

World Refugee Day

Yesterday (20th June) was known internationally as World Refugee Day.

Did you know the following though?

- more than 117 million people remain forcibly displaced worldwide, including families uprooted by war in the Sudan, violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and prolonged crises in Ukraine, Afghanistan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Myanmar and beyond. When people fleeing danger are denied protection, insecurity deepens: families are driven on to perilous routes, children lose years of learning, women and girls face greater risks, and host communities are left without the support they need. Protecting refugees is therefore not only an act of compassion; it is a condition of stability and peace. World Refugee Day is an occasion to build empathy and understanding for their plight and to recognize their resilience in rebuilding their lives.

- low- and middle-income countries host 71 per cent of the world's refugees and other people in need of international protection, while Least Developed Countries provide asylum to 25 per cent of the total.

(data from United Nations)



Lord we cry out to you now on behalf of those who find themselves living on the road or in a refugee camp, feeling isolated, scared, and hopeless.

We pray for missionaries seeking to serve the needs of displaced people today, providing food, medical care, education and advocacy.


*We pray for our own political leaders to hear the cry of forgotten people, and to make more compassionate decisions to help their plight.
Amen*

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Sunday 21st June 2026

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 WORSHIP**

led by Revd Canon Phil Groves



*Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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

Tues 23rd - 11:00am **Café in the Park** – in the Jubilee Pavilion
Weds 24th - 7:30pm **SJB committee meeting**
Thurs 25th - 9:00am **Little Wrigglers** – in the Jubilee Pavilion
Sun 28th - 10:30am **PATRONAL FESTIVAL**
FAMILY COMMUNION
with *Joyfull Juniors*

We have a limited number of large print [service sheets](#) available in church. If you would like one, please talk to a sidesperson at the beginning of the service. If you would like a large print [pewsheets](#) to take to a neighbour or friend we can print that off before you go at the end of the service.

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Matthew 10:24-39

²⁴ *The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!*

²⁶ *So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. ²⁸ Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. ³⁰ And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.*

³² *Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. ³³ But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.*

³⁴ *Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to turn*

*“a man against his father,
a daughter against her mother,
a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law –
³⁶ a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.”*

³⁷ *Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.*

³⁸ *Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me.*

³⁹ *Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.*

A Fathers Day Prayer

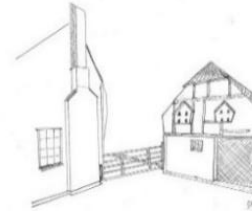


Heavenly Father, thank you for fathers. Grant them strength, wisdom, patience, and your love as they guide their children. Help them be present, loving role models. Comfort those who long to be fathers, heal broken relationships and bring peace to those who grieve. May all fatherhood reflect your perfect love. Amen

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Patronal Festival

Next week on **Sunday 28th June** we will be celebrating the birth of our patron, St. John the Baptist here in church. Traditionally the service is followed by a community event where parishioners share a meal together so this year we would like to invite all of our church family, their relatives, friends and pets to a picnic in our garden at Vicarage Farmhouse. In keeping with tradition, this year we will also be inviting our neighbours and friends in Church way and Stone to join us.



Please bring your own picnic and drinks but we will also lay on some food and drinks on a first come, first serve basis. As a special offering, we will have on tap the traditional British picnic libation, Pimms Special Cup and serve a sweet and spicy sausage specially developed for the occasion as well as a farmhouse sausage. We will provide some salads, vegetarian and gluten-free offerings.

In case of in-clement weather (too hot, cold or raining), we have covered a large part of the courtyard with a number of gazebos so please do not let the weather put you off. There will also be a no-obligation retiring collection in aid of the church fabric fund.

We look forward to seeing you all there, the garden is looking amazing.

Terry, Clare, Pumpkin and Treacle

Bucks County Show 27th August

For many years the four deaneries in Buckinghamshire have been working together to run a hospitality tent at the County Show called 'Rest A While'. For no charge it offers visitors tea and cakes and a chance to sit down. It is a great example of the church serving the community and gives opportunities to open up conversations with visitors to the show. It needs volunteers to help on the day – welcoming, serving, clearing tables etc. If you could offer an hour or two to help, Revd Jenny Edmans would love to hear from you: jennyedmans@aol.com You would still need to pay your entrance fee to the show though.

Stone School Fete (this Saturday)

Please drop off any good or excellent quality second hand toys; or homemade cakes (which must have an ingredients list with them) at the school office on Friday (up until 3pm) or on the morning of the fete Saturday 27th. Thankyou.

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