

Survey on the Bishopstone Road path through the churchyard

Thank you so much to everyone who completed the survey.

We had a good response with many useful comments and some offers of further advice if needed.


The overall choice, including that of the Funeral Directors was for **Option 1:**

A series of gravel filled ground reinforcement grids (approx 30mm thick-EcoGrid E30 in brown to blend in with the gravel, or similar) separated by 'gently sloping' landings of the self-binding gravel and using the self-binding gravel where the slope allows higher up and running up almost to the South-east corner of the South transept at which point it reverts to grass grids to the South Porch similar to at the West doors.

The process will now take time as we get specifications and tenders alongside permission from the Diocese to do this work. We will have to be patient and allow for the slow turning of the wheels, but your help has been great and if needed we will be back to consult again as and when things get moving.

Thank you

We no longer take a collection during services. There is a collection bowl near the door as you leave and also a card payment machine if you prefer that. Thankyou.




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If you have a notice that you would like to be included in next week's pewsheets please send it to the pewsheets address (above) before 7pm on Friday. Please note - space is often limited so it may need to be edited down.

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Sunday 17th March

Notices for the week

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



Services today

PASSION SUNDAY

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

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

led by David Pickup

Readings: **Jonah 3:1-10 and 1 John 3:11, 18-24**

The theme of our service today is **'GO'**



Almighty God, Your son Jesus chose twelve disciples to work together to spread the good news of the gospel.

Help us to work together in our parish for the common good.

May we delight in sharing in each other's gifts and enable everyone to make their own contribution.

May we always be ready to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will. Amen

Services next Sunday

10:30am **FAMILY COMMUNION with CHOIR**
for **PALM SUNDAY** led by Revd Phil Groves

The week ahead

Mon 18 th Mar	10:30am	SOCIALLY CRAFTY in the church
Tue 19 th Mar	11:00am	CAFÉ IN THE PARK in the Jubilee Pavilion
	3:00pm	LENT STUDY COURSE 51 Eythrope Road
	7:30pm	CHOIR PRACTICE at the Chapel
Thurs 21 st Mar	7:45pm	LENT STUDY COURSE 40 Beacon Close
Sat 23 rd Mar	10:30am	CHOIR PRACTICE in the Church

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1 John 3:11, 18-24

¹¹ For this is the message you heard from the beginning: we should love one another.

¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

¹⁹ This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰ if our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²² and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴ The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: we know it by the Spirit he gave us.

Easter Services

Good Friday 29th March

10:00am **Walk of Witness** from Stone School car park *led by David Pickup*
We carry a big wooden cross at the head of the procession as a reminder to passers-by of the significance of the day. We pause for prayer in several places along the way.

10:30am **All Age Easter Garden service** during which the children will make the Easter garden underneath the altar *led by Revd Phil Groves*

2:00pm **An hour by the cross** at SPP Dinton *led by David Pickup*

Easter Sunday 31st March

10:30am **Easter Sunday Family Communion** with the choir
led by Revd Phil Groves



Maundy Thursday

There will be a lovely Maundy Thursday Service again this year for the whole Benefice at St Nicholas Church in Kingsey. Thursday, 28 March at 7pm.

All are welcome.

(comfort note – there are no toilet facilities in the church)

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Socially Crafty

Have you noticed the beautiful 'Hope' and 'Love' banners in our church?

Have you wondered where they came from?

The Socially Crafty team who meet once a month have brought together their talents to add beauty to our place of worship, and they have nearly finished the next banner which is 'Faith'. We look forward to it adorning our church walls with the others. Anyone is welcome to join the group. You may discover talents you did not know you have! Every 3rd Monday of the month, except Bank Holidays in the Church.

The next session is tomorrow **18th March**.

10.30am - 12.30pm

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Make friends ~ Drink Coffee ~ Eat Cake ~ Do Crafts

Lent study course

LIVING IN THE WAY OF LOVE

This is a series of five weekly group Bible studies exploring what it is to live as a follower of Jesus. You are warmly invited to join one of our small groups both of which are meeting in private homes in Stone.

Tuesday 3.00pm - 51 Eythrope Road **Thursday 7.45pm** - 40 Beacon Close

If you would like to join a group or want further information please email Canon Phil on drphilgroves@gmail.com or ring him on 01296 748390

Coffee Cup news

Our coffee cup collections until the end of April will be given to **Aylesbury Homeless Action Group**. AHAG is a local charity based in Rickfords Hill in Aylesbury. It provides support and advice to those who are homeless; at risk of becoming homeless; or who are inadequately housed.



You can read more about the work of AHAG at <https://www.ahag.org.uk/>

Church gardening

Signs of Spring are definitely coming through now but the ground is still wet. The Saturday Church gardening group will resume sometime after Easter so please watch this space for the date to be announced. Thankyou to those who have been keeping things up together already

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