

Our coffee cup collection for March and April



Space aims to promote and protect good physical and mental health of the people of Buckinghamshire 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

Good News on the radio




Many of us may be finding the repetition of news about wars, politics, etc, so depressing at the moment that we are inclined to turn it off. There is an alternative though - the digital Christian radio station 'Premier Radio' and it can really lift the soul. There's a mixture of Bible readings, talks, thoughts, hymns and songs.

Details on how to tune in are here <https://www.premier.plus/pages/how-to-listen>

Choir practice


The church choir is now preparing for both Palm Sunday on April 13th and Easter Sunday on 20th April. Now is the time to join them! 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 4th March at 7:30pm - 29b Eythrope Road**



Network Name: **SJB Congregation**

Password: **StJohnBaptist**

We now accept online donations. You can donate at: www.stonedintonhartwell.com/donate



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Sunday 2nd March 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 COMMUNION**
led by Revd Phil Groves



EXPLORERS will meet during the service



*Almighty God our heavenly Father,
guide the nations of the world into the way of
justice and truth,
and establish among them that peace which is the
fruit of righteousness,
that they may become the kingdom of our Lord
and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.*

This week

Tues 11:00 - 13:00 **Café in the Park** – in the Jubilee Pavilion
19:30 **Choir practice** – 29b Eythrope Road
Weds 19:00 **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** - in church
Thurs 09:00 -10:30 **Little Wrigglers** – in the Jubilee Pavilion
20:00 -20:30 **Praying together** - online
Fri 14:00 **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** – in the chapel

Services next week

10:30am **FAMILY WORSHIP with BAPTISM**
led by Revd Phil Groves
6:00pm **EVENSONG at SPP DINTON**
led by David Pickup

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Luke 9:28-36

The Transfiguration

²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendour, talking with Jesus. ³¹ They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfilment at Jerusalem.

³² Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³ As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.)

³⁴ While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

Ash Wednesday March 5th

Ash Wednesday is the start of Lent when we remember Jesus' forty days in the wilderness when he was unsuccessfully tempted to turn his back on God's plan. It encourages us 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 at:

9am in St Nicholas Cuddington - a contemplative service.

7pm in 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.

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 this **Friday 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'.

Children and Communion

The SJB Committee has been discussing a request to consider the participation of children in Communion and now wants to consult the wider church membership. 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

Phil will be talking about this at both services **today** 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.

We will be serving soup after the main service today to give everyone a chance to ask questions and discuss this important topic. So do stay if you can.

The new Bishop of Buckingham

Our new Bishop of Buckingham, Revd Canon Dave Bull, was consecrated in Canterbury Cathedral on Thursday alongside the new Bishop of Reading Revd Canon Mary Gregory.

A former atheist, Bishop Bull said in an interview on BBC Three Counties Radio that he realised in his mid-20s "there was something missing" in his life. He added "I believe that everyone at some point in their life explores spiritual questions and faith."

Bishop Bull studied at Worcester College, Oxford, and trained for ministry at Wycliffe Hall in the city. In 2009 he was ordained as a priest and was appointed area dean of Wycombe in 2016.

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 **12th March at 20:00 at SJB, Stone.**

The APCM documents are available online at: www.stonedintonhartwell.com/apcm or at the back of the church.

The APCM booklet is large, so we ask that you print your own if you wish to have a paper copy or bring a device to view it online if you would like to look at the material that is being discussed. Application forms must be submitted by 11th March.

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 lasts for 30 minutes www.stonedintonhartwell.com/zoom-prayers