

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, Church Way - the home of Clare and Terry (*thankyou*)

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.

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Phil will also be leading a group in Cuddington Church 12noon Fridays, as well as recording sessions on YouTube and as a podcast for people to use at home.



At **'SOCIALLY CRAFTY'** last Monday 12 people met in the church and enjoyed hospitality and chatter while helping to produce this beautiful new banner for the church.

We will be running our next session on

Monday 20th March

10:30am – 12:30pm

Watch this space for details of our next project. We are planning to meet the third Monday of each month, except on Bank Holidays. Everyone is welcome to join in. 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

An enriching experience

The Bishop of Buckingham and his wife have been hosting six Ukrainian guests since last year [+Alan reflects on the experience of hosting a Ukrainian family](#), from the joy of young children in the house to the incredible support from the community.

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St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 26th February

10:30am FAMILY COMMUNION

Led by Revd Nigel Featherston

Readings: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Matthew 4:1-11



EXPLORERS will meet during this service

Our coffee cup collection today is for Aylesbury PACE which supports children with neurodisabilities. From next week until the end of April we will be supporting the LEPROSY MISSION



This week

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| Mon 27th | 8:00pm | Lent Study Group at Vicarage Farmhouse |
| Tues 28th | 11:00am | Café in the Park in the Jubilee Pavilion |
| | 7:30pm | Choir practice at the chapel |
| Fri 3rd | 2:00pm | World day of Prayer at the chapel |
| Sat 4th | 10:00-12:00 | Café in the Park in the Jubilee Pavilion |
| Sun 5th | 10:30am | Family Worship with baptism <i>led by Revd Canon Phil Groves</i> |

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Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus is tested in the wilderness

4 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. **2** After fasting for forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. **3** The tempter came to him and said, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.'
4 Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."
5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the highest point of the temple. **6** 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."
7 Jesus answered him, 'It is also written: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."
8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. **9** 'All this I will give you,' he said, 'if you will bow down and worship me.'
10 Jesus said to him, 'Away from me, Satan! For it is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."
11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.



Notice how the devil began the first two temptations by saying 'IF you are the Son of God...' to make Jesus doubt himself and his Father. Sometimes the devil comes to us and says 'IF you are a Christian...' to sow the same seeds of doubt in us. The best response is to follow the example of Jesus.

So how do we do this? To each temptation Jesus responds with a verse from Deuteronomy chapters 6-8. If we follow Jesus' example in studying and getting to know the Bible it will deepen our relationship with Him, and it will help to equip us in resisting temptation when it comes.

Following Jesus is hard, and he does not expect us to succeed without stumbling! He chose disciples to walk on his journey with him who often let him down. They failed but he forgave them and they began again. The important thing is that when we fail we can come back to Jesus and find forgiveness and strength from Him.

Martin Luther said, "You cannot keep birds from flying over your head but you can keep them from building a nest in your hair." In other words you can't keep the Devil from suggesting thoughts, but you can choose not to dwell or act on them.



Lord, help me to follow the example of Jesus in my battles against temptation. Help me to read your word with understanding and to hold it in my heart so I can respond to temptation, and be courageous in proclaiming the message of Jesus. Amen

News from the chapel

You will be thrilled to know that after the **AUSTERITY LUNCH** last Saturday at the chapel, and with many generous donations **£456.15** is being sent off to the earthquake appeal.

Many thanks to everyone who helped and supported.

Sue Spinks

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.

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

Confirmation

We have a couple of people in the benefice who would like to be confirmed. We are waiting for dates from the deanery but in the meantime if you haven't been confirmed and you would like to be please speak to Revd Phil Groves and/or let Chloe in the benefice office know: 01844 291108

Save these Dates

Joan Shurvell funeral service – Friday 17th March 2:00pm

Mothering Sunday – 19th March

Socially Crafty – Monday 20th 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