

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Thank you to everyone who attended our APCM this week in Dinton. If anyone missed the meeting, the document pack is still available on the website for the next couple of weeks. www.stonedintonhartwell.com/apcm/

Bubble Church

Last Sunday was the first Bubble Church at Haddenham Airfield Pavilion. We had a full set up and rehearsal on the Saturday afternoon in preparation. As the hall wasn't booked for the Saturday evening (God's planning) we could leave everything set up overnight which meant a calmer start to the Sunday morning. At 9.00am we stopped to pray and asked for God's blessing. And then families started to arrive - 12 families in total with 22 children between them. Some from churches, some on church fringes and some new to church. The puppets acted the story of Jesus bringing Lazarus back to life and how God is able to do the impossible. We pray that God would use Bubble Church to bring people to know him, to bring them back next month (**17th May**) and to invite their friends and neighbours as well. Revd Sue Hughes is going to have to buy more Bubbles for next time for families to sit on - how amazing is that!!

So a big 'thank you' to God and thank you for all who prayed.

Naomi

Stone Village fete

We will be running a tombola stall at Stone Fete on Monday 25th May. This is to raise funds for the church. Please bring any good quality items such as unwanted gifts to church by 17th May. We will also need volunteers on the day to help set up and man the stall. If you are able to do this please let Sue Birrell know.

Archbishop of Canterbury calls for peace

"I urge Anglicans across the Church of England and the Anglican Communion to join with His Holiness (the Pope) in raising our voices for peace and justice throughout the world. I stand with my brother in Christ, His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, in his courageous call for a kingdom of peace. As innocent people are killed and displaced, families torn apart, and futures destroyed, the human cost of war is incalculable. It is the calling of every Christian— and of all people of faith and goodwill — to work and pray for peace. We must also urge all those entrusted with political authority to pursue every possible peaceful and just means of resolving conflict."

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Sunday 26th April 2026 Notices for the week



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

10:30am **FAMILY COMMUNION** with **JOYFULL JUNIORS**

led by Revd 'TJ' Jones and Richard Smith



*Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection
and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen*

This week

- Tues 28th** - 11:00am **Cafe in the Park** – in the Jubilee Pavilion
Thurs 30th - 9:00am **Little Wrigglers** – in the Jubilee Pavilion
Sat 2nd - 10:00am **Cafe in the Park** – in the Jubilee Pavilion
Sun 3rd - 9:00am **MATINS**
10:30am **MORNING WORSHIP** with guest speaker
from **CHRISTIAN AID** followed by Soup-a-Sunday
4:00pm **LEGO CHURCH** – in the Jubilee Pavilion

Coffee Cup News



Today is our last Coffee Cup collection for the Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy. Throughout May and June we will be supporting **Christian Aid**. This will be launched at our service next week 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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John 10:1-10

The good shepherd and his sheep

10 'Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognise a stranger's voice.' ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷ Therefore Jesus said again, 'Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Evening concert

Next Sunday (3rd May), the Witchert Chorale (directed by David Quinn) will be joined by the Golgotha Kantorei from Berlin in a concert in St Mary's, Haddenham. The programme includes choral music by Bach, Brahms and Stainer, as well as piano and organ pieces and a catchy arrangement of "Here comes the sun" by George Harrison.

The concert starts at 6.30 and will last about an hour. You will be welcomed with a glass of fizz, and there is a retiring collection.

There are also madrigals from the church towers in Long Crendon (8.30 am) and Cuddington (9.45 am) on Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday Monday.

Thankyou to the Socially Crafty team for making this wonderful banner of JOY for the church.



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 – AMAZING!



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.

We will be launching this special time of prayer at the **Ascension Day service at SPP Dinton** at 7:00pm (14th May). This is a benefice service bringing together people from other churches in Wychert Vale.

- **Then SJB Stone 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. This is just for half an hour and everyone is welcome to come along. We pray for a wide range of issues – local, national, and global. You may prefer to sit in quiet reflection as others pray – that is fine, you are welcome to do so. Many of us have found this to be a time of blessing in previous years.
- We are also putting together another **little book of daily prayers** written by members of our church family. If you would like a copy look out for them in church on 10th May. Then we can all join in the same prayers each day from wherever we are.

There is nothing escapist about prayer. To pray is to engage fully with the way things are. But when we consider the state of the world we can easily despair. Watching the news seems to be getting harder, but the difficulty isn't just out there – it is in our own communities, in our churches, and our households that we experience it.

That modern day saint and martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer said 'the most direct way to others is always through prayer'.

If you would like to know more about 'Thy Kingdom Come' there is plenty to read here:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

Or for local arrangements speak to Richard Smith, Sue Birrell, or Jenny Pickup.