

Lots of thankyous

I can't make a big enough **THANK YOU** for all the support yesterday at the Christmas Craft Sale. All of the difficulties were faced head on with a smile and good humour and despite the rain, no heaters, no lights, and no refreshments.

We provided a welcome to all who braved it to come and buy gifts, cakes and cards.

THANK YOU to all my helpers who withstood the cold and provided service with a smile.

THANK YOU to Terry and Clare for providing an extension lead from their house to the church for limited power and hot water for drinks to keep us going.

THANK YOU to our neighbours who provided the workers with drinks.

An even bigger **THANK YOU** to Stephan and Raymond who stayed at the church till the early hours of the morning waiting for Network Power to come and find the problem, and then came back before 8am to assist with the necessary work and put up emergency lighting for the sale.

THANK YOU to those who came to buy, and to Phil for welcoming people at the door. With all this in mind we made over £400 in cash and still have to add on the card machine amounts. AMAZING.

It goes without saying that there are some things left and they are at the back of the church so please dig deep and help again to sell some more things.

Sue

Editor's note: **THANKYOU** to you as well Sue for all the planning and preparation!!

Terry and Clare's exciting news



Just in case you haven't heard Terry and Clare are very excited to announce that they are to be grandparents next year. Congratulations and best wishes to them both, and to the expectant parents.

Coffee Cup Collection

Our Coffee Cup Collections in SJB during November and December will be sent to the **Community Christmas Lunch** project that offers a free Christmas Day meal in St Mary's Church in Aylesbury on Christmas Day from noon until 3pm. This event has been taking place for more than twenty years. The free dinner is available to anyone who might be alone at Christmas, or homeless, or whose home circumstances might be difficult in some way. There is also entertainment, games, presentsand no washing up!

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Sunday 23rd November 2025

Notices for the week

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



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

10:30 **FAMILY COMMUNION** with **JOYFULL JUNIORS**
led by Revd Canon Phil Groves and Richard Smith



*Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen*

This week

<u>Tues</u>	11:00 - 13:00	Café in the Park – in the Jubilee Pavilion
	19:30	Choir practice – 29b Eythrope Road
<u>Weds</u>	19:30	SJB committee meetings
<u>Thurs</u>	9:00 - 10:30	Little Wrigglers – in the Jubilee Pavilion
<u>Sun</u>	10:30	ADVENT SUNDAY FAMILY COMMUNION with CHOIR and the Posada starts

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Luke 23:33-43

³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: **THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.**

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

⁴³ Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Christ the King Sunday

The Feast of Christ the King is a relatively recent addition to the Western liturgical calendar. It was introduced in the Catholic Church in 1925 in the aftermath of World War 1. The war had ushered in many significant political and social changes. Secularism was on the rise, and traditional institutions, including both monarchies and the Church, were facing challenges from emerging political ideologies like communism and fascism. The feast of Christ the King re-affirms our belief in Jesus Christ as King over all of creation and every aspect of our lives.



The church calendar perfectly positions the Feast of Christ the King on the last Sunday of the liturgical year before Advent begins. We end the year triumphantly proclaiming Christ as King and start the new liturgical year next week earnestly waiting and praying for the ultimate triumph of Christ at the end of time.

Looking ahead

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE – Sunday 7th December @10:30am



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Stir up Sunday

Today is also known as ‘Stir-up Sunday’. It is celebrated on the last Sunday before Advent and each year it prompts us to panic because our hairdressers start asking if we have done all our Christmas shopping yet. Since Victorian times families have gathered together to prepare the Christmas pudding on this day, and those of us who have planned ahead and already got the ingredients in can do the same.

The day does not actually get its name from ‘stirring the pudding’ though: it gets its name from the Book of Common Prayer. The traditional Collect of the Day for the last Sunday before Advent starts

“Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people”.

Perhaps we should combine the two and recite the Collect prayer as we stir.

Posada 2025

Advent is a special time in the church calendar when we prepare for the coming of Jesus. It is a period for us in the church to reflect and wait. Our annual Posada (Spanish for ‘inn’) begins on **Advent Sunday next week**.

During the Posada our figures of Mary and Joseph stay with a different host household each night before moving on and eventually returning to church for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. Each host takes them to the next host but for those with mobility issues we can make arrangements for someone to collect the figures from you. We minister to one another at the handover with some very simple prayers that are already written down for you to say together. The Posada is open to all ages. To take part please contact Jenny Pickup by **Friday 28th November** at the latest. jennifer_l_pickup@hotmail.com tel no: 01296 748170



Request for Yorkie bars

Regular readers of the SJB pewsheets will remember that in recent years we have supported the Chaplaincy at HMP Grendon and Springhill by providing socks and Yorkie bars as a Christmas present for the men who attend the Christmas Day service in the prisons. We would like to do the same again this year.



If anyone would like to donate a **46g YORKIE BAR** (or two!) they would be most gratefully received. It is important that **only** the 46g size is provided so that all the men are treated equally.

The socks should be NEW and in larger sizes. These will be given out at Christmas with the Yorkie bars. There will be a marked box at the back of the church from next Sunday for you to put the socks and Yorkie bars in. Thankyou.

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