

### 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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# Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April

## 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 Phil Groves*



*Almighty God, whose son Jesus Christ is the True Vine, give us grace to grow as Christians in our community: to follow his example and listen to your call, to rejoice that you have made us, to draw closer to you, and to encourage others in faith. Amen.*

### Services next week

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

*This is a quiet prayer book service held in the chancel*

10:30am **FAMILY COMMUNION with Baptism**

*led by Revd Phil Groves*

*(We look forward to welcoming baby Honey with her family and friends)*

### The week ahead

Tue 30<sup>th</sup> April 11:00am **CAFÉ IN THE PARK** in the Jubilee Pavilion  
7:30pm **CHOIR PRACTICE** at 29(b) Eythrope Road  
Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> May 9:00am - 10:30am **LITTLE WRIGGLERS** in the Jubilee Pavilion  
Sat 4<sup>th</sup> May 10:00am **CAFÉ IN THE PARK** in the Jubilee Pavilion

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## John 15:1-8

### The Vine and the Branches

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

The focus of this passage is on Jesus as the true vine. We are reminded that we cannot bear fruit in our own strength. But, when we remain in Jesus, our lives can be fruitful.

### Thy Kingdom Come

We are preparing several ways for us all to take part in TKC this year because we each pray in our own way. This is an opportunity for us to bring our prayers together in a mighty wave of prayer that will be going around the world very soon!



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 are also producing our own **little book of daily prayers** because many people found this helpful last year for praying at home.

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 collection from today 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.



Next week we will be supporting another good cause. Details to follow.

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## The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The APCM 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 10<sup>th</sup> May. If you are already on the Roll you need take no further action but if you would like to be included please speak to one of the Church Wardens or Dee James (tel: 747671).

### COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

#### SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MAY

Collect your **PICNIC LUNCH BAG**  
Between 12 and 2 from Chapel

Stock up for your summer planting at  
**Chris Beattie's PLANT SALE**  
@ Mayerin, Churchway: 1 – 4



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

#### SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MAY

**ALL DAY BOOK SALE & CAFÉ**  
10 – 4 @ the Chapel

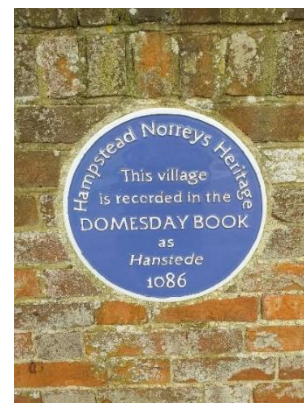


**Morning Coffee : Lunchtime Toasties : Afternoon Tea**

**HELP NEEDED TO DELIVER THE BIG RED ENVELOPES**

**[DELIVER NOT COLLECT!]**

**PLEASE SPEAK TO SUE SPINKS VERY SOON !**



**What is the connection with SJB?**

**One of our church members came across this village while travelling back from a holiday and had a look inside the church.**

**The church was of particular interest because it has a specific connection with our own.**

**Do you know what it is?**

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