

NOT JUST A COFFEE **MORNING**
 BUT..... A
MACMILLAN COFFEE DAY !
 In the chapel in Eythrope Road
SATURDAY 30th SEPTEMBER




10 - 12 COFFEE & CAKE
 12 - 2 LUNCHTIME TOASTIES
 2 - 4 CREAM TEAS

+ BOOKS FOR SALE all day

Other dates for your diary


Weds 4th October – School Harvest service at SJB Stone
Sat 7th October – Café in the Park
Sun 8th October – Confirmation service with Bishop Alan at SPP Dinton
Sun 8th October – Harvest Evensong at SPP Dinton
Sun 29th October – Service of Loving Remembrance
Sat 25th November – Christmas Coffee and Gift Fair run by ‘Socially Crafty’ who meet in the church on the **third Monday of each month.**



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St. John the Baptist STONE
Sunday 24th September

10:30am FAMILY COMMUNION

Led by: Revd Nigel Featherston



EXPLORERS will meet in the vestry during the service

Benefice morning prayers on Zoom

Following the pandemic Morning Prayers have taken place across the Benefice by Zoom. As the number of people attending has now fallen the Morning Prayers have been paused with immediate effect. Consideration is now being given to the best way forward. Our thanks go to Revd Jonathan Hawkins who has been leading these sessions.

THIS WEEK

Tues	26th	11:00am	Café in the Park - in the Jubilee Pavilion
		7:30pm	Choir practice - in the church
Weds	27th	8:00pm	SJB committee meeting - in the church
Sat	30th	10:30am	Choir practice - in the church
Sun	1st	9:00am	HARVEST MATINS led by David Pickup
		10:30am	FAMILY HARVEST FESTIVAL with choir led by Revd Canon Dr Phil Groves

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Matthew 20:1-16

The parable of the workers in the vineyard

20 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

³ 'About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the market-place doing nothing. ⁴ He told them, "You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." ⁵ So they went.

'He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶ About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, "Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?"

⁷ "Because no one has hired us," they answered.

'He said to them, "You also go and work in my vineyard."

⁸ 'When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first."

⁹ 'The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹² "These who were hired last worked only one hour," they said, "and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day."

¹³ 'But he answered one of them, "I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius?" ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵ Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?"

¹⁶ 'So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

This passage can be challenging, especially when we feel hard done by and want to grumble. We can all think of times when we have been happy enough with our own situation until we hear of someone else who is doing even better than we are – especially if from our viewpoint they do not deserve it. In our hearts we are allowing envy to replace thankfulness to God for his generosity to us. So instead of looking at this from our viewpoint let us try to look at it how God sees it.

This parable demonstrates the wonder of his great love. In sharing this with others he is taking nothing away from those who have already received his love. Jesus is saying there is no reason for envy, but every reason to marvel at the generosity of God. Whether we are the first or the last in this tale none of us has done anything to deserve God's love anyway. It is freely and graciously given. So let us always be thankful to God for that.

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Everyone is invited to the

Harvest Family Service

with the choir

service leader: Revd Canon Dr Phil Groves

Sunday 1st October

at 10.30am

Donations of perishable and non-perishable foods will be given to the
Aylesbury Vineyard Foodbank



The following week on Sunday 8th October there will be a

HARVEST EVENSONG at SPP DINTON at 6:00pm.

The service will be led by David Pickup and the preacher is Bishop Alan.



A collect for the sixteenth Sunday after Trinity



*Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Confirmation preparation

There will be a service of confirmation in SPP Dinton led by Bishop Alan, on Sunday 8th October at 4:00pm. If you are thinking of being confirmed, or would like to know more about it, please let Revd Phil Groves know. He would be happy to have a chat with you.

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