



### 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. Everyone experiences difficult times.

Please see the notices on the Coffee Cup Collection noticeboard or visit [spaceaylesbury.org](http://spaceaylesbury.org)

**This is the final week that our coffee cup collection will be going to SPACE. Next week we will move on to another good cause.**

### London Marathon 2025

It's **TODAY!** Elizabeth and Joshua Rysdale are running the London Marathon to support 'Children with Cancer' and their proud Mum FIONA has been given special permission to skip church so she can go to support them! We are looking forward to hearing how they all get on – check this space in next week's pewsheets.

### Volunteer treasurer

Our church is run by a fantastic team of volunteers who give so generously of their time and skills. We have seen the evidence of that across the Easter weekend. However, we are still seeking someone to be our Parochial Church Council treasurer to work as part of a team with our book-keeper and members of our finance group.

A more detailed role description can be found on the Stone, Dinton and Hartwell website [www.stonedintonhartwell.com/news/](http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com/news/)

Please feel free also to discuss the role informally with Richard Smith on 07584 246268 or Revd Phil Groves on 07875 438244

### Praying together online

Our next session of informal prayer will be at 8pm this coming **Thursday** evening.

**Everyone** is welcome to log in and join us – silently if you wish.

The session lasts for 30 minutes.

[www.stonedintonhartwell.com/zoom-prayers](http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com/zoom-prayers)

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# Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025

## Notices for the week



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

10:30am

### FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE

*led by Raymond Medhurst and Richard Smith*



### A prayer from Pope Francis

*Come Holy Spirit –  
the promise of the Father; the promise of Jesus;  
that the Holy Spirit might enlarge and widen our hearts.  
We all have a problem, and that is our hearts  
tend to shrink, become smaller and close.  
We can't solve that problem by ourselves.  
Only the Holy Spirit can solve it.  
Come Holy Spirit.  
And to Jesus, Thy Kingdom Come.  
Thy Kingdom Come of the Father that you came to  
announce. Amen*

*(taken from a prayer by Pope Francis for 'Thy Kingdom Come' in 2019)*

### This week

Tues	11:00 - 13:00 <b>Café in the Park</b> – in the Jubilee Pavilion 19:30 <b>Choir practice</b> – 29b Eythrope Road
Weds	19:30 - SJB <b>meeting</b> – in the church – open to any church member who would like to attend
Thurs	9:00 - 10:30 <b>Little Wrighglers</b> – in the Jubilee Pavilion 20:00 - 20:30 <b>Praying together online</b> – everyone is welcome
Sun	9:00 <b>MATINS</b> led by David Pickup 10:30 <b>FAMILY COMMUNION</b> with Explorers led by Revd Nigel Featherston

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## John 20:19-31

### Jesus Appears to His Disciples

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

<sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

### Jesus Appears to Thomas

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

### The Purpose of John's Gospel

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

## Thy Kingdom Come 29th May – 8th June

Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. This year is its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and SJB has taken part from the beginning. Since it began in May 2016, God has grown TKC from a dream of possibility into a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions - so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

## Thy Kingdom Come (continued)

Every person, household and church is encouraged to pray during the 11 days of TKC in their own way. It is our hope and prayer that our friends, families, and neighbours who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world, will hear it for themselves and respond and follow Him.

Whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, we invite you to join in. We are already making plans for SJB to participate – so watch this space!



## Easter Monday Family Fun

The weather forecast was heavy rain at 2pm .... but God held it off until 3.30pm by which time everyone was inside church. Clive, George and Zachary dressed in two inflatable Easter bunny costumes borrowed from Haddenham School PTA!!

40 children and their younger siblings and parents completed the Easter trail - collecting the letters to make 'JESUS IS ALIVE TODAY'. Then, after claiming their prize egg and having lovely cakes and drinks, it was straight onto the colouring competition.

It was lovely to see families from Little Wrigglers, Saturday and Tuesday Cafes and from Stone in church - and building the link between activities held in the Pavilion and church. We noticed that families were very happy to sit in the pews and just chat.

Comments from parents has been lovely: thanking volunteers for giving up their time, a well run event, lovely to have something in the village for families, a lovely, chilled atmosphere, no pressure, etc.

Let's give thanks to God....and Jess, Arabella, Liz, Val, Dee, Sue, Jo, Clive, Bryan, Jenny, Izzy, George, Emily, Eunice, the bakers and the prayers (you as well Naomi! *Editor's note*)

