusing on the foundations of faith. Canon Phil Groves is offering an opportunity for those who would like to know more about Baptism, Eucharist, Bible, and Prayer. For some it may lead to confirmation on December 4th. We will be using Rowan Williams book 'Being Christian' – a book that some of us studied over lockdown. It would be great if some who participated in that were to join us - you will bring wonderful insight and undoubtedly learn more.

The first session will be on Thursday November 3rd at 8pm (venue to be announced) and we will continue through to December 1st.

For more information ring Phil on 01296 748390.

To book a place please email Chloe office@haddenhamstmarys.org

Faith Confirmed – this is a three-session course starting Sunday 13th November 4-5pm (2nd session 20th November and 3rd session 27th November). The venue is the St. Mary's Centre in Haddenham.

The course will be led by our rector Cassa, please contact her if you would like to join the course by emailing cassamesservy@gmail.com or ringing 01844 335924.

Posada 2022

Following a break during the pandemic we are now planning to run our Advent Posada again. This is when figures of Mary and Joseph travel around the village staying at a different home each night, returning to church for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. It reminds us of the journey Mary and Joseph undertook and also helps us focus on our own Advent journey of preparation to receive Christ into our hearts and homes at Christmas.

An important part of the Posada is the receiving and the giving of Mary and Joseph from one host to another. It means spending a little time in quiet reflection and simple prayer with whoever brings the figures to you (a basic 'script' is provided for this). The Posada is not just for children – it brings all generations of our church family together.



The Posada begins in our Advent Sunday service on 27th November. The details of how it will be organised this year are still being worked out and we will speak about it in church over the next few weeks.

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