

#### 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

# Dates for your diary

 $\textbf{Mon 16}^{\text{th}} \ \textbf{October} - \textbf{Socially Crafty} - \textbf{in church 10:30am -12:30pm}$ 

Sat 21st October - Churchyard Gardening 10:00am - 1:00pm

Weds 25th October - SJB committee meeting

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

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

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> November – Christmas Coffee and Gift Fair run by 'Socially Crafty' who meet in the church on the **third Monday of each month.** 



# Thankyou from the chapel

Many thanks to everyone who supported the MacMillan coffee day and book sale at the chapel last weekend. A total of just over £400 was raised.

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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

# St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October

10:30am **FAMILY COMMUNION** 

led by Revd Nigel Featherston



EXPLORERS will meet in the vestry during the morning service

4:00pm

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE** 

in SPP Dinton with Bishop Alan

6:00pm

HARVEST EVENSONG in SPP Dinton

led by David Pickup and Bishop Alan



#### THIS WEEK

Mon	9 <sup>th</sup>	2:30pm	SJB Fabric committee – in the church
Tues	10 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Café in the Park - in the Jubilee Pavilion
		7:30pm	Choir practice – Methodist chapel
Sat	7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Café in the Park – in the Jubilee Pavilion
Sun	15 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	MATINS led by David Pickup
		10·30am	FAMILY WORSHIP led by Richard Smith

# Matthew 21:33-46 The Parable of the Tenants

"Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. <sup>34</sup> When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

<sup>35</sup> "The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. <sup>36</sup> Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. <sup>37</sup> Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said.

<sup>38</sup> "But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup> So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

<sup>40</sup> "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

<sup>41</sup> "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time."

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

the Lord has done this, 33

and it is marvellous in our eyes'?

<sup>43</sup> "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. <sup>44</sup> Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed."

<sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. <sup>46</sup> They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

Jesus tells this story to leaders of the religious establishment because they have not been listening to God through the prophets he has sent to them. God (the land owner) has been patient, offering second, and third, and fourth chances. Why else would the land-owner keep sending more people to the obviously wicked tenants? Why sacrifice even his own son? On hearing this parable the religious leaders did not like its message because it had hit too close to home, so they turned on Jesus.

Jesus is prophesying about his own death. He is the 'son' and 'heir' whom God sent. He was the 'stone the builders rejected' and he is the one who will bring the judgement. He offers second chances to us all though. We may find it uncomfortable sometimes to hear the truth but for our lives to bear good fruit we must be ready to do so.

### **Confirmation service**



Heavenly Father we remember Lee and Claire in our prayers as they are confirmed by the Bishop in Dinton Church today. May your Holy Spirit increase in them the desire to know and follow Jesus every day. Amen

## 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 <a href="mailto:royandsue1@btinternet.com">royandsue1@btinternet.com</a>

### Prisons week 8th -14th October

Prisons Week aims to encourage prayer and awareness of the needs of prisoners and their families, victims of offenders, prisons staff and all those who care, reflected in the Prisons Week Prayer offered throughout the week:



Lord, you offer freedom to all people.
We pray for those who are in prison.
Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist.
Support with your love: prisoners, their families and friends, prison staff and all who care.
Heal those who have been wounded by the activities of others, especially the victims of crime.
Help us to forgive one another.
To act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly together with Christ in His strength and in His Spirit, now and every day. Amen.

In recent years we have been able to support Revd Sue Smith in her role as a prison chaplain in HMP Grendon and Springhill by providing good quality new socks for the chaplaincy team to give to the men at Christmas. We will be doing that again this year, so watch this space for further details nearer the time. Sue will not be with us in church today as she regularly takes the Sunday service in the two prisons where she is based. Last week two of the residents were confirmed by the Bishop in a special service in the prison. Please pray for them as they begin their new lives of faith, and for Sue and the chaplaincy team who minister to the residents and nurture their faith.