

Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal

Reminder - Sue Spinks would be glad to receive boxes, contributions or donations at Clowesbourne, Upton Road, Upton **BEFORE 24th October**.

The essential items for each box:

Gloves, scarf or hat (new or knitted)	soap and flannel
Toothbrushes and toothpaste	candles and holders or tealights
Small games (playing cards travel size dominoes etc)	
Sweets or chocolates (best before June 2026, EU origin)	

Further suggestions and details are in the October Parish News magazine



Churchyard Gardening

Saturday 18th October 10:30 – 12:30

Please join us for our gardening session on Saturday. We will also need help to tidy some graves. There is plenty to do, and refreshments to be consumed.

Thankyou from the Birrells

Thankyou from Steve and I for the cards and good wishes we received for our move which went very well. We have got the kitchen, lounge, and dining room set up but the other rooms are not so good yet with lots of boxes still to empty! **Sue**

Saturday Café helpers needed

The café continues to be popular and is still drawing new visitors each month. For some it is the first contact they have with the church. **However** - we need more volunteer helpers on the first **Saturday** of each month to welcome and to serve people. Please speak to Naomi if you would like to join the team, even if you can't do every month.

Big blue tin

About a month ago I left my big blue rectangular cake tin at SJB. It is the only one that my lemon drizzle fits into!! If you have taken it home - please could you return it to the SJB kitchen (no questions asked!!). Thanks. **Naomi x**

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Sunday 12th October 2025

Notices for the week

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



10:30 FAMILY COMMUNION with JOYFULL JUNIORS

led by Revd Canon Phil Groves

16:00 LEGO CHURCH in the Pavilion

Songs – prayers – Bible story – Lego – food – all ages

18:00 HARVEST EVENSONG at SPP DINTON

led by David Pickup



*Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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 11:00 - 13:00 **Café in the Park** – in the Jubilee Pavilion
19:30 **Choir practice** – 29b Eythrope Road

Thurs **THERE IS NO LITTLE WRIGGLERS THIS WEEK**

20:00 - 20:30 **Praying Together online** for 30 minutes
<http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com/zoom-prayers>

Sat 10:30 – 12:30 **Churchyard gardening** – with refreshments

Sun 9:00 **MATINS**

10:30 **FAMILY WORSHIP**

led by Revd Canon Phil Groves

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Luke 17:11-19

Jesus Heals Ten Men With Leprosy

¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice.

¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷ Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?” ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

Food for thought

In our gospel reading Jesus again reaches out to those on the margins of society. He frequently went among the outcasts, the poor, the unclean, aliens, refugees and strangers, regardless of their race or religious faith. He now calls us to do the same, and to step outside our church bubble and share His love with those who live on the margins of our own society.

I nearly forgot to say thank you
For flowers and thrushes and things,
For daisies that dapple the meadow
And patterns on butterfly wings;
For stars that shine, for winds that blow,
The sun that melts the ice and snow;
I nearly forgot to say thank you
For rainbows that follow the rain,
But really I want to say thank you
Again and again and **AGAIN!**

By John Gowans

Have you forgotten to say thankyou to God for anything? Or have you forgotten to say thankyou to someone else? Today is the day to put that right. Remembering to say thankyou is always an important contributor to good relationships.

PRISONS WEEK
A WEEK OF PRAYER

12th – 18th OCTOBER 2025

For 50 years, Prisons Week has encouraged Christians everywhere to pray for prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities and those working or volunteering in the criminal justice system. Please pray each day during Prisons Week but also ask yourself if there is one thing that you as an individual, or we as a church, can do to help any of the people for whom you are praying.



*Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison.
Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love
prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care.
Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the
victims of crime.
Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly
together with Christ in his strength and in his Spirit, now and every day. Amen*

Prisons Week poem

When you hear the word *offender*, what words come to mind?

I imagine quite a few—most won’t be very kind.

When you hear the word *offender*, you may think ‘low-life scum;’

‘They deserve to be locked up and pay for what they’ve done.’

‘They’re probably just a smackhead or an alky, can’t you see?’

Let’s get them chucked in prison and throw away the key.’

But when I hear the word *offender*, I’ll tell you what I see:

I see they’re only human—they’ve made mistakes, just like you and me.

When I hear the word *offender*, I don’t see addict and I don’t see scum;

I see that the offender is someone’s daughter, someone’s son.

Yes, they’ve made bad choices, yes, they’ve been caught—

But God’s grace brings forgiveness; by His blood they have been bought.

Yes, they’re wretched sinners—of this there is no doubt;

The only difference between them and you is their sin has been found out.

You see, sin is sin in God’s eyes, whether big or small—

But praise God for redemption: Jesus took the fall.

He took on all their sinfulness, He took on all their shame;

His offer of forgiveness lets them live again.

So, the next time you hear the word *offender*,

See them through God’s eyes,

And pray they accept Jesus as their Saviour

To help navigate their lives.

written by Claire Mothersdale, who was once stuck in a cycle of addiction and prison sentences; but her life began to change when she sought support from her prison chaplain

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