

'SOCIALLY CRAFTY'
MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY
 10.30am - 12.30pm



in St John the Baptist Church, Stone.

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

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Prison socks thankyou

Dear All

A very big thank you to all those who donated socks for the prison residents at Christmas time. We gave out the socks (and chocolate bars) at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. The residents were surprised and very grateful for the one and only gift they would receive at Christmas thanks to you all. Lovely comments were made about the quality of the socks and the range of styles!! What came across is that they were so grateful and asked for their thanks to be extended to those who donated.

Forty one pairs of socks were given out over the Christmas service period. The chaplaincy team is so grateful for your support for the purchase of the gifts but also all the prayers and support offered in other ways. Thank you so much.

Best wishes

Sue and the chaplaincy team at HMP Grendon and Springhill

Thankyou newsletter

In December we sent a donation from the coffee cup collection and the carol service to the Free Christmas Day Lunch at St Mary's Church in Aylesbury. You can now read how it all went on the day by clicking here [Christmas Lunch newsletter](#)

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St. John the Baptist STONE
Sunday 5th February

10:30am FAMILY WORSHIP

Led by Revd Phil Groves

Today we welcome for baptism

Eloise Hope Edwards

and we pray for her and for her parents Charley and Leon as they take this step of faith, and ask for God's blessing on them all



EXPLORERS will not be meeting today – see you all next week!



God of our salvation,
 help us to turn away from those habits which harm our bodies
 and poison our minds
 and to choose again your gift of life,
 revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

This week

Tues 7th	11:00am	Café in the Park in the Jubilee Pavilion
	7:30pm	Choir practice resumes at the chapel
Sun 12th	10:30am	Family Communion led by Revd Harriet Orridge
	3:00pm	Evensong at SPP Dinton led by David Pickup

Save these Dates

Ash Wednesday benefice service – 22nd Feb 7.30pm hosted here at SJB Stone
World Day of Prayer – 3rd March at 2.00pm at the chapel in Eythrope Road
Maundy Thursday benefice service – 6th April 7.30pm hosted at St. Nicholas, Kingsey

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Matthew 5:13-20

Salt and Light

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

The Fulfilment of the Law

¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Christians are called to change things in the world and point the way to Jesus; we can impact the world for Christ in amazing ways when we follow Him.



Salt has lots of uses. It used to be used as currency, as valuable as gold. It was also used as a preservative because it kept things fresh before refrigeration came in. It can alter chemistry in cooking and even keep roads from freezing. Nowadays though we appreciate it most for its flavour. Just a tiny amount can make a big difference to what we eat.

As followers of Jesus we are called to have an impact on our community, enhancing it for the better. This is why Jesus refers to us as the salt of the earth.



So if we huddle together in church or inside our own faith and do not share it with others, it is useless. Does a candle lose any of its flame by lighting another candle? No, by sharing its flame with other candles it can light up a whole room.

Then in verses 17-20 we see a conclusion of sorts to what Jesus is teaching. He explains that he does not want to abolish the law or the prophets but to fulfil them. He is the light of the world and he shares that light with us. It is now our responsibility to share it with others.

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Café in the Park

One way in which SJB tries to 'get out of the saltshaker' and into our community is through Café in the Park – and yesterday it was buzzing! Thankyou to everyone who helped. Our next Saturday Café will be on 4th March but it is also open EVERY Tuesday 11:00 – 1:00. So if you haven't been along yet there are plenty of opportunities to do so. It is a good place to meet up with friends, to make new ones, and to shine your light!



Father we pray that You will use us in this community where You have placed us, to bring the light, the life, and the love of Christ to those we meet in our daily lives. Keep us ever mindful that without You we can do nothing, but in the strength and power of Your Holy Spirit, we are able to act as Your hands, Your feet, and Your heart, to those in need. In Jesus' name we pray, AMEN.

Pastoral Care

We are concerned about the high levels of pastoral care needs amongst our church community at the moment. We are particularly worried about people who might be 'falling through the gaps' and being missed for visits, home communion or practical support. Rev Harriet Orridge has kindly offered to help us catch up with people who may have inadvertently been missed. Many of you will have met Rev Harriet already as she has sometimes taken services in SJB (including Midnight Communion on Christmas Eve). Please be in touch with her harriet.wychert@gmail.com to highlight people who you know of who are in need of pastoral care or please contact her or Chloe in the benefice office 01844 291108 if you have a pastoral need and would like a visit or support.

Come and See

Come and See is a big, warm welcome to everybody to explore Christianity this Lent. We'll be looking at the Beatitudes – a vision for the best way of living we can hope for. Join us on the journey -[sign up for free emails through Lent.](#)

Coffee cup news

The following causes have been agreed and allocated to these dates:

January /February	Aylesbury PACE - for children with neurodisabilities
March / April	Leprosy Mission
May / June	Aylesbury Street Angels
July / August	Dogs for Good – providers of trained assistance dogs



Each of these is either a local charity or is one with which a church member has a connection.

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