

#### **CHURCHYARD GARDENING PARTY**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 10:00am – 1:00 pm



Any help no matter how small will make a difference and be very much appreciated so please come along and as usual there will be refreshments.

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#### **SOCIALLY CRAFTY**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 10:30am – 12:30pm in the church Make friends ~ Drink Coffee ~ Eat Cake ~ Do Crafts EVERYONE IS WELCOME

#### **Coffee Cup news**

Our coffee cup collection today and for the next few weeks is for the Aylesbury Town Centre Chaplaincy. The Chaplaincy is an initiative by the local Christian community to help serve the needs of the town. It is an independent charitable trust and has volunteer day time chaplains and night time Street Angels drawn from churches across the town and surrounding area. The Street Angels often come across homeless people in the town centre at night, some of whom have not eaten much that day. We never give them money but we do buy them a meal from one of the late night outlets in town. This Friday evening we were able to do that for three people on the streets.

All chaplains and Street Angels are motivated by Christian principles of love and service and are fully committed to serving people of all backgrounds, and of all faiths or none.

https://www.aylesburytownchaplaincy.co.uk

#### Bookkeeping/Accounts for Stone, Dinton and Hartwell PCC.

As we are currently without a PCC treasurer please send all invoices for payment to <a href="mailto:Accounts@stonedintonhartwell.com">Accounts@stonedintonhartwell.com</a> where they will be dealt with by Naomi who has kindly stepped forward as bookkeeper.

Music in Quiet Places

Saturday 24th June at 7:30pm ~ St Peter & St Paul Church Dinton ~ Tickets cost £10

Concert includes pieces by Bach, Beethoven, and Eybler.

Ticket agent: Helen Wild 01296 748679 <u>wilddinton@waitrose.com</u>

Further information: Rosemary Jackson 01296 748655 <u>jacksonrj@btinternet.com</u>



## Parish of Stone, Dinton and Hartwell

Churches of: St. John Baptist, STONE; Ss Peter & Paul, DINTON; Assumption of St. Mary the Virgin, HARTWELL www.stonedintonhartwell.com

### St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June

10:30am

#### **FAMILY COMMUNION**

Led by: Revd Nigel Featherston



**EXPLORERS** will meet during the service



God of grace,

you invite the despised, you touch the unclean,

you lift the head of those who are brought low:

give us that hope against all hope

for a world transformed by your healing touch; through Jesus Christ, the mercy of God. **Amen.** 

6:00pm

**EVENSONG** with choir – at SPP Dinton

A wonderful way to wind down at the end of the day.

led by: David Pickup

#### THIS WEEK

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> 11:00am Café in the Park - in the Jubilee Pavilion

7:30pm **Choir practice** – in the church

10:30am

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00am MATINS (Prayer Book Service)

led by: David Pickup
FAMILY WORSHIP

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#### Matthew 9:18-26

#### Jesus raises a dead girl and heals a sick woman

<sup>18</sup> While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, 'My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live.' <sup>19</sup> Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

<sup>20</sup> Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. <sup>21</sup> She said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed.'

<sup>22</sup> Jesus turned and saw her. 'Take heart, daughter,' he said, 'your faith has healed you.' And the woman was healed at that moment.

<sup>23</sup> When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and the people playing pipes, <sup>24</sup> he said, 'Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep.' But they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup> After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. <sup>26</sup> News of this spread through all that region.

These verses are only part of the gospel reading in the lectionary for today but they are worth considering on their own. They demonstrate the extraordinary faith of both characters who approach Jesus, as well as the compassion of Jesus and His willingness to heal.

We are told that the little girl had **just died**, and yet the synagogue leader still approached Jesus believing that He could restore her to life. How many of us would have said it was too late for Jesus to do anything?

The woman who had been bleeding for twelve years would have been considered ceremonially unclean and so would have been living as an outcast all that time. Yet she too showed amazing faith in the power of Jesus to heal. Even just a touch of His garment would be enough. Jesus accepted the sincerity and power of her faith and not only healed her but also encouraged her heart with His words – so like Jesus.

Both supplicants approached Jesus with humility and faith even though the conditions they brought to Him were completely above the powers of nature to help. Yet they were well within the power of Christ to accomplish and he did so.



#### Dear Jesus

We know you have the power to heal and the compassion to do so. There are many people known to us in our community who are in special need of you at the moment.

Some are in hospital and some are waiting for a diagnosis or for treatment to start. Others are recovering at home.

We humbly lift them all to you and ask that you will stretch out your healing hand to them and bring them hope and encouragement for the future.

Amen

## Festival of St John the Baptist 2023 Sunday June 25

Festival Holy Communion 10.30am With Choir and Explorers Group for kids



# Then: Join us for a Picnic Vicarage Farmhouse

Bring your own picnic and bring drinks to share.

#### Prayer eagles

In our service last Sunday the reading from Isaiah 40 included verse 31:

'....but those who hope in the Lord will **renew their strength**. They will soar on wings like **eagles**: they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint'

The children coloured in paper eagles and we all wrote prayers on the back of them for people or situations that are in need of renewed strength at the moment. The 24 paper eagles are now displayed in the chancel - on the prayer tree and the altar rail.

On Wednesday evening seven of us met in the church to pray for everything listed on the eagles. If you jotted down your prayer request last week it was prayed for then. As expected there was a wide range of topics – for named people, for social issues, and for other nations such as Ukraine, India and Turkey.

The eagles are still in place near the altar so do take a look after the service today. If you have needs that you would like prayer for please speak to the service leader or a church warden. Someone will pray with you or for you, whichever you feel most comfortable with.

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