

An invitation from Revd Cassa Messervy

Cassa has extended an invitation to everyone in the benefice to a 'Leaving Social' on **Sunday 15th February** anytime 12 - 3 pm in St. Mary's School, Haddenham.

On **Sunday 1st March at 6 pm** in St. Mary's Church, Aylesbury she will be collated as Archdeacon of Buckingham and then installed at Christ Church Cathedral on **Saturday 14th March at 6 pm**.

Thankyou Gwen

At Matins this morning we presented Gwen with a small token of our thanks for all the years she has been involved with the cleaning, flower arranging and many other social aspects in the life of the church.

It is time to step back a bit and enjoy the church without the pressure of doing so much. Gwen has decided to give up cleaning and take a back seat, so while we are very grateful to her for everything she has done it means we need your help to fill her shoes. (See Dee or Sue if you can help)

Sue

Coffee cup collection

Coffee cup donations for Jan/Feb will be passed to the charity associated with The World Day of Prayer service on March 6th in our Methodist Chapel. The women of Nigeria have compiled the service which is promoted in over 145 countries, from dawn in the Pacific to dusk in Alaska.

Situated in west Africa Nigeria has a diverse lifestyle with contrasting difficulties. The service has songs, stories, and prayers that highlight the different aspects of life in a devastated country.

Enid



Praying together on Thursday evening

What will we be praying for?

For our church - for our community - for those in need – anything else that comes up!

Who will do the praying?

Anyone who wants to. If you want to sit quietly that's fine too. Everyone is welcome.

How long do we pray for? *Just 30 minutes*

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Sunday 1st February 2026

Notices for the week



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

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

9:00 **MATINS** led by David Pickup

10:30 **FAMILY WORSHIP**
led by Revd Canon Phil Groves



*God our creator,
who in the beginning
commanded the light to shine out of darkness:
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,
shine into the hearts of all your people,
and reveal the knowledge of your glory
in the face of 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 3rd - 11:00am Cafe in the Park – in the Jubilee Pavilion

Thurs 5th - 9:00am Little Wrigglers – in the Jubilee Pavilion

8:00pm Praying together online for 30 minutes

<http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com/zoom-prayers>

Sun 8th - 10:30am **FAMILY COMMUNION**
with **Joyfull Juniors**

led by Revd Tracey 'TJ' Jones and Richard Smith

4:00pm **LEGO CHURCH** in the Jubilee Pavilion

6:00pm **CHORAL EVENSONG** to celebrate

CANDLEMAS in **SPP DINTON**

led by David Pickup

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Luke 2:22-40

Jesus Presented in the Temple

²² When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹ "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel."

³³ The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

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Important update on church finances

This year, we face significant challenges with our finances. Our income has reduced because some people who have donated regularly to the church in the past have moved away or passed away, and we face significant increases in a number of our costs. Our ability to fulfil God's call to serve our community is very dependent on the committed, generous giving of church and community members, for which we are very grateful, but to regain financial stability, we estimate that we will need an additional £600-700 per month in 2026. In the short term, we need to place restrictions on non-essential expenditure from church funds, and Phil will be launching and heading up a new campaign to raise awareness and raise funds, so that we can continue the work to which we believe God has called us.

Richard

Hands needed at Little Wrigglers

Are you free Thursday mornings in March? Due to regular helpers being away we are very low on volunteers.

Setup starts 8.15am, session runs 9.00am to 10.30am and we are all packed up by 11.00am.



In return you get endless coffee/tea and cake, get to know the families who come along and be entertained by the Little Wrigglers.

If you can help please contact Naomi on 0742 5140887 or naominz@hotmail.co.uk

Thanks

Naomi

Lent Course - Any Questions?

Our Lent Course this year will consider the fundamentals of our faith and we will be asking for your questions. More details to follow.

One group will meet in person on Thursdays during Lent beginning on 26th February.

We would love to run a Zoom group so those who would struggle to attend in person may have the opportunity to participate. If you would like to join a Zoom group please contact Phil or Richard and we will find a time that will work for as many as possible.

We could also have a small daytime group - contact Phil if that would be your preference.

Phil

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