Churchyard footpath update

The Archaeologist came and said while the opening to the tomb was interesting they wouldn't disturb anything by digging more than is needed. She watched while they dug down the required depth and collected a few bones they found and then said that was all she needed to see and if we look after the bones and return them to the earth when completing the job that will be fine.

The rain has delayed the rebuilding of the tomb but the back support has been done and the rest measured ready for next week.

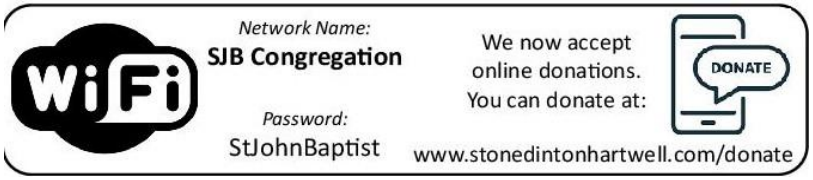
Community Payback

Sue was contacted on Thursday to see if we could accept a team on Friday! She said yes please and in the cold and rain 2 guys with the supervisor arrived and tidied up the area by Bishopstone Steps, ready for the funeral on Thursday as that will be the entrance due to the tomb works. They then carried on down Bishopstone Road and Churchway to make it look much better for us. Thank you to the Community Payback team for helping us again. They have been a real blessing.

The People's Emergency Briefing

Wednesday 28 October 6:00pm – 8:00pm

This is a powerful film, bringing together expert insights on the climate crisis. It is being shown in many churches and civic centres around the country, and it is being screened in **St. Mary's Church Aylesbury.** The film features contributions from notable figures who provide frank assessments of the current environmental situation and potential solutions. Entry is free but you need to reserve a spot https://shorturl.at/F7eV0



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Sunday 25th October 2026

Notices for the week

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

HAVE YOU REMEMBERED TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK BY AN HOUR ?????

10:30am FAMILY COMMUNION
led by Revd Canon Phil Groves

Joyfull Juniors will be learning about the Bible and making the books of the OLD TESTAMENT.



Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

6:00pm SERVICE OF LOVING REMEMBRANCE
led by Revd Canon Phil Groves
(see separate notice)

This week

Tues 27th	-	11:00am	**Café in the Park** – in the Jubilee Pavilion
		7:30pm	**Choir practice** - in the church
Thurs 29th	-	9:00am	**Little Wrigglers** – in the Jubilee Pavilion
		7:30pm	**Bible study group on Zoom**
Sun 1st	-	9:00am	MATINS *led by David Pickup*
		10:30am	FAMILY WORSHIP *led by Revd TJ*

The next session of *Joyfull Juniors* would be on 8th November but that is Remembrance Sunday, so the church service will be at the Memorial Gates. There will be NO Joyfull Juniors in the church that day so…….NEXT SUNDAY (1st) we will make poppies to take to the Remembrance service the following week. Please come to BOTH OF THESE SESSIONS.

BELONG - BELIEVE - BUILD - WITH CHRIST AS THE CORNERSTONE

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Paul's Ministry in Thessalonica

2 You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results.
[2] We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition. [3] For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. [4] On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts. [5] You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. [6] We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority. [7] Instead, we were like young children among you.

Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, [8] so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

Bible study

The new Bible Study starts this Thursday at 7:30pm on Zoom. If you haven't signed up yet but would like to, please let Phil, Richard or Sue know, or follow the link: https://chat.whatsapp.com/EQcU4cLXRQPG7fcGE7wjP6?s=sw&p=a&mlu=4&ilr=4

For the first session we will look at how to read the Old Testament. There are some short sample passages we can send you before the course starts if you want. If you don't have easy access to a Bible we suggest trying the NIV Bible app on your phone. The link to the course is http://www.stonedintonhartwell.com/zoom-prayers

Coffee Cup news

This is the last week our Coffee Cup Collection will be supporting **Bonnie Babies** . Sue has put out on the table at the back of the pews the box of things that will be going to them along with the generous donations you have made.



Harvest thankyou

We have received a Harvest Thankyou certificate from the Vineyard Storehouse for the 50.2 kg of food we donated to the foodbank. Well done everyone.

Christmas Gift Fair

This is on Saturday 28th November and we are starting to collect items for the TOMBOLA. If you have any unwanted new gifts, cosmetics, bottles of drink etc then we would be delighted to collect them at the back of the church anytime from now onwards.

Service of Loving Remembrance - Today at 6.00pm

An act of remembrance can be comforting and life affirming. We offer a gentle and reflective space of prayer and reflection where you are safe to remember your loved one, the joy you shared together, and to mourn their loss. We will sing hymns of faith and hear words of hope.

As part of the service, names will be read in act of remembrance as a candle is lit for each named person. If you would like your loved one's name or names to be read they can be added at the beginning of the service.

We intend to hold this service on an annual basis so please indicate your permission for us to contact you in the future.

Bible Sunday

Today is Bible Sunday, and as this year is the 500th anniversary of William Tyndale's translation of the New Testament into English the Bible Society has launched a celebration of William Tyndale.



William Tyndale was born in the early 1490s in Gloucestershire. He loved the Scriptures and became a priest. Inspired by Martin Luther who translated the New Testament from Greek into German, Tyndale decided to translate the New Testament into English from Greek. He wanted the Bible to be available in normal language to make it relevant for everyday faith to everyone, not just the educated priests and monks.

At that time it was only legal to translate the Bible if it was authorised by a bishop, so he went to ask the Bishop of London. He did not get this support, so he continued his work in Germany instead. It was not fully published until 1526. It was the first time that the whole New Testament had been translated from Greek into English and published.

Thousands of copies were smuggled across the North Sea into England, where they were eagerly bought and read. Later, Tyndale also learned Hebrew and started to translate the Old Testament into English while based in Antwerp. It was dangerous work though because Protestant opinions were considered heretical and punishable by death. Tyndale never finished this work because he was betrayed and executed for heresy in 1536.

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