



Orphanages in Myanmar

There are 30 orphanages in Myanmar which need toys, children's books, baby clothes, children's clothes, sheets and towels. Mary John in Oxford Road (Stone) would be pleased to receive any of these items on their behalf. She has also been busy knitting teddies for them, so she needs more knitting wool to keep her going. Thankyou.

Mary John tel no: 01296 747932

Posada 2025

Our Mary and Joseph have been travelling around the village staying with a different host household each night. They will eventually return to church for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. Here they are being welcomed in Beacon Close earlier this week.



Christmas Services

21 st Dec	6:00pm	SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS with the choir
24 th Dec	4:00pm	CHRISTMAS EVE CRIB SERVICE for all the family
	11:30pm	MIDNIGHT COMMUNION
25 th Dec	10:00am	CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY COMMUNION <u>at St Peter & St Paul DINTON</u>
28 th Dec	10:30am	MORNING WORSHIP

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Sunday 14th December 2025

Notices for the week

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



10:30 FAMILY COMMUNION with JOYFULL JUNIORS

led by Rev'd Mike Bisset

16:00 LEGO CHURCH in the Jubilee Pavilion

18:00 CAROL SERVICE at **SPP DINTON**



*Lord Jesus Christ,
 who at your first coming sent your messenger
 to prepare your way before you:
 grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
 may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
 by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
 that at your second coming to judge the world
 we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
 for you are alive and reign with the Father
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. Amen*

This week

<u>Mon</u>	10:30 - 12:30	Socially Crafty – in the church
<u>Tues</u>	11:00 - 13:00	Café in the Park – in the Jubilee Pavilion
	19:30	Choir practice – 29b Eythrope Road
<u>Thurs</u>	9:00 - 10:30	Little Wrigglers – in the Jubilee Pavilion
<u>Sat</u>	10:30	Choir practice – in the church
<u>Sun</u>	9:00	MATINS <i>led by David Pickup</i>
	10:30	MORNING WORSHIP <i>led by David Pickup</i>
	18:00	CAROL SERVICE <i>led by Rev'd Canon Phil Groves</i>

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Matthew 11:2-11

² When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples ³ to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?'

⁴ Jesus replied, 'Go back and report to John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. ⁶ Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.'

⁷ As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? ⁸ If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. ⁹ Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you."

¹¹ Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Gaudete Sunday

Today the Church celebrates Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent and the midpoint of the Advent season. Only one Sunday remains before the Eve of the Nativity. The word *gaudete* is Latin for "Rejoice," the first word in the traditional Introit for the Third Sunday of Advent. On Gaudete Sunday the Church changes the tone of its preparation for the coming of the Lord is at hand. The mood now shifts from sober expectation to growing joy. Today we light the pink candle in the Advent wreath.

The Gospel reading features John the Baptist in prison asking questions, but with an unwavering conviction that Jesus, who is mightier than he, is coming, and that gives hope that God's promises of justice and salvation are being fulfilled.

Christmas breaks

Café in the Park and Little Wrigglers will be meeting for their last sessions this week until they start again in the New Year.

Saturday Café opens again **3rd January** Tuesday Cafes start again **6th January**
Little Wrigglers starts again **8th January** Socially Crafty meets again **19th January**

Joyfull Juniors wishes everyone a **HAPPY CHRISTMAS**. They meet again **10th January**

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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!

Request for Yorkie bars

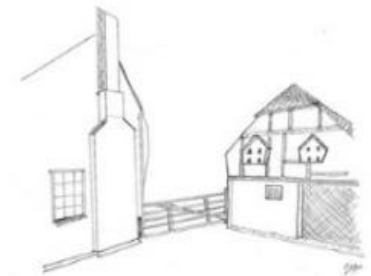
Regular readers of the SJB pewsheets will remember that in recent years we have supported the Chaplaincy at HMP Grendon and Springhill by providing socks and Yorkie bars as a Christmas present for the men who attend the Christmas Day service in the prisons. We are doing the same again this year. If anyone 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 is a box at the back of the church for your donations. Thankyou.

Carols in the Courtyard

Please will you, family, pets and friends join us to celebrate the Christmas season at Vicarage Farmhouse on Church Way. We will serve hamburgers, hot dogs and a vegetarian chilli and rice as well as hot and cold drinks. Just bring yourselves (dressed in your winter woollies or raincoat), your singing voice, a healthy appetite and cakes, puddings etc if you would like to. During the evening we will have a collection for the Free Christmas Day Dinner hosted at St Mary's Church in Aylesbury.



Wednesday, 17th December from 6pm

RSVP Terry on 07968 368524 or terrycooper@gmail.com

With love, Terry, Clare, Pumpkin and Treacle xx

The church has now been decorated for Christmas. A BIG THANKYOU to Aaron again for the tree and also to those who decorated it and made the beautiful flower decorations. The church looks really special and welcoming. Thankyou everyone!

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