

Cafe in the Park on 5th August.

We thought it might be quiet due to people being on holiday, but it turned out to be another busy one. We served 135 cake pieces or biscuits, 34 eggs, 5kg bacon and 60 sausages and countless teas, coffees and squashes in just 2 hours.



Thanks to those who give their time each month to bake, cook and serve Stone villagers and others from further afield.
Naomi x


Note from the editor - thank you to Naomi who organises it all and makes sure it runs smoothly. For anyone who has not sampled any of the cakes, here are a few to whet your appetite.

Hartwell Evensong

By kind permission of Hartwell House you are invited to the beautiful setting of Hartwell Church on Sunday 3rd September at 6pm. The annual open-air evensong service is held next to Hartwell Church, in the grounds of Hartwell House Hotel. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on.

Dates for your diary


- Mon 21st August – Socially Crafty
- Tues 22nd August – choir practice resumes
- Sat 2nd September – Café in the Park
- Sunday 3rd September – outdoor Evensong by Hartwell Church
- Sat 16th September – churchyard gardening
- Sunday 1st October – Harvest Thanksgiving
- Saturday 25th November – Christmas Coffee and Gift Fair run by the 'Socially Crafty' group who meet in the church on the **third Monday of each month.**



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St. John the Baptist STONE

Sunday 13th August

10:30am

FAMILY COMMUNION

Led by: Rev'd Sue Smith and Richard Smith



EXPLORERS will meet during the service

Our coffee cup collection throughout August and September is going towards another good cause - 'Dogs For Good'. One of our church families benefits greatly from an assistance dog provided by 'Dogs For Good', and we will be hearing about that in the coming weeks.



6:00pm

EVENSONG at SPP Dinton

Led by: David Pickup and Richard Smith

THIS WEEK

Mon	14 th	2:30pm	SJB Fabric committee – in the church
Tues	15 th	11:00am	Café in the Park - in the Jubilee Pavilion
Sat	19 th	10:00am	Churchyard gardening
Sun	20 th	9:00am	MATINS led by Raymond Medhurst
		10:30am	FAMILY WORSHIP led by Richard Smith

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Matthew 14:22-33
Jesus Walks on the Water

22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. 23 After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, 24 and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

25 Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. 26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

27 But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

28 "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

29 "Come," he said.



Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. 33 Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

We have also become accustomed to hearing that 'So and so walks on water' when they have just done something tremendous that is popular too (like scoring a hat trick for England maybe?). What is it though that enables Peter to get out of the boat in the first place, and then eventually to start sinking?

When Peter stepped out of the boat he was responding to Jesus who told him to 'come'. He was putting his faith in Jesus, and keeping his eyes fixed on him he started to make his way across the water. However, he then started to pay more attention to the wind and his surroundings and so he began to panic. I expect we all know that feeling. **When things start to go wrong we take our eyes off Jesus.**

Even though it is panic that cause Peter to pray 'Lord Save me', it is a genuine cry from the heart which Jesus recognises and responds to. Our prayers do not need to be long or eloquent. Jesus understands us and already knows what is in our heart.



Lord Jesus, help me to keep my eyes fixed on you in the midst of everything that is going on around me; and thankyou that you are always there when I call out to you. Amen

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New Christian Bookshop in town

Before you trek down to Great Missenden for your Christian books and greeting cards, have a look in the new bookshop in Aylesbury first. The St Mary's bookshop is in the south porch of the church and it is run by volunteers from several churches across town. It has only been open for a few weeks so please give them some encouragement if you can. The idea is for it to become a 'Faith Hub' where people will be welcomed to drop in with questions about faith as well as resting with a cuppa. The town Centre Chaplaincy team are also giving their support and encouragement to this exciting new project. There is a poster in our own church porch for you to see.

Exam results

Students in England, Northern Ireland and Wales are waiting for the results of their A-levels and other Level 3 qualifications this Thursday. For many pupils, this year was the first time they sat formal exams, because GCSEs did not go ahead as normal during the pandemic. This is an anxious time, not just for the students but for their families too.



Generous God,

Your call on our lives is always towards life, hope and grace.

We pray for all those young people who will receive their exam results this week. We give thanks that you journey with them in joy and in sorrow.

We ask your blessing on them as they navigate their next step knowing that you are there for them always.

As we rejoice with those who will receive good news, we ask your blessing on them, knowing that you celebrate with us whenever life is rich and rewarding.

Bless also, we pray, those who are burdened with anxious thoughts;

And comfort those who may face disappointment.

Thankyou that they are all precious in your sight, and help each to discover their particular skills and gifts and the right path to take to fulfilment.

In Jesus' name, Amen

The Aylesbury Street Angels will be out and about in the town centre this Thursday evening 9pm to midnight because many young people will be out with their friends. The Street Angels will be praying for them and watching over them as best they can.



CHURCHYARD GARDENING PARTY

Saturday 19th August

10:00am – 1:00 pm



Any help no matter how small will make a difference and be very much appreciated so please come along and as usual there will be refreshments.

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