



LOVING REMEMBRANCE

Sunday 29th October at 6.00pm

An evening service to remember before God those who are dear to us who have passed away. The service will include words of hope from the Scriptures, quiet prayer and well-known hymns. On request we will read the names of those to be remembered as we light a candle for them.

To know more about the service ring Canon Phil Groves on 01296 748390

To include a name for remembrance please email:

office@haddenhamstmarys.org

Alternatively, a QR code will also be available during the main service in SJB today. This will allow you to access the online form.

Dates for your diary

Weds 25th October – SJB committee meeting

Sat 28th October – Closing date for 'Link to Hope' shoebox appeal

Sun 29th October – Service of Loving Remembrance

Sat 4th November – Café in the Park

Sun 12th November – Remembrance Sunday

Sat 25th November – Christmas Coffee and Gift Fair run by 'Socially Crafty'

Sun 3rd December – Advent Sunday – Posada begins

Benefice Administrator Vacancy

Our benefice administrator Chloe will be leaving us for a wonderful opportunity so we are now advertising for a new administrator. The job specification and application form can be on our benefice website, here:

<https://www.wychertvale.org/benefice-administrator/>


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

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(Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9am-1pm)

Pewsheets: pewsheets@stonedintonhartwell.com


Website: www.stonedintonhartwell.com



Network Name: **SJB Congregation**

Password: **StJohnBaptist**

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Sunday 15th October

9:00am **MATINS** (Prayer Book service)
led by David Pickup

10:30am **FAMILY WORSHIP**
led by Richard Smith



EXPLORERS will meet in the vestry during the morning service

Thankyou for your continuing support to the **Coffee Cup Collections**. The harvest goods and collections were for the food bank and the Coffee Cup Collections continue to be for them so please give generously as you usually do.



THIS WEEK

Mon	16 th	10:30am	Socially Crafty – in church
Tues	17 th	11:00am	Café in the Park - in the Jubilee Pavilion
		7:30pm	Choir practice – Methodist chapel
Sat	21 st	10:00am	Churchyard gardening
Sun	22 nd	10:30am	FAMILY COMMUNION <i>led by Revd Sue Smith and Richard Smith</i>

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Matthew 22:1-14

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

22 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

⁴“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

⁵“But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

⁸“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ ¹⁰So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹²He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless.

¹³“Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

14 “For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

How wonderful that Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a party! and not just any party, the host is the King himself and it is in honour of his son. What a privilege it would be to be invited to that and how incredible that so many of the invited guests decided they were too busy to come.



So the invitation went out instead to everyone the King's servants could find. **That includes you and me.** The lesson here though is that if we are too busy, or for whatever reason, unwilling to respond to God he will choose others instead of us.

However, it is not enough simply to go along for the food! In honour of the host and his son we need to be properly dressed for the occasion too – but what does that mean?

We cannot enter the Kingdom of God on our own terms – only on Jesus' terms. Thankfully, through his death and resurrection and the gift of the Holy Spirit, Jesus has provided the clothes we need - but we must choose to put them on.

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Link to Hope Shoebox appeal

Link to Hope is a Christian charity which collects, collates and delivers packed shoeboxes as Christmas gifts to the poorest people in Ukraine, Moldova, Bulgaria, and Romania. As you can imagine with the war in Ukraine ongoing, **Link to Hope** are hoping for an extra generous response to the Shoebox appeal this year.

Further details are in the October edition of the Parish News magazine.

Or you can ring Sue Spinks tel: 01296 748369 or email royandsue1@btinternet.com

Statement from the Archbishop of Canterbury

On Friday the Archbishop of Canterbury released a statement on the conflict in Israel and Gaza. It is too long to reproduce in full here so the link below will take you to it.

In summary it urges us to

‘Pray for the people of Israel, Gaza and the West Bank. Pray for the future of the Holy Land. Pray for those who will weep, and fear, and die tonight’.

<https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/news/news-and-statements/archbishop-canterbury-statement-israel-and-gaza>

Many of us are at a loss for words when witnessing the horrors of this conflict. Here is a prayer you can use.



God of light and salvation, our refuge and our strength,

We pray for the people of Israel and Palestine amid the escalating violence.

We pray for those killed and injured by rockets from Gaza in southern Israel. May your rod and staff comfort them. We pray for those who are grieving. May they know your ever-present help.

We pray for the protection of those who have been taken hostage by Hamas. As they walk through this dark valley, may they fear no evil.

We pray for the civilians of Gaza. May they know that their help comes from the Maker of heaven and earth.

And we pray for those in leadership in Gaza and Israel. May you guide them along the right paths. We ask all this in union with Christ and trusting in the power of your Holy Spirit.

Amen

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