

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The APCM is on **Wednesday 22nd April** in Dinton church. Anybody who is on the Electoral Roll is welcome to attend.

This year we have spaces for nominations for Deanery Synod members as well as for PCC members.

There is also a vacancy for a Secretary to the PCC.

Application forms and APCM booklets are now available on the website www.stonedintonhartwell.com/apcm/ and paper copies from the back of the church.

Prayers of thanks

On Thursday evening a group of us met online to pray for our community and the wider world. After sharing a Psalm we decided to start off by saying thankyou to God for the prayers He is already answering. One example was **Little Wrigglers** as reported here by **Naomi**:



'Often the first session after a school holiday is quiet - but not this week. More and more kept coming through the door - 19 children, one overdue bump and 17 Mums, Dads, Nannas and Gramps in all!



After free play and tidy-up time, they all listened to the Bible story of Gideon and blasted their trumpets at the right time!

We gave each family an invite to Bubble Church and we pray that God will bring them along so they can learn more about the life-changing Jesus.



One new mum said she had been going to groups for 11 years and Little Wrigglers was the most welcoming, relaxed atmosphere and fun.

Thank you to the amazing helpers who run it each week and to God for blessing it with so many Wrigglers - both Big and Small'.



Coffee Cup news

We are currently supporting the Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy with our Coffee cup donations. Then throughout May and June we will be supporting **Christian Aid**.

This will be launched at our service on **3rd May** by our guest speaker David Blackmore who is a local Christian Aid representative. Do come along to hear how Christian Aid is providing humanitarian relief and long-term development support for poor communities worldwide.



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Sunday 19th April 2026 Notices for the week



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

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

A said service from the Book of Common Prayer

10:30am **FAMILY WORSHIP** led by David Pickup

For all ages together without communion



Almighty Father,

who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:

give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life

and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen

This week

Mon 20th - 2:30pm **Socially Crafty** - in the church NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME FOR THIS MONTH ONLY

Tues 21st - 11:00am **Cafe in the Park** – in the Jubilee Pavilion

Weds 22nd - 7:30pm **APCM meeting**– at SPP Dinton

Thurs 23rd - 9:00am **Little Wrigglers** – in the Jubilee Pavilion

Sun 26th - 10:30am **FAMILY COMMUNION**
with **JOYFULL JUNIORS**

We will be running a tombola stall at Stone Fete on Monday 25th May. This is to raise funds for the church (see the notice about finance matters). Please bring any good quality items such as unwanted gifts to church by 17th May. THANKYOU

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Luke 24:13-35

On the road to Emmaus

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognising him.

¹⁷ He asked them, 'What are you discussing together as you walk along?'

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, 'Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?'

¹⁹ 'What things?' he asked.

'About Jesus of Nazareth,' they replied. 'He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.'

²⁵ He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?' ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going further. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?'

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, 'It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread.

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Thy Kingdom Come Thursday 14th May – Sunday 24th May

Since the very beginning of the Church the nine days between Ascension and Pentecost have been a special time of prayer. Not just prayer as individuals, but as a community, like those first members of the Church. And that is the purpose behind 'Thy Kingdom Come' as it unites us together in prayer – over one million Christians across 172 countries and more than 85 denominations and traditions.



This year is the tenth anniversary of the first global 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer event, and here at St John the Baptist we have taken part in our own small way from the very beginning. And we will be doing so again this year in two ways.

1. The church will be open each evening at 7:00pm from Friday 15th May to Saturday 23rd May for people to gather together in the chancel for informal prayer for just half an hour. Many of us have found this to be a time of blessing in previous years.
2. We are putting together another little book of daily prayers written by members of our church family. Then we can all join in the same prayers each day from wherever we are.

Keep watching this space for updates but if you would like to know more about 'Thy Kingdom Come' there is plenty to read here: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>
Or speak to Richard Smith, Sue Birrell, or Jenny Pickup.

Finance matters

"As we prepare for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting this Wednesday our financial situation will play a large part in the plans for what we hope to achieve as a church community in the coming year. Our finances have been under considerable pressure for the last 2 years and we urgently need to raise an additional £600-700 per month just to sustain our existing activities and financial responsibilities.

We are hugely grateful to those who already give regularly, and particularly to those who have already responded to our current need by increasing their giving or joining the Parish Giving Scheme for the first time. Gifts of any value make a difference. This QR code gives a direct link to the Parish Giving Scheme for this church: Please speak to Phil Groves or Richard Smith or one of the churchwardens if you need any further information about giving. Once again, thank you for your help."



Richard

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