

This Church is God's house.
God loves and welcomes you
whoever you are, whatever
your age, gender, mental
health, physical ability, race,
sexuality or financial situation.
You are welcome here,
whatever your circumstances;
however much or little you
wish to engage; whatever you
feel about faith.

WELCOME TO
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Sunday 25th January 2026

10.30am: Reader Service led by Mrs Louise Atkinson.

If you are visiting our Church for the first time, do introduce yourself to one of our stewards, who, this morning, are Gill Nord and Vicky Fiadzeawu.

**Please join us in the Hall after the service for tea, coffee, and a biscuit.
(Oat milk now available. Please ask.)**

The words of the hymns are projected at the front of the Church.
If you would like to have a hymnbook for the service, please ask.

Hymns	StF 21 156 666 443 94
Readings	Acts 9: 36-43 John 4: 43-54
Organist	Derrick Matthews
Streaming	To safeguard children and any vulnerable adults, our live-streamed services will not show the congregation.

If your little ones (up to age 3) become restless during services, you are welcome to take them into the creche room in the Welcome Area to play. The service can be heard from there.

All children MUST be accompanied by an ADULT.



**The flowers this week are in loving and fond remembrance
of Sue Ingram, from Paul and all the family.**

Many thanks to all who contributed to the collections over Christmas.

This information is now updated below:

Secret Santa Appeal for Action for Children

(in place of the Toy Service):

We had an amazing response from you all. A total of £689 was collected, and, with GiftAid added, the final total will be £803!!!



Carol Service: £195 for Christian Aid

Christingle Service: £23.70 for Action for Children

Midnight Communion service: £38.00 for Christian Aid

Christmas Morning Service: £184.60 for Action for Children.



Thanks also to those who have donated online!



It's now time to count the money in your little Home Collecting Boxes. Please either hand in the box for us to open, or bring the contents to church in a plastic bag, **clearly marked with your name**, for us to count.

Pauline Noble and Jennie Torpey will be very pleased to receive it.

Any queries, ring Pauline 01296 484940 or Jennie 01296 581414.

If you do not have a box and would like one at home to put in small amounts of loose change, please ask Pauline.



BE AN EDIFIER; A PEOPLE BUILDER

'Edify one another.'

1 Thessalonians 5:11 NKJV

The word 'edify' means 'to build up, strengthen, encourage, and motivate'. There are probably people in your life right now who need someone to speak blessing over them. You don't know how much it will mean when you give them your approval and let them know you are proud of them and that you think they can do great things. Everyone needs to be edified.

So, what kind of seeds are you planting in your children, in your husband or wife, in your friends? Do you believe in anyone? Have you let them know? Are you taking an interest to find out how you can improve their life? Have you listened to their dreams? Have you found out what they believe God has put in their heart? Have you let them know that you're behind them?

That's what an edifier does!

Henry Ford was introduced to Thomas Edison as 'the man trying to build a car that runs on gasoline'. When Edison heard it, he said, 'A car that has its own power plant; that's a brilliant idea.'

Until then, no one had encouraged Ford, and he had just about decided to give up. And then Edison stepped in, who spoke faith into him.

That was a decisive moment in Henry Ford's life. He said, 'I thought I had a good idea, but I started to doubt myself. Then along came one of the greatest minds that's ever lived and gave me his complete approval.'

You don't understand the power you hold or how much it means when you tell somebody, 'I believe in you. You have what it takes. I'm behind you 100 per cent.'

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Or you can read them online at <https://www.ucb.co.uk/read>.

As a charity, UCB relies on donations, so a gift would be appreciated from time to time.

GIVE UP THE COUCH FOR LENT

Join us for Sunday Lent Walks. Starting at 2.30pm from a Church near you
Linking the communities of the Schorne Team

22nd Feb: Upper Winchendon - Waddesdon

1st Mar: Quainton - Oving (2.4 miles)

8th Mar: Oving - Granborough (2.4 miles)

15th Mar: Granborough - Dunton (4.2 miles)

22nd Mar: Dunton – Whitchurch (2.2 miles)

29th Mar: Whitchurch - Weedon (2.4 miles)

[Whilst HS2 continues to restrict 'public right of way' along the Waddesdon to Quainton path, we'll start at Upper Winchendon Church on **Sunday 22nd Feb.**]

The walks are suitable for most ages. We walk at a leisurely pace, keeping to footpaths across fields and avoiding roads whenever possible.

Each walk takes between 1 ½ to 2 hours.

Participants should also think about co-ordinating transport to enable 'safe' transfers back to the start of each walk.

A great way to meet some new and old friends.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Martin Wright – martinhwright@gmail.com

Prayer Requests. If you have requests for people or situations to be included in the prayers, there is a Prayer Request folder in the display cabinet in the Welcome Space for you to write in, or you could let a steward know in advance.

Our Prayer Group also meets on alternate Tuesdays, 10.45am-12 noon, and are very happy to receive prayer requests. They would also welcome anyone who would like to join them. Please email Ruby: rubydarku@hotmail.co.uk



Don't forget your donations for the Aylesbury Foodbank.

Currently, the greatest need is for: **Tinned Meat, Tinned Rice Pudding and Tinned Fruit**; also *Long-life UHT milk and Custard, Tinned Vegetables (but not Potatoes), Teabags (40 or 80), Table sauces, eg Ketchup, brown sauce.*

But all donations are welcome. Toiletries, washing up liquid & laundry detergent pods are always needed.



Next Week

Mon	26 Jan	6.15pm, 6.30 – 8.00pm	Girls' Brigade Food Hub
Tues	27 Jan	9.30am 6.00pm	Chair Yoga Boys' Brigade
Thurs	29 Jan	10.30am From 1.40pm	Sunbeams Baby & Toddler Group Blood Donor sessions
Frid	30 Jan	2.30pm	Friday Feathers Badminton Club

Sunday 1st February 2026

**10.30am: Service of Holy Communion
led by Rev Richard Atkinson.**

The designated fire officers are the Duty Stewards
First Aid boxes are located in each of the kitchens
Fire doors are not to be wedged open, except those fitted with Dorgard (Please ensure other doors close behind you after passing through
Duty Manager - (John Miskin: 01296 422919 07988 960815)