


Coffee Cup news

Our recent coffee cup collection for the Aylesbury town centre Chaplaincy and Street Angels raised £182.63. Many thanks to you all, this is now being sent off to them. On Thursday evening a team of Angels was out in the town centre supporting the young people who had just received 'A' level and other results that day. Please pray for all our young people as they have to make choices for the future.



Dates for your diary


- Sat 2nd September – Café in the Park
- Sunday 3rd September – outdoor Evensong by Hartwell Church
- Sat 9th September – Bucks Historic Churches Ride + Stride
- 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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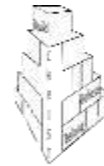
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St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 20th August

9:00am MATINS (Prayer Book service)
Led by: Raymond Medhurst

10:30am FAMILY WORSHIP
Led by: 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.



THIS WEEK			
Mon	21 st	2:30pm	Socially Crafty – in the church
Tues	22 nd	11:00am 7:30pm	Café in the Park - in the Jubilee Pavilion Choir practice – in the church
Sun	27 th	10:30am	FAMILY COMMUNION led by Revd Phil Groves

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Matthew 16:13-20

Peter declares that Jesus is the Messiah

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?'

¹⁴ They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'

¹⁵ 'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?'

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

¹⁷ Jesus replied, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Jesus and His disciples are in the region of Caesarea Philippi just north of Galilee, It was an area full of worship of false gods including the Greek god Pan. There was even a temple outside a cave devoted to Pan. Jesus therefore deliberately asked 'who do people say the Son of Man is?' and it is clear from the answers the disciples gave that the people thought he might be one of the former prophets.

Jesus' follow up question then gets to the heart of the disciples' understanding of who Jesus is and why He came. It is also an important question for all of us individually and together as a church. Jesus asked 'who do YOU say I am?' It is the most important question.

In a place devoted to a pagan god, and with religious leaders rejecting Jesus, Peter announced "You are the Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed One! You are the Son of the living God!"

Peter didn't always get it right, but he got it right this time. Jesus is the Messiah and He is the Son of God! He isn't just a good teacher, He isn't just a miracle worker, He isn't just another one of 'a number of ways to God'. **He is the Christ and the Son of God.** Peter understood this and we must as well in order to make sense of our Christian faith. Jesus was speaking to his followers in the context of Jewish history and culture, but society around us today is equally confused by false Gods and theories.

So - who do YOU say Jesus is when people ask you?



Dear Lord Jesus, Son of God, thank you that you are more than just a good teacher. You have brought us into a true relationship with our Heavenly Father. Help us to serve your church and to always be ready to share this good news with others. Amen.

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Outdoor Evening Service

By kind permission of Hartwell House our annual evening service at Hartwell will take place

Sunday 3rd September at 6:00pm

This traditional Common Prayer service takes place out of doors, in front of Hartwell Church in the grounds of Hartwell House Hotel. Please bring your own chair

Service leaders: Revd Phil Groves and David Pickup



We NEED more people to be on a rota for flower arranging, you don't have to be an expert just willing to try! Come and join us to make the church look even better with a nice flower arrangement.

We also NEED help with cleaning each week as cobwebs don't mind living in our beautiful church!



Would YOU be able to help please.....

If you want to know more or can help a little then please talk to Dee or the Churchwardens and become part of the TEAM. Thank you

Church choir news



After a short break the church choir is starting up again this week. Practices take place in the church (SJB) at 7:30pm on Tuesday evenings. Chris Ashbridge would love to hear from anyone wanting to find out more about singing in the choir. This is a perfect opportunity to have a go at singing in a small friendly group who just enjoy making music together.

Chris Ashbridge tel: 01296 748777



Socially Crafty

Monday 21st August 10:30am – 12:30pm in the church
Make friends ~ Drink Coffee ~ Eat Cake ~ Do Crafts

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