#### **Coffee Cup Collection**

Our new coffee cup collection after the morning services in January and February is for the Chilterns Neuro Centre. This is a local charity based in Wendover. It has provided support to people with MS, as well as their family and carers, for almost four decades. More recently it opened up its services to people affected by Parkinsons and strokes.

The ethos of the charity is about helping people affected by life changing neurological conditions to live life to the full. It achieves this through the wide range of services it offers its 800 members ranging from physiotherapy and hydrotherapy to acupuncture and pilates. It also hosts a series of therapeutic leisure groups such as art, singing and social activities.

It costs about £1.2 million every year to run the centre or £5,000 per day. However, only 6% of that funding comes from the NHS, the rest has to be raised through trusts and foundations, donations, sponsorship or events.



chilternsneurocentre.org

#### **APCM and Electoral Roll 2025**

This year we are required to prepare a new electoral roll. This means that everyone must sign up to it if they wish to be included, even if they are currently on it.

The roll is now open and will close on the 16<sup>th</sup> February.

We would like to encourage you to sign up to the electoral roll, and also to consider standing for the PCC if you would like a say in the running of the church.

There are a limited number of seats available on the PCC, but we would always encourage people to fill in a nomination form.

To join the PCC you must be on the electoral roll. There are paper forms available at the back of both Churches, or you can fill the form in online.

For any questions, please see a Church Warden, or Dee James, Our Electoral Roll Officer. <a href="https://www.stonedintonhartwell.com/apcm">www.stonedintonhartwell.com/apcm</a>

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Contributions to the weekly pewsheet are always welcome. <u>Please send them to the pewsheet inbox by 7pm on the Friday evening</u>. The address is given above. Thankyou.



# **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025**



## **Notices for the week**

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

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

10:30am FAMILY WORSHIP

led by Richard Smith and David Pickup

EXPLORERS will meet during the service

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new:

transform the poverty of our nature

by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known

your heavenly glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you in the unity

of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever, Amen.

6:00pm **EVENSONG** at SPP DINTON

led by David Pickup

This week

Tues 11:00 – 13:00 **Café in the Park** – in the Jubilee Pavilion Thurs 09:00 – 10:30 **Little Wrigglers** – in the Jubilee Pavilion

20:00 – 20:30 Praying together online (see notice)

Services next week

19<sup>th</sup> 9:00am MATINS led by David Pickup

10:30am **FAMILY WORSHIP** with a baptism

led by Revd Phil Groves

#### John 2:1-11

### Jesus changes water into wine

2 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, <sup>2</sup> and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, 'They have no more wine.'

They did so, <sup>9</sup> and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside <sup>10</sup> and said, 'Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.'



<sup>11</sup> What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This passage shows us how God is involved in the ordinary everyday events of life. Jesus is with his friends at a village wedding in rural Galilee. The son of God started his public ministry in a little backwater far removed from centres of power and influence.

Only the servants and the disciples knew that the wine had run out, and only they knew what Jesus did about it. He proved he was sovereign lord over the material world God had created, but he was also deeply involved in the concerns of everyday life and able to transform it by his power.

It is also worth noting that Mary gives us a model for prayer in times of difficulty. Yes there is a problem, but she doesn't try to persuade Jesus to intervene. She doesn't tell him what she wants done, she simply presents the need and waits in expectancy. Her trust in Christ doesn't falter even when he doesn't immediately respond.

We can learn from Mary. If we put our trust in Jesus we just need to tell him what our needs are. It is not for us to tell him what to do about it. He often responds in ways far better than we could imagine.

#### New Year, new start

Last week Naomi shared with us the daily devotional app that she has found helpful to her. Another suggestion worth considering is the 'Lectio 365' app. Each day there is a morning, mid-day, and nighttime devotion. They are inspired by 'Lectio Divina', a way of meditating on the Bible that's been used by Christians for centuries. You can find out more by looking up 'Lectio 365' on Google.

\*\*Jenny P\*\*

#### **Praying together**

We will be meeting online this Thursday at 8pm for informal prayers, and everyone is welcome to join in. We will give thanks for all the good things God is doing, we will support the various church activities in prayer, and we will seek God's guidance and wisdom in our future plans. Please join us even if you just want to listen in quietly. The session will last for 30 minutes.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81163764469?pwd=JzmJJy8BKi5s79dbXqJbVBcSjbvHCV.1

#### **Community Christmas Lunch**

On Christmas day the chefs started cooking at 8.00 and by 11.15 the 60 volunteers arrived and converted the Church into a Christmas venue with seating for 140 people. Guests arrived at 11.30 and headed for the welcoming tea and coffee area. Throughout the morning Christmas entertainment was provided by a local Ukulele band and a Choir singing carols. The guests then took their place at the festive tables and the meal was served at 13.00. After setting 140 places **148 meals** were actually served which was by far the largest event ever put on – a sign of the difficult times maybe. There are some photos of the event on display at the back of the church.

**BREAKING NEWS** – our total donation to this event is a whopping £1,022.35! more details to follow next week. **THANKYOU EVERYONE!** 

#### Chill-in

Chill-in is our regular group for young people in secondary school.

We meet 6.00pm to 7.30pm at the Bernard Hall in Cuddington.

Years 7 and 8 - Games and snacks with time to think.

Years 9+ Youth Alpha - 'Exploring life's real questions'.

This is led by Rev Richard Philips and can lead to confirmation.

The dates for this term are Jan 12 and 26, Feb 9, March 9 and 23.

Talk to me if you are interested. *Phil Groves* Phone 01296 748 390

## **Children's Society donation**

The total of SJB and SPP Christingle service collections and associated GASDS was £221.25. This has been sent to The Children's Society. Thankyou everyone.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 'Woman, why do you involve me?' Jesus replied. 'My hour has not yet come.'

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from eighty to a hundred and twenty litres.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water'; so they filled them to the brim.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Then he told them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.'