

Diocesan News extracts

It is timely that this Sunday marks Safeguarding Sunday when we focus on how to make our churches safer and focus the volunteer Parish Safeguarding officers who support this work. In our parish Clare Davey carries out this work, and we thank her for doing so. Please remember her in your prayers at this particularly sensitive time.

Responding to the findings of the Makin review

Undoubtedly the publication of the Makin Review into John Smyth's abuse, and the church's response, will have affected you all in some way.


Bishop Steven has responded to the review and the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury in a [statement available on our website](#). He calls on us to "focus first on the survivors and victims of John Smyth and all others affected by his abuse who have suffered so much and for so long". With that in mind, we have [resources to support survivors](#) on our website.

You can also listen to Bishop Steven talk about the [Archbishop's resignation](#) on our [SoundCloud channel](#).

The Church of England has published its own [response to the report](#).


In his reflections, Bishop Steven quotes this passage from Romans 8.38–39:

“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord”



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Please submit notices for the pewsheets by 7pm on a Friday evening

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Sunday 17th November

Notices for the week



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

Services TODAY

9:00am **MATINS** (Prayer Book service)
led by David Pickup

10:30am **FAMILY COMMUNION**
led by Revd Mike Bisset



Explorers will meet during the service

Next week

10:30am **FAMILY WORSHIP with BAPTISM**
led by Revd Phil Groves

6:00pm **CHORAL EVENSONG**
with THE VALE SINGERS

The week ahead

Tue 19th 11:00am CAFÉ IN THE PARK in the Jubilee Pavilion
7:30pm CHOIR PRACTICE at 29(b) Eythrope Road
Thur 21st 9:00am LITTLE WRIGGLERS in the Jubilee Pavilion
8:00pm UNPACKING THE BIBLE at 2 Stonecroft (see below)
Sat 23rd 10:30am CHRISTMAS COFFEE and CRAFTS in the church until 12:30

Unpacking the Bible

There are two more sessions in this series in which we will be looking at the gospel of Mark. This is a fast-paced narrative that easily be read through in one sitting. It would be helpful to have read Mark chapters 1-8 before this Thursday but still come anyway even if you haven't. Everyone is welcome at 2 Stonecroft (off Oxford Road next to the Recreation Ground). The final session is on 5th December.

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Mark 13:1-8

The Destruction of the Temple and Signs of the End Times

¹ As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!"

² "Do you see all these great buildings?" replied Jesus. "Not one stone here will be left on another; everyone will be thrown down."

³ As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ "Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?"

⁵ Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁶ Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁸ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

A Collect prayer for today



Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Posada 2024

Our Advent Posada will be starting in TWO WEEKS time on Advent Sunday. If you would like to take part or would like to take it to someone who can no longer get to church please let Jenny Pickup know before the starting date – tel no:01296 748170



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Coffee Cup Collection



Our Coffee Cup Collections in SJB during November and December will be sent to the **Community Christmas Lunch** project that offers a free Christmas Day meal in St Mary's Church in Aylesbury on Christmas Day.

As this is an open-door event the organisers have no idea each year of how many people will turn up. Last year the Community Lunch served 132 guests, and that was an increase of 20% on the year before. The whole event involved a team of 62 volunteers.

A traditional three course meal is provided as well as games and entertainment. Further information can be seen here <https://www.freechristmasdinner.com>

Christmas Coffee and Crafts Saturday 23rd November 10:30 – 12:30 in the church



- Christmas presents for Mum, Dad, Nana or Grandad
- Decorations for your table or tree
- Gifts for your friends or a treat for you – we have them all

❖ Cakes for sale	❖ Tombola Stall
❖ Coffee and Chat	❖ Christmas Presents
❖ Gifts for children to give	❖ Christmas Cards

In aid of the church Fabric Fund

End of year Evensong Sunday 24th November 6:00pm



This year we will be marking the end of the church year with a special treat. There will be a service of traditional prayer book choral evensong featuring music by Tallis, Gibbons and Vaughan Williams to mark the close of the church's liturgical year before moving into the season of Advent. The service will be led by David Pickup and the music will be provided by the Vale Singers, conducted by Christopher Dalladay.

There will be a retiring collection in aid of the Aylesbury Community Christmas Lunch that we are also supporting through our coffee cup collection.

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