

### 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](http://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.

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**Contributions to the weekly pewsheets are always welcome. Please send them to the pewsheets inbox by 7pm on the Friday evening. The address is given above. Thankyou.**

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# Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## Notices for the week



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

9:00am

**MATINS** led by David Pickup

10:30am

**FAMILY WORSHIP with a Baptism**

led by Revd Phil Groves

Today we welcome PIPER MAE with her family and friends.



*Thankyou Lord for the joys of family life.*

*On this special day we pray for your blessing on Piper Mae and her family.*

*As she grows may Piper know your love in her heart, and may she always put her trust in you.*

*Amen*

### This week

Mon

10:30 – 12:30 **Socially Crafty** – in the Church

Tues

11:00 – 13:00 **Café in the Park** – in the Jubilee Pavilion

Thurs

09:00 – 10:30 **Little Wrighlers** – in the Jubilee Pavilion

26<sup>th</sup> 10:30am

### Services next week

**FAMILY COMMUNION**

led by Revd Nigel Featherston



EXPLORERS will meet during the service

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### Luke 3:15-17 & 21-22

*15 The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. 16 John answered them all, 'I baptise you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.'*



*21 When all the people were being baptised, Jesus was baptised too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened 22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'*

We might ask ourselves why Jesus needed to be baptised? Most of those coming to John the Baptist were repenting of sins – but how does Jesus himself fit into this? We always say that he is like us in all things, except sin.

In taking on human flesh Jesus identified with us in our humanity. He had the same feelings and reactions that we have; only he never did sin or do anything wrong. Most of the time, he looked just the same as everyone else. And, when he got up in the synagogue of his home town and began to amaze people with his insight, his neighbours could not understand it. They had lived for years with him and had no idea of the divine side of his person, but he understood what it is like to live as a human.

It was at his baptism that the Spirit of God, in the visible form of a dove, came down on Jesus. It was a clear endorsement from his Father for the work that Jesus was about to begin. So, through his baptism, Jesus is being officially commissioned to begin his public work of teaching, healing, suffering, and dying for us.

### Praying together

On Thursday evening a good number of our church community gathered on Zoom to give thanks for all the good things God is doing and to seek His guidance and wisdom in our future plans.

We agreed to meet regularly on every first and third Thursday of each month. Our next gatherings will therefore be at 8pm on **6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of February**. Please join us if you can, even if you just want to listen in quietly. The session will last for 30 minutes.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81163764469?pwd=JzmJJy8BKj5s79dbXqJbVBcSjBvHCV.1>

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### A prayer for peace in the Holy Land



*Loving God, we pray for an end to the war and bloodshed in Gaza. We pray for the success of the current ceasefire agreement: that both sides will truly lay down their weapons and pursue long-lasting peace. We pray for the release of the hostages, and the safe and swift delivery of aid to those who are desperate for it. We pray for those who are without shelter, clean water, food, electricity, medical care and safety. We pray for the political and religious leaders who can influence this situation. Give them the courage and boldness needed to pursue the lasting peace and justice that the people of Israel and Gaza so desperately need. Amen*

### Community Christmas Lunch

The grand total sent to the Community Christmas Lunch at St Marys Aylesbury this year was a **whopping** £1,022.35! The breakdown was as follows:

£262.77 from Carols in the Courtyard  
£303.16 from Coffee Cup Collection  
£456.42 from Christmas service collections

A total of 148 meals was served, the largest number yet. Thankyou everyone for your generosity. There are some photos of the event on display at the back of the church.

### 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 26, Feb 9, March 9 and 23. Talk to me if you are interested.

*Phil Groves* Phone 01296 748 390

### The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The week of prayer for Christian Unity began yesterday and runs until this Saturday. You can tune in to the BBC 'Songs of Praise' on television today at 1.30pm to watch a special feature on the great work of Churches Together in England, in celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

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