

### Dogs For Good

The total Coffee Cup Collection for Dogs for Good was as follows:



Total of donations = £223.10

Tax reclaimed from HMRC = £55.78

**Grand Total for DFG = £278.88**

*Thankyou everyone !*

### Dates for your diary

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> October** – Closing date for 'Link to Hope' shoebox appeal

**Sun 29<sup>th</sup> October** – Service of Loving Remembrance

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup> November** – Café in the Park

**Sun 12<sup>th</sup> November** – Remembrance Sunday

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> November** – Christmas Coffee and Gift Fair run by 'Socially Crafty'

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> 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/>

### Link to Hope Shoebox appeal

The closing date for this appeal is THIS SATURDAY (28<sup>th</sup> October). **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.

For details ring Sue Spinks tel: 01296 748369 or email [royandsue1@btinternet.com](mailto:royandsue1@btinternet.com)


Revd Canon Dr Phil Groves: [drphilgroves@gmail.com](mailto:drphilgroves@gmail.com) 01296 748390

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

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Website: [www.stonedintonhartwell.com](http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com)



Network Name: **SJB Congregation**

Password: **StJohnBaptist**

We now accept online donations. You can donate at: [www.stonedintonhartwell.com/donate](http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com/donate)



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# 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](http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com)

## St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

10:30am

### FAMILY COMMUNION

*led by Revd Sue Smith and 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

Tues	24 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Café in the Park - in the Jubilee Pavilion
		7:30pm	Choir practice – Methodist chapel
Weds	25 <sup>th</sup>	8:00pm	SJB committee meeting – location on agenda
Sat	28 <sup>th</sup>		<b>remember - turn your clock back an hour before going to bed!!</b>
Sun	29 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	<b>JOINT SERVICE WITH METHODISTS</b> in the chapel <i>led by David Pickup</i>
		6:00pm	<b>SERVICE OF LOVING REMEMBRANCE</b> <i>Led by Revd Canon Phil Groves</i>

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## Matthew 22:15-22

### Paying the Imperial Tax to Caesar

*15 Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words.*

*16 They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. 17 Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"*

*18 But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? 19 Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, 20 and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"*

*21 "Caesar's," they replied.*

*Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."*

*22 When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.*



The Pharisees were setting a trap for Jesus. The taxes they referred to were extremely unpopular. If Jesus had said a straightforward 'yes' he would have been discredited in the eyes of the people. They would have thought he was a traitor who wanted to help the Romans. Yet if he had said 'no' he would have been guilty of sedition and may even have been arrested and executed.

Instead Jesus avoids the 'yes or no' trap that we often hear in political interviews on the radio. He gives an amazing answer **'give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's'**.

Every follower of Jesus has dual citizenship. We have a responsibility to play our part as good citizens in our society. We are also citizens of the kingdom of heaven with a higher responsibility to God.

It is not that God is in charge of the 'sacred' area of our lives and the government in charge of the 'secular' part. Our whole life is under God's authority. Part of our commitment to Him though is to honour and obey the laws of the land. That places a responsibility on us to influence change where the two appear to be in conflict.

*This image comes from the Misioneros Del Sagrado Corazón en el Perú*

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## LOVING REMEMBRANCE Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

The service will be led by Canon Phil Groves

To include a name for remembrance please email:  
[office@haddenhamstmarys.org](mailto:office@haddenhamstmarys.org)

Alternatively the online forms can be accessed from the QR code



### Pastoral visit to Diocese of Jerusalem

On Thursday afternoon the Archbishop of Canterbury began a pastoral visit to Jerusalem following the explosion at the Hospital in Gaza. The intention of the short visit was to offer solidarity to the local Anglican Church, and particularly the Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, the Most Revd Hosam Naoum.

The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem is home to about 7000 Anglicans worshipping within twenty-eight different congregations. It is also responsible for many hospitals, schools, clinics, and other institutions. Archbishop Hosam Naoum oversees all of these parishes and institutions, which are scattered across five separate countries or territories: **Jordan, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, and Israel.**



*O God of all justice and peace,*

*We cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.*

*Be with those who need you in these days of suffering.*

*We pray for people of all faiths – Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land.*

*While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to all the peoples.*

*Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children.*

*In Jesus' name we pray*

*Amen*

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