

Coffee cup news

Space aims to promote and protect good physical and mental health of the people of Bucks who are experiencing relationship breakdowns, loneliness, bereavement, homelessness, unemployment, ill health, isolation or other mental or emotional stress as 'Everyone Experiences Difficult Times'.

Space runs group drop-ins, a confidential listening service, affordable one to one counselling, social groups including a weekly walking group and weekly art and mindful colouring sessions, ad-hoc seminars, support calls, distributes surplus food and signposts to other help and support services.




The **Space** office is at St Marys church in Aylesbury but holds sessions in other locations too. Please see the notices on the Coffee Cup Collection noticeboard or visit spaceaylesbury.org

Praying together (online)

Our next opportunity to pray together online will be Thursday 3rd April at 8pm. Please join us if you can, using the link below, even if you just want to listen in quietly. The session lasts for 30 minutes <https://stonedintonhartwell.com/zoom-prayers>

SJB meeting

We hold a church meeting every month, usually on a Wednesday, but please note that it is on THURSDAY this week to make room for the Lent course. **EVERY** church member is encouraged to come along as it is where we discuss plans for our church and hear reports from other groups such as the Fabric committee. We want to hear your views so please join us in the church on Thursday evening at 7:30pm.




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Sunday 23rd March 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
This is an all-age service about the Prodigal Son



Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 **Lent course (week 2)** – 40 Beacon Close
Thurs 09:00 - 10:30 **Little Wrigglers** – in the Jubilee Pavilion
19:30 **SJB meeting in the church (see separate notice)**



REMEMBER!!! We lose an hour of sleep next weekend when the clocks go forward

Service next week

10:30am

FAMILY WORSHIP for Mothering Sunday
led by Revd Phil Groves

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Luke 15:11-32

The parable of the lost son

¹¹ Jesus continued: 'There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, "Father, give me my share of the estate." So he divided his property between them.

¹³ 'Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ 'When he came to his senses, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants." ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

'But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms round him and kissed him.

²¹ 'The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son."

²² 'But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found." So they began to celebrate.

²⁵ 'Meanwhile, the elder son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷ "Your brother has come," he replied, "and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound."

²⁸ 'The elder brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, "Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!"

³¹ "My son," the father said, "you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.

³² But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

Bible Studies for Lent

Every Wednesday @7:30pm at 40 Beacon Close

'UNIQUE TO LUKE'

Jesus was a great storyteller and Luke recorded some of his best stories like *The Good Samaritan – The Pharisee and the Tax Collector – the Prodigal Son*

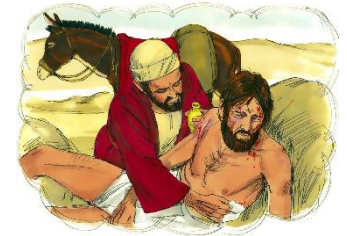
We know these parables so well, but in our studies we will draw on the experience of Palestinian shepherds and farmers to try to understand them as Jesus intended.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Contact: Revd Phil – tel. no: 01296 748390

In our first session we took a fresh look at the parable of the Good Samaritan. This is a story we all think we know very well as it is one that is taught to us from an early age. But last week we learned about, and discussed some other aspects we may have been unaware of.

For example – to a Jew the term neighbour meant a fellow Jew. We realised that the man had been stripped of his clothes, robbed, and was unconscious – so any passers by would not have known if he was Jewish or not. Also, a priest could not touch anyone ritually unclean – that included a dead body – was he dead? He might have been. When should we put rules and regulations above compassion?



Join us this week for another in depth look into the parables in Luke

Dear Friends

Simon Lisk contacted me on Friday morning to tell me of the passing of his father overnight. We all know just how lovely Tony was and how important he was to our church and our church to him. He is someone who loved the Lord and showed it in his love for all.

Simon would like anyone who knew Tony to know and would like the news to be on the pew sheet.

The funeral is likely to be in Cheltenham with Tony's ashes to be laid with Shirley (in the SJB churchyard). I have suggested we might have a brief memorial at that point here at SJB. Simon was pleased by the suggestion.

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die'

Phil Groves