

SOCIALLY CRAFTY

Monday 15th May

10:30am – 12:30pm in the church

This Monday we hope to be able to make some "Bug Homes", knitted rainbows (so if you have any bits of wool in the rainbow colours please bring them along) and some other craft kits that we can make up. As usual you are more than welcome to bring along your own knitting, crocheting etc and just have a chat.

Make friends ~ Drink Coffee ~ Eat Cake ~ Do Crafts

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



CHURCHYARD GARDENING PARTY

Saturday 20th May

10:00am – 1:00 pm

(and every third Saturday until November)



This Saturday is our monthly Gardening session and as you can see things have grown so much with the warm sunshine and lots of rain. 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.

Sue Birrell on tel no: 01296 338163 or email: s.birrell@stonedintonhartwell.com

BOOK FEST CAFE

Saturday 20th May 10:00am – 4:00pm

The Methodist Chapel in Eythrope Road

Hundreds of books to browse and buy

tea ~ coffee ~ cakes ~ lunchtime toasties ~ cream teas

Could you distribute Christian Aid envelopes in your neighbourhood? You do not have to collect them in again.

If you can help please ring Sue 01296 748369 or email royandsue1@btinternet.com

If you prefer to give on line click here www.christianaid.org.uk/give/ways-to-donate

Our after service **COFFEE CUP COLLECTION** today and next week will be donated to Christian Aid

Pewsheets: pewsheets@stonedintonhartwell.com

Website: www.stonedintonhartwell.com

Revd Canon Dr Phil Groves: drphilgroves@gmail.com 01296 748390

BELONG - BELIEVE - BUILD - WITH CHRIST AS THE CORNERSTONE



Parish of Stone, Dinton and Hartwell



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 14th May

10:30am

FAMILY COMMUNION

Led by: Revd Sue Smith and Richard Smith



EXPLORERS will meet during the service

6:00pm

CHORAL EVENSONG at SPP DINTON

Led by: David Pickup

This is a traditional Book of Common Prayer service with a choir leading hymns and music. An opportunity to reflect quietly or enthusiastically join in at our wonderful medieval church. **Every second Sunday of the month** at 6 pm during summer months and 3 pm in winter months.

Enquiries: richard.smith@doctors.org.uk; david@pickupandscott.co.uk or jacksonrj@btinternet.com

"Today, evensong is the most used part of the Book of Common Prayer, largely untouched by the liturgical reforms of the past 40 years. It continues to inspire..."

Bishop Alan Wilson

THIS WEEK

Mon 15 th	10:30am	Socially Crafty (see notice)
Tues 16 th	11:00am	Café in the Park - in the Jubilee Pavilion
	7:30pm	Choir practice – in the church
Thurs 18 th	7:30pm	ASCENSION DAY SERVICE – SPP Dinton
Sat 20 th	10:00am	Churchyard Gardening (see notice)
Sun 21 st	9:00am	MATINS (Prayer Book service) led by David Pickup
	10:30am	FAMILY WORSHIP led by Revd Phil Groves

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John 14:15-21

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

15 "If you love me, keep my commands. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. 21 Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

This Gospel passage speaks to a very human reality: the fear we feel when we lose a loved one who played an important role in our lives. Those of us who have had such an experience know that we can become shaken and concerned about the future. Jesus is aware that the loss of his physical presence will be a blow to the disciples. After all, they have shared some amazing experiences with him in recent times and looked to him for teaching and guidance. So in this passage he is reassuring them 'I will not leave you orphaned'. The loss of his physical presence will be made up to them by the coming of the Holy Spirit who would be with them permanently. No one is meant to be alone in the family of God. No one is meant to be without hope.

The assurance that Jesus gives, of not being abandoned without a parent, reflects the parental theme in John's Gospel between Jesus and the Father, and also between the Father and those who believe. In chapter 1 we are told 'to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God'. Here in chapter 14 we find the fulfilment of that promise. We are family, we are not alone.



Thankyou Lord that you give your Holy Spirit to those who love you and keep your commands. Help me to follow the obedience and humility of Jesus. May the Spirit of truth lead and guide me and give me your peace. Amen

Sad News

It is with sadness that we announce that Adrian Collier passed away peacefully on the morning of Tuesday the 9th of May surrounded by his three daughters. Adrian has served in our benefice as Licenced Lay Minister for a number of years and we are thankful to God for his wise and gentle ministry amongst us. The funeral is planned for Friday 2nd June at 3 pm at St. Mary's Church, Haddenham. In the meantime, please pray for Adrian's family at this sad time.

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Thy Kingdom Come

As part of this global prayer movement we are encouraging every person and household to pray during the 11 days from 18th May to 28th May either in their own home, or in church.



1. Our own SJB **booklet of daily prayers** has been put together by members of our church and is available from church **TODAY**. This is our own in house book of prayers so we hope you will find them helpful.
2. There is an **Ascension Day service** at 7:30pm in SPP Dinton. This is the start of the 'Thy Kingdom Come' period of prayer.
3. From Friday 19th May to Saturday 27th May the **church will be open** each day 7pm – 7.30pm for anyone to come and pray either quietly on their own or in a small informal group. If you have a particular need and would like someone to pray with you then please come along then. We are here to welcome and support one another.
4. We will ask people to pray the prayer for the day between 7pm and 7.30pm (or as close to that as they can) **wherever** they are. So if you are at home and unable to come to church you can still take part knowing you are joining in the great wave of prayer with our church family. Just make sure you have access to our booklet of prayers! Give Jenny Pickup a ring if you would like one delivered to you: 01296 748170.

"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities."

Archbishop Justin Welby



APCM News

At our Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Wednesday evening the following were elected to serve as Church wardens based in SJB Stone:

Raymond Medhurst

Sue Birrell

And in addition Terry Cooper will be serving as an assistant warden. This is not an official post but will be a very useful one. Thankyou to all three of you.

Many other people were also thanked for the work they do to serve the church.

Rosemary Jackson will continue in her role as churchwarden based in SPP Dinton.

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