

### Coffee Cup Collection

Our coffee cup collection today 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.



From next week until the end of April we will be supporting another good cause.

### 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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'.

### Urgent Plea for Explorer Helpers

God is blessing Explorer sessions with increased numbers of children, so we need a bank of people to be on a rota who can be called on when we need extra help. You don't have to be a professional teacher, a natural leader or a creative genius - we just need bodies!!

We will need you to complete various application forms though, as well as the Diocese Basic and Foundation Level Safeguarding Training. The process takes about a month to complete. For further details please have a chat with Naomi.

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	Network Name: <b>SJB Congregation</b>	We now accept online donations. You can donate at: 
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# Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

## Notices for the week



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

10:30am

### FAMILY COMMUNION

*led by Revd Phil Groves*



*Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over  
all things, now and for ever.  
Amen*

### This week

Tues 11:00 - 13:00 **Café in the Park** – in the Jubilee Pavilion  
19:30 **Choir practice** – 29b Eythrope Road  
Weds 19:30 **SJB committee meeting**  
Thurs 09:00 -10:30 **Little Wrigglers** – in the Jubilee Pavilion  
Sat 10:00 - 12:00 **Café in the Park** – in the Jubilee Pavilion

### Services next week

9:00am **MATINS**  
10:30am **FAMILY COMMUNION**  
*led by Revd Phil Groves*

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Luke 8:22-25

### Jesus Calms the Storm

<sup>22</sup> One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and set out. <sup>23</sup> As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.



<sup>24</sup> The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!"

He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm.

<sup>25</sup> "Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples.

In fear and amazement they asked one another, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him."

### Children and Communion

At our last meeting the SJB Committee discussed a request to consider the participation of children in Communion.

Phil has prepared a letter outlining the proposal and this is available to everyone this week in church and can be sent to you by email or delivered by hand. It is also available on our website: [www.stonedintonhartwell.com/news](http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com/news)

Phil will be talking about this at our services on March 2 and there will be plenty of time for responses. We will consider the next steps at our SJB meeting in March. Our Churchwardens and Phil are very happy to talk to anyone about this, whether they are concerned, enthusiastic, or not sure what to think.

### The new Bishop of Buckingham

Our new Bishop of Buckingham, Revd Canon Dave Bull, is to be consecrated in Canterbury Cathedral this Thursday at 11:00am.

The service will be livestreamed via the diocese website, and you can view it from [this link](#).

Please pray for him as he prepares to follow his new calling, and for his family as they settle into their new home

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### Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Electoral has now closed and no new applications can be accepted until after the APCM. If you have signed up to the electoral roll, you are entitled to attend and vote at the APCM on the **12<sup>th</sup> March at 20:00 at SJB, Stone.**

The APCM documents are available online at: [www.stonedintonhartwell.com/apcm](http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com/apcm) or at the back of the church.

The APCM booklet is quite large, so we ask that you print your own copy if you wish to have a paper copy or bring a device to view it online at the meeting if you would like to look at the material that is being discussed.

Application forms are also available at the back of the church or online and must be submitted by 11<sup>th</sup> March.

### Choir practice

As we approach the season of Lent the church choir will be preparing for both Palm Sunday on April 13<sup>th</sup> and Easter Sunday on 20<sup>th</sup> April.



Now is the time to join them! do come along to find out if this is for you. You would be very welcome. You do not need to be able to read music and you will have fun with a friendly group of people.

**Tuesday 25th February at 7:30pm - 29b Eythrope Road**

### 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 free of charge, but you may like to donate. They cost about £2 each.



*O God of all hope and peace, we bring to you the needs of our broken and hurting world. Our hearts are breaking with images of lives lost and torn apart by grief in Israel and Palestine.*

*We pray for an end to violence and warfare so that the challenging work of rebuilding may begin.*

*Help us, O Lord, to affirm our common humanity so that in our differences we may build together for justice and peace.*

*In Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen*

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