

### 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)

### New Year 2025

If we put our hand in God's hand as we enter this New Year, not knowing what the future holds, but that our Friend is near.

We shall not fear what lies ahead if He is by our side, nor wander from the pathway, if He will be our guide.

The sinless One from heaven came to dwell with us on earth, He sought and bought us with His blood and offered us new birth.

Now as we travel through this year He knows the things He's planned. Oh let us trust and know just this – our times are in His hands.

*By Megan Carter*

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# Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## Notices for the week



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

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS EPIPHANY

9:00am **MATINS** *led by David Pickup*

10:30am **FAMILY COMMUNION**  
*led by Revd Nigel Featherston*



*Almighty God,  
in the birth of your Son  
you have poured on us the new light of your  
incarnate Word,  
and shown us the fullness of your love:  
help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love  
that we may know the fullness of his joy;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen*

### January services

12 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	<b>FAMILY WORSHIP</b> with Explorers
	6:00pm	<b>EVENSONG</b> at SPP DINTON
19 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	<b>MATINS</b>
	10:30am	<b>FAMILY WORSHIP</b> with a baptism
26 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	<b>FAMILY COMMUNION</b> with Explorers

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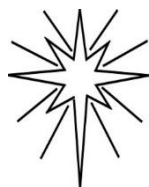
## Matthew 2:1-12

### The Magi visit the Messiah

2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.'

<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup> When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> 'In Bethlehem in Judea,' they replied, 'for this is what the prophet has written:

<sup>6</sup> "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."



<sup>7</sup> Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, 'Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.'

<sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.



*Lord, the sight of the guiding star brought hope, courage and joy to those who had journeyed to find you.*

*When our journey seems long,  
when hope seems far away,  
when our courage is failing,  
fill us with faith and trust,  
and lift our hearts with your joy.*

*Help us to recognise you in our brothers and sisters,  
show us how we can work together so that we may all come to share  
in the life promised to us by Jesus, the Saviour of us all.  
Amen*

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## New Year, new start

New Year often means new starts on exercise, less screen time, diets, etc. Over the years I've attempted to start on daily Bible reading notes. And year after year I got more behind and felt the guilt and disappointment with myself as I failed yet again!

Last year I found the **First 5** app on my phone and have been doing it ever since - I have missed days, but it isn't dated! A short Bible reading followed by 5 mins of comments, a challenging question and a prayer. If you open an account (it's free) you can keep track of your progress and view other reader's comments which is really helpful. You can choose to study a book or a theme - lots of studies to choose from. (It is aimed at women and American - but don't let that stop you!)

So why not take a look - I'm happy to show you how it works. Make a commitment to meet with God at the start of each day - it will make a big difference to your life.

*Naomi*

*(there are various schemes both in print and online that help us develop a daily Bible reading habit. We need to find what works for each of us so we can sustain it long term. Thank you for this Naomi - other suggestions are also welcome)*

## Talking with God

Also starting soon - at our last SJB committee meeting we decided to set up an informal time of prayer that anyone can join in with from home, either out loud or in silence. Details are still being worked out, but it will take place on ZOOM once a fortnight on Thursday evenings and will last for 30-40 minutes. Watch this space!

## Little Wrigglers

(for 0-5 yrs and their adults)

**Our new term starts this week**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025

9.00am – 10:30am

**IN THE JUBILEE PAVILION**

*free play - Bible story - snacks - singing and more!*



## Explorers



Our young people will be meeting for their own Sunday morning activities in the vestry next week (12<sup>th</sup>) and again two weeks later on 26<sup>th</sup>.

For more information about what our Explorer group gets up to please contact Naomi [naominz@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:naominz@hotmail.co.uk) or mobile: 07425140887

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