

Introducing 'Little Wrigglers'

In last month's Parish News we announced that a new 'Baby/Toddler and Their Adults' group was being planned and we asked you all three questions. Here are the answers:

- 1) **Can you help us on a Thursday morning?** We now have **3 leaders** and **6 helpers** who have offered to help – some weekly, others fortnightly or monthly. Thank you to all of them – it isn't too late to sign up if you would like to join us.
- 2) **Could you donate some toys?** Wow – what a response we had – thank you. Again – it's not too late – do get in touch if you have any toys to donate.
- 3) **Can you think of a name?** We had lots of names suggested – the clear favourite name and logo though was 'Little Wrigglers' and here it is.



Each segment has a different colour and pattern making it a jolly, fun, exciting, happy logo – which is exactly what we want the 'Little Wrigglers' group to be.

We are planning to start on **Thursday 18th April 2024 at 9.00am!**

It isn't too late to get involved. Please still get in touch naominz@hotmail.co.uk

Thanks again **Leaders - Naomi, Jo and Anne**

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Sunday 11th February

Notices for the week

Our church is a member of the Wychert Vale family of churches



Services today

10:30am **FAMILY COMMUNION with EXPLORERS**

led by Revd Nigel Featherston

The theme of this service is 'Learn'

Readings: Hebrews 4:12-16 and Luke 4:1-12

4:00pm **PARISH EVENSONG at SPP DINTON**

led by David Pickup

Collect prayer for the Sunday before Lent

Holy God,

you know the disorder of our sinful lives:

set straight our crooked hearts,

and bend our wills to love your goodness

and your glory

in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Ash Wednesday (14th Feb)

7:00pm **ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE**

led by Revd Canon Dr Phil Groves

Services next Sunday

9:00am **MATINS** *led by David Pickup*

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

led by Richard Smith

Dates for your diary

Mon 19th Feb 10:30am SOCIALLY CRAFTY in the church

Tue 20th Feb 7:30pm CHOIR PRACTICE resumes at the Chapel

Sat 2nd Mar 10:00am CAFÉ IN THE PARK in the Jubilee Pavilion

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Luke 4:1-12

Jesus is tested in the wilderness

⁴ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

³ The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.'

⁴ Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone."'

⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, 'I will give you all their authority and splendour; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷ If you worship me, it will all be yours.'

⁸ Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Worship the Lord your God and serve him only."'

⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰ For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you carefully;

¹¹ they will lift you up in their hands,

so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

¹² Jesus answered, 'It is said: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'

We all face moments of temptation. It is reassuring to know that Jesus faced this too, but he overcame each challenge that was put to him. So, what can we learn from Jesus? Notice how Jesus **uses Scripture** to fight temptation. It is a source of strength, wisdom, encouragement, and guidance. Jesus has the **verses memorised** and is able to recall them as needed. It used to be common practice to learn Scriptures by heart but today that is not so.

The devil uses Scripture as well, but in order to lead us astray. So we need a **correct understanding** of Scripture's true meaning, and we can only get that through **regular Bible study** (and coming to the Lent study course!).

Notice how Jesus doesn't enter into discussion with the devil. He **immediately rejects the temptation** every time. If we entertain thoughts of temptation or flirt with them, we're likely to be caught. Turn your face from it as soon as it comes your way. Martin Luther said:

'You cannot keep birds from flying over your head but you can keep them from building a nest in your hair'

Lent study course

The groups will meet once a week during Lent. The aim is to deepen our spiritual life and commitment to Jesus. More information will come out soon.

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Survey on the Bishopstone Road path through the churchyard

We are hoping to improve the path from Bishopstone Road to the church porch. The architect has measured the area and unfortunately, we can't make a fully disabled compliant slope, but they have given us 2 options which we could do and we would like your views. **There are plans in the church porch if you would like to look at them.**

Please help us by completing a survey which can be found by each entrance path and in the church porch. You can also now access the survey online at

www.stonedintonhartwell.com/news/

A prayer for the King from the Church of England



*Father of mercies, grant to Charles our King
comfort and sure confidence in you,
and keep him in perpetual peace and safety,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

And pray it also for anyone else you know who is diagnosed with, and being treated for any form of cancer.

Carole Fryer funeral service

This will be in St John the Baptist Church on Wednesday 28th February at 12 noon. The service will follow a family cremation service earlier in the morning. Please remember Carole's children in your prayers - Oliver, Emma and Jane.

(Womens') World Day of Prayer



This year the Service has been prepared by the Christian women of Palestine on the theme **'I beg you, bear with one another in love'**. As we watch and read of the dreadful situation in the Holy Land, these Christian women are calling us to connect with the land from where Jesus came, where he was born, ministered and died, and from where our faith began and is rooted.

They live in an area of the world currently engulfed in horrific conflict, the future uncertain, but they are sharing with love a reminder that they **are** there, and want to give hope to everyone. **'Bear with one another in love'** seems very appropriate for these women who will not give up witnessing the love of Jesus Christ; women who as we join in the Service, are suffering and possibly dying in their war-torn land.

PLEASE COME TO THEIR SERVICE

FRIDAY 1st MARCH at 2:00pm in the Methodist Chapel

We will join our prayers with thousands of others around the globe

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