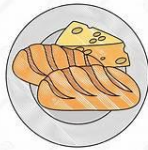


This is a Christian charity that believes nobody is beyond hope. Its mission is 'to show Christ's love to people in prison by coming alongside them and supporting them'. In the Bible, St Paul relied on writing letters. Many of his letters were sent from prison, most probably when he was at his lowest and needing the reminder that – beyond his prison bars – there was a community that cared for him. The PF letter writing programme, *Letter Link*, enables Volunteers to encourage and build up those in prison, who may otherwise have little to no support around them.

episode eight next week

Supper and Graffiti



Everyone is welcome to come along to St John The Baptist Church on **Saturday 5th October, 5.30pm.** We are celebrating Harvest with a supper followed by a talk on the ancient Graffiti in the church.



Supper will be provided for a Donation and then after a short talk there will be a chance for you to find the graffiti yourself and to try and decipher it. More details will follow but Save the Date.

Socially Crafty

Monday 19th August
10:30am – 12:30pm in the church



Everyone is welcome to join in the craft project, no special skills are needed, or you can bring something else to do, or just sit and chat if you prefer.

Make friends ~ Drink Coffee ~ Eat Cake ~ Do Crafts

	Network Name: SJB Congregation	We now accept online donations. You can donate at:
	Password: StJohnBaptist	

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Website: www.stonedintonhartwell.com

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 WORSHIP**
led by David Pickup



Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Services next week

10:30am **FAMILY COMMUNION**
led by Revd Phil Groves

The week ahead

Mon 19th Aug 10:30am **SOCIALLY CRAFTY** in the church
Tue 20th Aug 11:00am **CAFÉ IN THE PARK** in the Jubilee Pavilion

Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish but understand what the Lord's will is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Unpacking the Bible

We have had a number of requests recently from church members for an opportunity to find out more about the Bible. Although we have readings from the Bible and a message based on those readings at all of our services, there may not be time to answer the questions that arise from the readings, or to do justice to the narratives and themes of the Bible during services. Also, not everyone who is interested in exploring the Bible is able to attend church services.

During the Autumn, Phil Groves and Richard Smith will be leading fortnightly sessions on a Thursday evening at 8pm starting on 12th September. The sessions are open to those of any faith or none and aim to stimulate discussion rather than to provide all the answers. The programme outline is as follows:

September 12th: How did the Old Testament come to us in its present form?

(Phil Groves)

September 26th, October 10th and 24th: Power and politics: have we learned anything in 3000 years? A dip into the books of Kings.

(Richard Smith)

November 7th: How did the New Testament come to us in its present form?

(Phil Groves)

November 21st and December 5th: The life and teaching of Jesus in a nutshell: the Gospel of Mark.

(Phil Groves)

Explorers

Explorers is a group for children aged 3 upwards which runs on two Sundays a month. It's aim is to give the children a positive experience of church - with a Bible story and related activities.



It also enables parents to benefit from the main service. At the moment there are only 4 people who run it so we would love a few more people to help. Either leading or helping - you don't have to be a teacher!! (All helpers will need to follow Safer Recruitment process, have a DBS check and undertake some safeguarding training - but don't let that put you off!).

Please get in touch with Naomi on 0742 5140887 or naominz@hotmail.co.uk

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Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Ride and Stride

The annual ride and stride event to raise funds for the Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust will be on Saturday 14th September this year. The churches of our benefice have benefitted from grants in the past so please support this event if you can. More information can be found here:

<https://www.bucks-historic-churches.org/ride-stride/>

We will be opening the church 10:00 – 4:00 on the day so we can welcome any of the riders and striders who call in on their travels. If you can volunteer to be in church for a couple of hours to welcome them, please let one of the wardens know.

Outdoor Evening Service

By kind permission of Hartwell House our annual evening service will take place **Sunday 1st September at 6:00pm**.

This traditional and very popular Common Prayer service takes place out of doors, in front of Hartwell Church. This spectacular and romantic mid-18th-century church was built in the 'Gothic' style between 1753 and 1755. It is situated in the landscaped grounds of Hartwell House, now a luxurious country hotel. It is octagonal with east and west towers and is thought to echo the chapter house at York Minster.

Please bring your own chair

Details: David Pickup david@pickupandscott.co.uk

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Camino Cross Sponsorship in aid of the Haddenham Baptist Church "Hat and Boots Restoration Appeal".

Sponsor a custom-made hand crafted wooden cross, bearing the name of your choice for a donation of £10. Over 100 crosses will be carried by Mary & Gary Miller (from Haddenham) every step of the 120km Camino Ingles route to Santiago in September. The crosses will be blessed in the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela and returned to you.

More information at:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hbc-hat-boots-restoration-appeal/sponsor-a-wooden-cross-to-be-taken-on-pilgrimage/e-plqbdm>

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