



Coffee Cup Collection

Our coffee cup collection during 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. There is a display about the Centre at the back of the church.

The new Bishop of Buckingham

Our new Bishop of Buckingham, Revd Canon Dave Bull, is to be consecrated in Canterbury Cathedral on Thursday 27th February. The service will be livestreamed via the diocese website. When his appointment was announced he said:



"It is an exciting prospect to serve Buckinghamshire as Bishop in the coming years. My family have made it our home for the past 13 years and so we have already come to love many of the communities, schools and churches here. I look forward to coming to love all the others in the years ahead".

Please pray for him as he prepares to follow his new calling.

Ash Wednesday March 5th

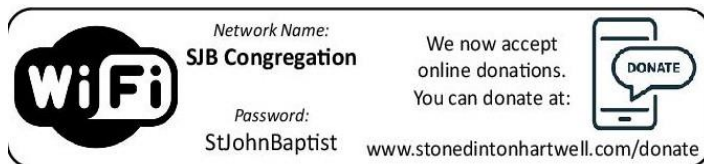
Ash Wednesday is an opportunity to reflect, to turn away from sin, and recommit to God. It is marked by a cross of ashes being placed on our foreheads. We will mark Ash Wednesday in two services:

9am St Nicholas Cuddington - a contemplative service.

7pm St John the Baptist Stone - a Communion Service - Preacher Rev Clare Joyce.

Living Hope

Daily Bible reflections for Lent are available from church for adults and children. They are available free of charge, but you may like to make a donation. They cost about £2 each.



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Sunday 16th February 2025

Notices for the week



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

9:00am

MATINS led by David Pickup

Matins is a 'said' service (no singing) using the Book of Common Prayer.

10:30am

FAMILY WORSHIP

led by Raymond Medhurst and David Pickup



EXPLORERS will meet during the service



Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

This week

Mon
Tues
Thurs

10:30 - 12:30 **Socially Crafty** – in the church
 11:00 - 13:00 **Café in the Park** – in the Jubilee Pavilion
 09:00 - 10:30 **Little Wrigglers** – in the Jubilee Pavilion
 20:00 - 20:30 **Praying Together** – online

Services next week

10:30am

FAMILY COMMUNION

led by Revd Phil Groves

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Luke 6:17-26

Blessings and Woes

¹⁷ *He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, ¹⁹ and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.*

²⁰ *Looking at his disciples, he said:*

*"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.*

²¹ *Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.*

*Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.*

²² *Blessed are you when people hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.*

²³ *"Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.*

²⁴ *"But woe to you who are rich,
for you have already received your comfort.*

²⁵ *Woe to you who are well fed now,
for you will go hungry.*

*Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will mourn and weep.*

²⁶ *Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.*

Praying together

On Thursday evening we will gather together again on Zoom to give thanks for all the good things God is doing and to seek His guidance and wisdom in our future plans. Please join us if you can, using the link below, even if you just want to listen in quietly. The session will last for 30 minutes.

<https://stonedintonhartwell.com/zoom-prayers>

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APCM and Electoral Roll 2025

The new electoral roll closes TODAY. Any applications received after today will not be accepted. You must apply to be on the electoral roll if you wish to attend the APCM or join the PCC. There are paper forms at the back of the Church, or you can fill the form in online TODAY. If you have any questions, please speak to one of the Church Wardens, or Dee James, our Electoral Roll Officer.

www.stonedintonhartwell.com/apcm

Urgent Plea for Explorer Helpers

God is blessing Explorer sessions with increased numbers of children. We'd love to invite the older Little Wrigglers and their older siblings but can't due to the ratios of adults to children we have to follow. We need a bank of people to be on a rota who can be called on when the ratio of adults to children requires it.

You don't have to be a professional teacher, a natural leader or a creative genius - we just need bodies!! You'll need to complete an application form, undertake a Benefice DBS check, have 2 referees and complete the Diocese Basic and Foundation Level Safeguarding Training - but I'll help you with all of that. The process takes about a month to complete.

Please speak to me if you'd like to find out more. Thanks

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Socially Crafty

Socially Crafty will be meeting tomorrow (Monday) at 10:30am in the church. They will be preparing headdresses and necklaces for the World Day of Prayer which this year has been prepared by the women from the Cook Islands. Examples are beautifully modelled here by our very own Sue of many talents!

Everyone is welcome to come and try their hand at the crafts, have a natter, and to enjoy tea/coffee and cake.



World Day of Prayer



This is a global, ecumenical movement led by women and is celebrated in over 210 countries. The service in Stone will be at the chapel in Eythrope Road on **Friday 7th March at 2:00pm.**

The service this year has been prepared by the women of the Cook Islands. These are a group of 15 islands in the South Pacific Ocean with a rich and colourful Maori heritage and a deep connection to nature. Join with us in the chapel as we pray together and reflect on the theme 'I MADE YOU WONDERFUL'.

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