

SOCIALLY CRAFTY

We meet every 3rd Monday of the month, except Bank Holidays
in St John the Baptist Church, Stone **10.30am - 12.30pm**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

There is no commitment to come every month

INTRODUCING 'LITTLE WRIGGLERS'

We are planning to start on **Thursday 18th April 2024 at 9.00am!**



It isn't too late to get involved. Please still get in touch

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Thanks again **Leaders - Naomi, Jo and Anne**

Coffee Cup collections

This is the last week our collection will be for the benefit of the **Bucks Clergy charity** which supports local clergy and their families in particular time of need.

Throughout March and April our coffee cup collections will be donated to the **Aylesbury Homeless Action Group (AHAG)** based in Rickfords Hill in Aylesbury. More details about their important work will be in next week's pewsheet.

What do we mean by coffee cup collections? No, we are not collecting coffee cups!! At the end of our morning services we love to chat together over a hot drink and biscuits from our wonderful new kitchen. We do not charge anything for the refreshments but if people wish to they can give a donation in the 'coffee cup' on the counter. The donations for two months at a time are given to a named caused. We try to keep to local good causes or charities with which one of our church members have a particular connection.




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Network Name:
SJB Congregation

Password:
StJohnBaptist

We now accept
online donations.
You can donate at:



www.stonedintonhartwell.com/donate

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Sunday 25th February

Notices for the week

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



Services today

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

The theme of this service is 'Worship'

Readings: Isaiah 56:1-7 and Luke 24:28-35



O Lord

We lift our eyes to see your glory.

We open our hearts to receive your love.

We engage our minds to understand your truths.

We offer our songs to praise your name.

Lord, as we give you our lives, please take everything that we are,

So that we may reveal your blessings to the world.

Amen

Services next Sunday

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

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

Dates for your diary

Tue 27 th Feb	11:00am	CAFÉ IN THE PARK in the Jubilee Pavilion
Tue 27 th Feb	7:30pm	CHOIR PRACTICE resumes at the Chapel
Weds 28 th Feb	12:00noon	FUNERAL SERVICE FOR CAROLE FRYER
Fri 1 st Mar	2:00pm	WORLD DAY OF PRAYER at the chapel
Sat 2 nd Mar	10:00am	CAFÉ IN THE PARK in the Jubilee Pavilion
Sun 10 th Mar	10:30am	MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE

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Luke 24:28-35

28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. 29 But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together 34 and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." 35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

This account picks up the story of two people who were walking to Emmaus on the day that Jesus had risen – but they did not know, or believe, that had happened. Imagine the disappointment they were feeling when their hopes that Jesus would redeem Israel appeared to have been dashed. Even though Jesus had told his disciples many times that he would suffer and die they had not grasped his real purpose. Their eyes were closed - they didn't even recognise him as he walked with them. Sometimes we just cannot see what is directly in front of us – like when we search through a cupboard for something that is right at the front all the time. And so Jesus taught them from the scriptures in ways they could understand.

When Jesus seemed to be going on further **they urged him strongly to stay with them**, and so he did, sharing bread with them at their table. There is an important lesson here for us. When Jesus comes to walk with us and opens our eyes to understand who he really is **we need to make a choice** – are we going to let him go his own way while we go on ours – or are we going to invite him to stay and walk with us? We know what choice these two followers made. They returned to Jerusalem (no doubt in great excitement) to tell the others how their eyes were opened when Jesus shared the bread with them. **He was no longer just a good teacher, but their risen Lord, worthy to be worshipped and glorified.**

There is an opportunity today for us to share bread in our service today in the way that Jesus taught us to do.



NOTE: If you are coeliac or are gluten intolerant we have gluten free wafers available. Just let the welcomer or church warden know when you come in to church.

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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. Even if you were not able to come last week you are still welcome to join us this week.

Please note the daytime group will meet on Tuesday at 3:00pm just for this week

This is to avoid a clash with the funeral service for Carole Fryer on Wednesday. The normal pattern of meetings will resume next week.

Wednesdays 1.30pm - 51 Eythrope Road

Wednesdays 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

Survey on the Bishopstone Road path through the churchyard

We are hoping to improve the path from Bishopstone Road to the church porch. The architect has measured the area and unfortunately, we can't make a fully disabled compliant slope, but they have given us 2 options which we could do and we would like your views. **There are plans in the church porch if you would like to look at them.**

Please help us by completing a survey which can be found by each entrance path and in the church porch. You can also now access the survey online at www.stonedintonhartwell.com/news

The survey will close at the end of this month (THIS WEEK) so please make sure you do not miss the deadline



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE FRIDAY 1st MARCH 2 p.m. @ METHODIST CHAPEL

This year's service has been in preparation by Christian women in Palestine over the past three years and is sadly relevant to the ongoing tragic situation in their country. As in previous years the whole Service is printed in booklet form with narration, prayers and individual's stories to be read.

We will join our prayers with thousands of others around the globe

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