

**SATURDAY 24th SEPTEMBER
VILLAGE PRAYER WALK**

Come and join us! Everyone is welcome!
We will be praying for our community in various locations around the village

No previous experience of prayer walking is required
Prayers will be provided or you can bring your own
If you prefer to pray silently or just listen that is fine

We will meet at SJB at 10:30am and be finished by noon.

*'For where two or three are gathered together in my name,
there am I in the midst of them'*

Matthew 18:20

Further details: Jenny Pickup 748170

Children's Group Update



The children's group will be starting up again on **9th October** - the week after our family Harvest Service. It will give the children the opportunity to meet together for their own teaching while their parents participate in the main service. All of the helpers will have been properly safety checked.

Further details: Naomi Corbould 01296 747689 or email naominz@hotmail.co.uk

Ride + Stride sponsorship money

Now that Steve Birrell has kindly cycled round 11 churches to raise funds for the Historic Churches trust it is time to collect in the sponsor money that was pledged. Please remember to bring your money with you to church today! And a big THANKYOU to Steve from all of us.

Tuesday 20th	10:00am – 12:00noon	CAFÉ IN THE PARK
Saturday 24th	10:30am – 12:00noon	PRAYER WALK <i>starting at the church</i>
Sunday 25th	10:30am	FAMILY COMMUNION <i>Led by Revd Cassa Messervy We will also be welcoming Revd Clare Joyce who is our new curate</i>

BELONG - BELIEVE - BUILD - WITH CHRIST AS THE CORNERSTONE



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**St. John the Baptist STONE
Sunday 18th September**

9:00am MATINS (Prayer Book Service)

Leader: David Pickup

10:30am FAMILY WORSHIP

Leader: Revd Harriet Orridge

6:00pm OUTDOOR EVENSONG

**outside Hartwell Church
in the grounds of Hartwell House**

*Leader: Revd Cassa Messervy
with David Pickup*

Please bring your own chair
(and wrap up warm as the evenings
are now much cooler)



The church will continue to be open 8:00am –7:00pm for private prayer and reflection until the end of Tuesday this week. The books of condolence will still be available to sign as well.

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The Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft, has issued a message to the diocese with a prayer for the King.



As we continue to mourn our beloved Queen, we give thanks today for the accession to the throne of His Majesty King Charles III.

The world and our nation face multiple challenges. We give thanks to God that we have a new King who will bring stability, wisdom and deep Christian faith to his unique role. King Charles has prepared through the whole of his life for the office he will now fulfil.

In his moving address to the nation on 9 September, the King pledged himself afresh to the service of the nation and commonwealth. In turn, we pledge to him our continued loyalty and our prayers for our King, the Queen Consort, the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Royal Family in all of their responsibilities.

- *The Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford*



Almighty God, we give you thanks for Charles your servant and our King, for his devotion to his family, nation and Commonwealth and to the Earth, our fragile home. We thank you for his faith in you and his love for all peoples and for his call to be our sovereign in such a time as this.

Bless and protect Charles in all the years to come, grant him long to reign over us and give him gifts of wisdom and discernment as together we face the opportunities and challenges of our age. Bless Camilla the Queen Consort, William, Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family in this time of mourning and of change.

May we all abide in your love, draw strength from the deep wells of Christian hope and dedicate ourselves afresh to God's kingdom of justice and peace.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our set readings for today are: Amos 8:4-7, 1 Timothy 2:1-7 and Luke 16:1-13
The reading from the epistle seems to be particularly appropriate today.

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Instructions on worship

1 I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – 2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 3 This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, 4 who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. 7 And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle – I am telling the truth, I am not lying – and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

All of a sudden we have a new King as well as a new Prime Minister. Although Charles had been preparing for his new role all his life it has been thrust on him suddenly, and at a time of deep personal grief.

Our new Prime Minister Liz Truss and her cabinet ministers are faced with significant challenges at a time when many in our country are anxious about the increasing cost of living and delays in receiving health care.

We are instructed in this reading to pray for kings and all those in authority. Let us undertake to do that each day, asking that our leaders may do so with justice, mercy and walking humbly with God, just as the late Queen, did.

Excerpts from the blog of Bishop Steven

.....One thread which is emerging is the profound importance of Christian faith, both to the late Queen and also to our new King. There is a sense of the nation leaning into the resources of the Christian faith as we grieve together and learn to look forward in hope.

.....There will also be many people in our communities for whom the national mourning stirs afresh their own grief for loved ones who have died and who will therefore need pastoral care and draw strength from the Church.

Sunday 30th October at 6:00pm - a special service of **Loving Remembrance** for all who mourn the loss of a loved one - here in SJB. Details to follow.