

Coffee Cup news

Our coffee cup collection today is for the Aylesbury Town Centre Chaplaincy. It is run by the local Christian community to help serve the needs of the town. It is an independent charitable trust and has volunteer day time chaplains and night time Street Angels drawn from churches across the town and surrounding area. <https://www.aylesburytownchaplaincy.co.uk>

In August and September our coffee cup collection will go towards another good cause - 'Dogs For Good'. One of our church families benefits greatly from an assistance dog provided by them. Look out for further details in future weeks.

Choir practice

The choir is now taking a well-deserved break for a few weeks. The next Choir Practice will be on Tuesday 22nd AUGUST 7.30pm @SJB when they will be preparing for Harvest Thanksgiving on 1st October.



THANKYOU to the choir and to Chris Ashbridge and Richard Smith for enhancing our worship in so many of our services this year. We look forward to hearing you all again in the autumn.

Coins and old gold and silver broken jewellery.

Some of you will be going away on foreign holidays again soon. In recent years we have been able to raise funds for the church from donations of foreign and obsolete coins and broken jewellery. The jewellery is mainly broken chains and the coins are left over from foreign holidays.



So if you have any broken jewellery or obsolete foreign or English coins and banknotes please send them in. Every little helps!

David Pickup tel: 748170

Benefice Office

A reminder that the benefice office is run by Chloe. Her working hours will change slightly from next week and will be: Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri 9am-1pm (office will be closed on Wednesdays). Chloe works some afternoons and evenings on a flexible basis. You can find Chloe in the St. Mary's Centre, Haddenham.

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Churches of: St. John Baptist, STONE; Ss Peter & Paul, DINTON; Assumption of St. Mary the Virgin, HARTWELL
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St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 2nd July

9:00am

MATINS (Prayer Book Service)

This is a quiet 'said' service in the chancel of the church with the focus on the liturgy and the Word.

Led by: David Pickup

10:30am

FAMILY WORSHIP

Led by: Revd Phil Groves

As this service is for EVERYONE of all ages the Explorers group will not meet separately during the service today. Phil will be looking at the story of Moses and the Israelites in the desert and this will introduce the theme for the month for the Explorers group. By popular demand the Explorers group will continue to meet through August instead of taking a summer break. More adult helpers are always welcome. Please contact Naomi if you would like more details 01296 747689.



The reading during the service is Colossians 3:12-17

THIS WEEK

Tues 4th 11:00am **Café in the Park** - in the Jubilee Pavilion

Sun 9th 10:30am **FAMILY COMMUNION**

Led by: Revd Clare Joyce with Richard Smith

6:00pm **PATRONAL EVENSONG** at SPP Dinton

with light refreshments

Led by: David Pickup with Richard Smith

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The lectionary gospel reading for today

Matthew 10:40-42

⁴⁰ 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴² And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.'

You can see the benefice service for today in this link:

www.stonedintonhartwell.com/wychert-vale-benefice-youtube-videos/

In it Revd Phil tells a tremendous story of hospitality to illustrate this gospel reading. It is about a large group of (mainly) boys from South Sudan who were orphaned by the war that was raging in their country at that time. With no food and no homes the boys set off on a trek to find safety, and they headed south towards Nairobi which was thousands of miles away. Along the way they were given food and water by communities who had very little themselves.

On arrival in Nairobi what should they do? They knocked on the doors of the churches where they were given food and shelter; and the people of the diocese of Salisbury advocated for them. Eventually, many of them were offered homes in various cities in the USA and Canada through a resettlement programme.

So the 'Lost Boys' went straight from an impoverished lifestyle of a cattle rearing culture to one of the most advanced in the world; and there they went to the Anglican churches that were rich financially but struggling for numbers. Despite the culture clash they were offered hospitality, welcome, advice and hope.

What did those churches get in return? Suddenly these churches found they had an energy and vibrancy in worship they had not known before. They became refuges for the poor and the broken - people they had never engaged with before. They became advocates for the people of Sudan in the places of power in the heart of Washington, and they were part of the movement that led to South Sudan gaining its independence.

We are reminded that Jesus said blessing comes on those who offer hospitality. In our world today there are an enormous number of refugees, and that poses logistical problems. However, we should avoid the temptation to see them just as a threat. They can be a blessing too and they have the potential to rejuvenate our world.



Heavenly Father, teach us how to show hospitality and welcome in our church and in our lives just as you have told us to do. Help us to contribute to the needs of all people and to welcome strangers into our home. You have blessed us with more than we need. May our cup of blessings, which overflows quench the thirst of those in need. Amen.

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John the Baptist Quiz - answers to the questions from last week

1. In which year was our church built? **1135**
2. Which angel told Zechariah he would have a son? **Gabriel (Luke 1:19)**
3. What sort of garment did John wear in the desert? **Camel's Hair (Matt 3:4)**
4. In which river did John baptise Jesus? **Jordan (Matt 3:13)**
5. Which village did our font originally come from?
Hampstead Norreys in Berkshire. It was removed from there in 1767 and used as a feeding trough for a while. It also travelled about, was damaged, and then restored and presented to SJB in 1844.
6. Who put John in prison? **Herod (Matt 14:3)**
7. Which country is our church toilet twinned with? **Mozambique**

Pulpit news

We are pleased to report the pulpit floor has now been repaired. Those of you who were in church last week will have seen Richard trying it out for the first time! And there is more good news – the application for a grant from the Dame Margaret Slaney Trust of The Grocers was successful. So thank you to them and to Sue our churchwarden who put the application in. The new handrails will be in place later this month.

Dates for your diary

As we are heading in to the summer now and many of us will be going away it would be a good idea to get these dates in to you diaries now.

Sat 15th July / Sat 19th August / Sat 16th September – churchyard gardening

Mon 17th July / Mon 21st August – Socially Crafty

Sat 5th August / Sat 2nd September – Café in the Park

Sunday 3rd September – outdoor Evensong by Hartwell Church

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.**

HELP NEEDED on Tuesdays at café in the Park. If you would like to join the team of jolly volunteers please speak to Naomi 01296 747689

THANKYOU to Terry and Clare who hosted the church picnic last week in their garden at Vicarage Farmhouse. It was a lovely opportunity to relax and socialise together in the sunshine.

CONGRATULATIONS to Phil and Ann who have become grandparents for the first time this week. We give thanks to God for the safe arrival of Leonardo (Leo) Groves.

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