

SOCIALLY CRAFTY

Every 3rd Monday of the month, except Bank Holidays, in St John the Baptist Church

The next meeting is **MONDAY 18th MARCH 10.30am - 12.30pm**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

INTRODUCING 'LITTLE WRIGGLERS'



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

It isn't too late to get involved - naominz@hotmail.co.uk

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

GOOD FRIDAY

Everyone is welcome to join us on our annual **WALK OF WITNESS** from the school to the church. We carry a big wooden cross at the head of the procession as a reminder to passers-by of the significance of the day. We pause for prayer in several places along the way.


We meet in the school car park at 10:00am and arrive at church at 10:30am for our **EASTER GARDEN SERVICE**. This is a short service suitable for all ages during which the children build the Easter Garden beneath the altar.

SPRING BOOK SALE IN THE CHAPEL

THANKYOU to everyone who supported this last week. As a result a massive £420 has been sent to the Florence Nightingale Hospice.

Pumpkin seeds and entry forms for the Great Pumpkin Competition are still available.

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Sunday 3rd March

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 COMMUNION with EXPLORERS**
led by Revd Nigel Featherston and Richard Smith
Readings: Romans 12:9-21 and Matthew 25:31-40



God of Peace, we pray for a peaceful end to the ongoing situation in Palestine. We also pray for the city of Jerusalem, sacred to the three religions of Christianity, Judaism and Islam. Let there be equality, freedom of religion, freedom of movement and freedom of expression. Teach us as Christians to follow the way of Jesus, sharing love with those we meet. Amen

(written by the Christians in Palestine for the World Day of Prayer service on Friday)

Services next Sunday – MOTHERING SUNDAY

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

6:00am **CHORAL EVENSONG** at **SPP DINTON**
led by David Pickup

The week ahead

Tue 5th Mar 11:00am **CAFÉ IN THE PARK** in the Jubilee Pavilion

Tue 5th Mar 3:00pm **LENT STUDY COURSE** 51 Eythrope Road

7:30pm **CHOIR PRACTICE** at the Chapel

Weds 6th Mar 7:45pm **LENT STUDY COURSE** 40 Beacon Close

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Matthew 25:31-40

The sheep and the goats

³¹ 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴ 'Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was ill and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

³⁷ 'Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you ill or in prison and go to visit you?"

⁴⁰ 'The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

World Day of Prayer Service (last Friday)

The World Day of Prayer Service on Friday saw the Chapel almost full. Representing the produce and flora of Palestine, heaped baskets of citrus fruit, poppies and olive branches decorated the front table, along with the Bible and World Day of Prayer candle. Everyone received a bookmark endorsed with the words 'Put peace into each other's hands and like a treasure hold it' and a sprig of olive leaves.

Prepared by Christian women of Palestine it had of course much resonance with the current tragic situation in their country, although prepared more than two years ago. Everyone agreed that it was a moving, meaningful and positive Service, which left us hopeful that with such goodwill at ground level there is hope for this troubled part of God's world.

World Day of Prayer offerings support many good causes, ranging from support for homeless women and children in Great Britain to those working with victims of sexual slavery in Bangkok, and providing educational programmes and safe shelters for girls in Ghana. The offering at our Service amounted to £212.00 with an additional £21.00 to come from Gift Aid.

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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. You are welcome to join us this week even if this is your first time.

Tuesdays 3.00pm - 51 Eythrope Road

Wednesdays 7.45pm - 40 Beacon Close

NOTE: the daytime course has now moved permanently to Tuesdays at 3.00pm

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

Coffee Cup news

From today until the end of April our coffee cup collections will be given to **Aylesbury Homeless Action Group**. AHAG is a local charity based in Rickfords Hill in Aylesbury. It provides support and advice to those who are homeless; at risk of becoming homeless; or who are inadequately housed.

Examples of services offered are:

- One to one appointments with a support worker to discuss housing options and develop a plan of action.
- A weekly surgery offering advice and support about benefits.
- Mental health support from a trained mental health worker.
- Vouchers can be issued for use at the local foodbank.
- A new drop in advice service every Friday at Aylesbury Library 9:30 – 12:30

From January to December 2023 AHAG supported 490 people of whom 289 also had mental health issues.

You can read more about the work of AHAG at <https://www.ahag.org.uk/>



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

We no longer take a collection during the service. There is instead a collection bowl near the door as you leave. There is also a card payment machine if you prefer that.

Thankyou.

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