

LENT STUDY GROUP

We are welcoming everyone to join us at 8pm on Monday evenings for our Bible studies on the disciple Peter. Our session tomorrow will be led by David Pickup.

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

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

SOCIALLY CRAFTY

Monday 20th March

10:30am – 12:30pm

The third Monday of each month, except on Bank Holidays. Everyone is welcome to join in the craft project. The good news is that no special skills are needed, and you can always bring something else to do, or just sit and chat if you prefer.

Make friends ~ Drink Coffee ~ Eat Cake ~ Do Crafts

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



CHURCHYARD GARDENING PARTY

Saturday 18th March

10:00am – 1:00 pm

(and every third Saturday until November)

We would like to tidy the graves, clear the bank along Bishopstone Road, plant some flowers and make some bird and insect homes in the bushes. If you can help then please just come along or contact Sue Birrell on tel no: 01296 338163

or email: s.birrell@stonedintonhartwell.com



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

There was an almost full chapel on Friday afternoon and everyone agreed it was a very timely and meaningful service with (of course) lots of chat and cake afterwards. The offering amounted to £165.00 much of it Gift Aided, so a happy result all round. Very grateful thanks to all the willing volunteers who took part and to Chris Ashbridge for the music.

Sue Spinks

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St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 5th March

10:30am **FAMILY WORSHIP with Baptism**

Led by Revd Canon Phil Groves

Gospel reading: Mark 1:16-20

Today we welcome for baptism

Fletcher Taylor Wootton

We pray for him and for his parents Natasha and Zack as they take this step of faith, and ask for God's blessing on them all.



EXPLORERS *will not meet today because this is an ALL AGE service*

HELP NEEDED! our thriving group of young people meets in the vestry three times a month – but we need more helpers to keep it going! Please contact Naomi if you could spare an occasional Sunday morning to assist. You do not need teaching experience but you will need to do some safeguarding training. Naomi tel no: 01296 747689

Our coffee cup collection today is for The Leprosy Mission. You can read more about TLM in the piece by Richard Smith who has first-hand experience of working with them. Thanks to your generous support during January and February we are able to send **£160** to Aylesbury PACE.

THIS WEEK

Mon 6th	8:00pm	Lent Study Group at Vicarage Farmhouse
Tues 7th	11:00am	Café in the Park in the Jubilee Pavilion
	7:30pm	Choir practice at the chapel
Weds 8th	8:00pm	PCC meeting online
Thurs 9th	8:00pm	Lent Taizé at St Mary's Haddenham
Sun 12th	10:30am	FAMILY COMMUNION (with Explorers)
	3:00pm	EVENSONG at SPP Dinton

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Mark 1:16-20

Jesus calls his first disciples



16 As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 17 ‘Come, follow me,’ Jesus said, ‘and I will send you out to fish for people.’ 18 At once they left their nets and followed him.

19 When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. 20 Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

At our Lent study group on Monday evening we talked about memorable journeys we had each undertaken. Such journeys usually carry with them levels of risk and unpredictability.

How true this was for Peter.

There he was one day fishing as he always fished in the familiar lake with the same family and friends when Jesus walked by.

In the account in Mark 1:16-20, Jesus sees Peter and his brother Andrew and simply shouts ‘Come, follow me, and I will send you out to fish for people.’

It is hard to imagine what went through Peter’s mind as he just dropped the nets and followed. The rest of the family may have been a bit annoyed that they needed to clear up and even more annoyed when he wasn’t ready to go out to fish the next day, but they also would have been worried – what was going on?

Jesus calls people to follow him today. He called me and he is calling you. It is rarely as dramatic as with the first disciples, but the decision to follow can be a life changing event.

Our Lent group pointed out that it helps to have companions on the way. Peter did not leave on his own, he went with his brother Andrew and they were soon joined by fellow fishermen James and John.


We call our community of companions the church. The church is not a building, it is those people who follow Jesus.

The challenge for us is if we are prepared to go on a journey that may be challenging for us and those around us. This does not mean leaving our homes and physically travelling, but it means are we prepared to befriend people of different cultures rather than just seeking out people who are like us.

We will hear more of what it takes to follow Jesus when we look at another story from the life of Peter next week. I have also uploaded a Lent reflection based on our first Lent session. This is the link: <https://youtu.be/dQDUjyQrRIY>

Revd Phil Groves

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 Dear Lord Jesus, help me to listen for your call and to recognise it amidst the hustle and bustle of my daily routine. Give me the courage to step outside my comfort zone and follow wherever you lead me. Thankyou that I will never be travelling alone because you will be with me. Amen

Coffee Cup News



During March and April, any money raised from coffee and biscuits at the end of services will be given to the work of The Leprosy Mission (TLM).

I was able to see the work of this great organisation at first hand in 1981 when TLM sponsored me to spend 8 weeks at a leprosy hospital in India when I was a medical student. The work in that hospital was so successful that they now see very few new cases of leprosy in that part of India. However, many people in other parts of India and other countries are still becoming disabled and are experiencing discrimination because they have leprosy. Leprosy can easily be treated and, with enough resources, could be eliminated completely from the world. TLM is working with governments, the World Health Organization and other partners in several countries of the world to prevent people from developing leprosy, treating people who have leprosy, and removing discrimination to allow them to thrive in their own communities. TLM’s work with leprosy is also benefiting people who have other health problems. One of TLM’s largest hospitals at Anandaban in Nepal was recently highly praised by the Nepalese government because it had expanded its facilities to help people affected by a serious earthquake and the many people who became seriously ill during the Covid pandemic.

Richard Smith

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

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

Mothering Sunday – 19th March

Maundy Thursday benefice service – 6th April 7:30pm hosted at St. Nicholas, Kingsey

Good Friday – 7th April 10:00am Walk of Witness **10:30am** Easter Garden service

Easter Sunday - 9th April – service details to follow

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