

Request for Yorkie bars

Regular readers of the SJB pewsheets will remember that in recent years we have supported the Chaplaincy at HMP Grendon and Springhill by providing socks as a Christmas present for the men who attend the Christmas Day service in the prisons.

We will NOT be doing that this year as Revd Sue Smith has said that due to your generosity in previous years the chaplaincy still has an adequate supply for this year.



HOWEVER if anyone would like to donate a **46g YORKIE BAR** (or two!) those would be most gratefully received. These will be given out at Christmas with the socks. It is important that **only** the 46g size is provided as this will make sure all the men are treated equally. There will be a clearly marked box at the back of the church for the Yorkies. Many thanks in advance!


Christmas Coffee and Crafts

Despite the wet and windy weather yesterday there was a warm welcome in the church for the Christmas Coffee and Crafts, and plenty of people came. At the time of writing we do not know how much was raised for the Fabric fund but everyone seemed to enjoy meeting up with friends over a hot drink. There will be an opportunity to purchase any remaining gifts after the service today. Well done everyone who was involved in organising and running this lovely event!

Thankyou



The final total sent off to the International Centre for Eye Health (ICEH) from our September and October Coffee Cup Collection was **£248.05**. Thankyou .



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Sunday 24th November



Notices for the week

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

Services TODAY

Today is the last Sunday of the church year and we celebrate both CHRIST THE KING and STIR UP SUNDAY.

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

Today we welcome DELILAH with her family

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



Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Next week

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

10:30am **ADVENT COMMUNION** with choir
led by Revd Nigel Featherston

The week ahead

Tue 26th 11:00am **CAFÉ IN THE PARK** in the Jubilee Pavilion
7:30pm **CHOIR PRACTICE** at 29(b) Eythrope Road
Wed 27th 8:00pm **SJB MEETING**
Thur 28st 9:00am **LITTLE WRIGGLERS** in the Jubilee Pavilion
Sat 30th 10:30am **CHOIR PRACTICE** in the church

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John 18:33-37

³³ Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?'

³⁴ 'Is that your own idea,' Jesus asked, 'or did others talk to you about me?'

³⁵ 'Am I a Jew?' Pilate replied. 'Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?'

³⁶ Jesus said, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.'

³⁷ 'You are a king, then!' said Pilate.

Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.'

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



This evening 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.

Stir Up Sunday

As well as the collect prayer for this day beginning with 'Stir up we beseech thee O lord', today is also the day when people traditionally 'stirred up' their Christmas puddings. That was in the days before they were available to buy (with much less effort) in the shops. So, today is the best day to dig out Grandma's old recipe for Christmas pudding if you want to impress the family with it on Christmas Day. To do it properly though here is a reminder of the rules you should follow:

1. Every member of the family should have a turn at stirring the pudding.
2. There should be 13 ingredients to represent Jesus and each of his disciples.
3. You must stir from East to West because the Wise Men Came from the East. Whether this means clockwise or anticlockwise is for your family to debate. Do not go straight across the middle though as this would not qualify as 'stirring'.

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Posada 2024

Advent is a special time in the church calendar when we prepare for the coming of Jesus. It is a period for us in the church to reflect and wait. Our annual Posada begins **NEXT WEEK** on Advent Sunday. During the Posada our figures of Mary and Joseph stay with a different host household each night before moving on. As well as receiving Mary and Joseph each host takes them on to the next host the following day. For those with mobility issues we can arrange for someone to collect the figures from you. We minister to one another by spending a few minutes together at the handover. This involves some very simple prayers that are already written down for you to say together.



The Posada is open to all ages, and it offers an opportunity to include those who are no longer able to come to church on a regular basis for whatever reason. If you would like to take part please contact Jenny Pickup. jennifer_l_pickup@hotmail.com tel no: 01296 748170

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. The organisers have no idea each year of how many people will turn up. Last year they served 132 guests and 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>

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