

Lent Courses - Dust and Glory

We are welcoming everyone to join us for our Lent Study Group.

When - 8pm on Five Mondays starting 27th Feb

Where - Vicarage Farmhouse - the home of Clare and Terry (*thankyou both*)

What - Five Bible Studies on Peter: The Disciple who followed and failed and followed again. Sessions led by Revd Phil Groves, David Pickup and Richard Smith.

Can't make Mondays? Phil will be leading a group in Cuddington Church 12noon Fridays. He is also recording the sessions on YouTube and as a podcast for people to use at home.

A great alternative is a book group looking at the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book 'Failure: What Jesus said about sin, mistakes and messing stuff up' by Emma Ineson

1) Wednesday 11.30-12.30pm hosted in the Small Hall, St. Mary's Centre Haddenham (starting 1st March)

2) Zoom session – evening 8-9pm, day to be confirmed.

Books can be bought from the Benefice Office, please contact Chloe 01844 291108.

'SOCIALLY CRAFTY'

MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

10.30am - 12.30pm

in St John the Baptist Church, Stone.



Many of you will have seen the splendid banner of 'HOPE' in the church that was made by volunteers a few years back. We are now going to make another one – this time saying 'LOVE' - but we need your willing hands to do that. The good news is that no special skills are needed, and of course you can always bring something else to do or just sit and chat if you prefer.

Make friends ~ Drink Coffee ~ Eat Cake ~ Do Crafts if you want

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Lent Taizé Services

Also during Lent there will be Lent Taizé services at St. Mary's Church in Haddenham on Thursday evenings 8-8.45pm starting 2nd March. These services will focus on the last week before Jesus' death on the Cross with readings, a reflection and Taizé chants

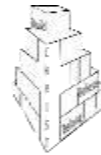
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St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 19th February

9:00am **MATINS (Prayer Book Service)**
Led by David Pickup

10:30am **FAMILY WORSHIP**
Led by Revd Harriet Orridge



EXPLORERS *will meet during this service*

Our coffee cup collection until the end of February is for Aylesbury PACE which supports children with neurodisabilities
Next month we will be supporting the LEPROSY MISSION



The season of Lent begins this week

Mon 20th	10:30am	Socially Crafty (<i>see separate notice</i>)
Tues 21st	11:00am	Café in the Park in the Jubilee Pavilion
	7:30pm	Choir practice at the chapel
Weds 22nd	7:30pm	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion <i>led by Revd Phil Groves & Richard Smith</i>
Thurs 23rd	8:00pm	SJB committee meeting online
Sun 26th	10:30am	Family Communion <i>led by Revd Nigel Featherston</i>

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Matthew 17:1-9

The Transfiguration

17 After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. 3 Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

4 Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

6 When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. 7 But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." 8 When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."



What an extraordinary event! A bright light, the appearance of Moses and Elijah, and a voice from the cloud. Jesus chose to share all this with his three closest friends – Peter, James and John. What a privilege for them to see Jesus in His glory, even though they were terrified at first. So what is the significance of it all for them and for us?

Before this occurred the disciples had only known Jesus as an insightful and inspiring rabbi who healed the sick. A good man. Yet when Jesus had asked 'who do people say the Son of man is?' Peter had confessed him to be the Christ, the Son of the living God. Then at the transfiguration on the mountain they **saw him differently for the first time** – He was shining with God's glory, not simply reflecting it. They had now seen him as both fully human, and also fully divine. Knowing Jesus meant they also knew what God is like - what a revelation! The same is true for us too. In knowing Jesus we can know God. This was not just a momentary event that was over as soon as the transfiguring light had gone. It was a revelation of an eternal truth. God wants to be known by us, that is why he became one of us. He is involved in our lives because Jesus is. Jesus is God – God is involved in human life – human life is therefore precious in God's sight. We may not have been present on the mountain that day but we can all have our own moments of revelation, when we suddenly see clearly who Jesus really is, and we are all precious in His sight. Let us pray.

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God of love we give thanks for this incredible vision of your love for the world and the way you have uniquely revealed yourself in Jesus.

We long to reflect your glory in our words and actions.

We pray that we might see clearly your true nature and the true worth of each human being.

God of love, shine in the lives of all who suffer or are in any kind of need today. Bring them strength and the comfort of your loving presence with them.

We pray for the people of Turkey and Syria after the earthquake and for the emergency aid organisations who are working hard to support them.

And we pray for the people enduring the ongoing war in Ukraine, and we ask for peace.

We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus

Amen

Joan Shurvell



We mourn the passing of Joan Shurvell earlier this week, and we offer our heartfelt condolences to her husband Phil, her son Derek, daughters Val and Evelyn, and their families. Please remember them in your prayers. Joan had lived for many years in Eythrope Road and was very well known for her love of flowers and her special gift for arranging them. We remember with grateful thanks the beautiful flower displays in church and the posies that many of us received at the Mothering Sunday services each year. Thankyou Joan.

Pastoral Care

If you know of anyone in the parish who has a pastoral need or would like to receive communion at home please contact Revd Harriet Orridge to arrange a visit harriet.wychert@gmail.com or contact the benefice office on 01844 291108.

Save these Dates

World Day of Prayer – 3rd March at 2.00pm at the chapel in Eythrope Road

Mothering Sunday – 19th March

Maundy Thursday benefice service – 6th April 7.30pm hosted at St. Nicholas, Kingsey

Good Friday – 7th April Walk of Witness and Easter Garden All Age service

Easter Sunday – 9th April – service details to follow

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