

## A call for helping hands

Our wonderful church of St John the Baptist is not only a beautiful historic church building, but also a lively, active worshipping community. The building and the churchyard are looked after by a team of volunteers, each with different skills, and we would welcome additional help!

### WE WILL BE WORKING IN THE CHURCHYARD AGAIN SOON - COULD YOU HELP US?



We would like to tidy the graves, clear the banks along Bishopstone Road and Churchway, plant some flowers and generally make the churchyard look great!

If you can help then please just come along, you can always make coffee if you want to join us but find gardening tiring.



**SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MAY 10:00am – 1:00pm**

Then every 3rd Saturday in the month until November (weather permitting)


If you want a chat about this please contact Sue: 01296 338163  
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## Benefice news

An Introduction to each of the four Gospels. What are the special characteristics of each one? - Ven Dr Gordon Kuhrt

This will be held in St Nicholas church Aston Sandford, 7.00-8.00pm on the following Thursday evenings: 30 May, 27 June, 25 July and 29 August.


To register or for further details, please email [omkuhrt@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:omkuhrt@tiscali.co.uk)



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**SJB Congregation**

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# Sunday 21st April

## 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** (with EXPLORERS)  
*led by Richard Smith & Revd Phil Groves*



*Good Shepherd, watch over us today in all we face and experience. Never leave us or forsake us and journey with us always.*

*Good Shepherd, you know us as no-one else knows us. Guard us and keep us, and guard and keep those whom we love. Good Shepherd, you know the depths of our heart and the fears which are ours.*

*Speak into the depths of our heart and calm our fears.*

*Good Shepherd, you know us by our name and our identity is not hidden from you.*

*Gather us to yourself as a shepherd gathers the sheep, that we might know your Name.*

*Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer. Amen.*

### Services next week

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

### The week ahead

Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> April 11:00am **CAFÉ IN THE PARK** in the Jubilee Pavilion  
7:30pm **CHOIR PRACTICE** at 29(b) Eythrope Road

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> April 9:00am - 10:30am **LITTLE WRIGGLERS** in the Jubilee Pavilion

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## John 10:11-18

### The Good Shepherd

<sup>11</sup> 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. <sup>13</sup> The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

<sup>14</sup> 'I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that are not of this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life – only to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.'

### Thy Kingdom Come

Since its beginning in 2016 Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) has become a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. We in SJB have taken part in TKC since the first year and we plan to do so again this year.



TKC will begin in SJB with an Ascension Day service in the evening of 9<sup>th</sup> May, and it continues until Pentecost Sunday on 19<sup>th</sup> May. The church will be open each evening 7pm – 7.30pm from Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May until Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May. We encourage everyone to come in and pray during that time, either aloud or silently, whichever way is most comfortable for each person.

For those who prefer to pray at home we are producing our own little book of daily prayers because many people found this helpful last year.

There will also be a prayer box at Café in the Park and in the Church porch for anyone to put a prayer request in. These can be anonymous. The requests will then be included in the evening prayers in church.

### 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 that provides support and advice to those who are homeless; at risk of becoming homeless; or who are inadequately housed.



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## The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The APCM is fast approaching and will be held at St Peter and St Paul, Dinton on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 20:00.

Documents and application forms are online at [www.stonedintonhartwell.com/apcm](http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com/apcm) and on the table at the back of SJB.

To attend the APCM you must be registered on the electoral roll which is open for applications until 23<sup>rd</sup> April. (Tuesday!) If you are already on the Roll you need take no further action but if you would like to be included on the Roll please speak to one of the Church Wardens or Dee James (tel: 747671) today.

### Little Wrigglers (for 0-5 yrs and their adults)

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024

9.00am – 10:30am

IN THE JUBILEE PAVILION



*free play - Bible story - snacks - singing and more!*

**Children remain the responsibility of their adult at all times.**

*'Last week I asked you to pray for the first **Little Wrigglers** which was on Thursday morning. God certainly answered those prayers.*

*We didn't know if anyone would turn up - but at 9am we started seeing buggies being pushed across the park to the Pavilion. In total we had 15 children aged 4 weeks up to 4 years, 13 from Stone and only 3 with SJB connections. Nervous faces were soon smiling as the Wrigglers played on the mats with farm animals, dinosaurs, cars, books, jigsaws, etc. Adults chatted away to each other and played with the children. After playtime, everyone helped pack the toys away before the story of Noah and the ark. Then snack time before actions songs to finish. It couldn't have gone much better - just a few minor things to tweak.*

*Please keep praying! Thanks Naomi*



**SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MAY**  
**PLANT SALE**  
**MAYERIN, CHURCHWAY**  
*[courtesy of CHRIS BEATTIE]*  
**1 p.m. – 4 p.m.**



Enjoy Chris' beautiful garden and choose from a wide selection of plants to buy

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