

Confirmation preparation

We are hoping to hold another Confirmation service in the Benefice later this autumn. If you are already thinking about taking this step of commitment, or would just like to know more about what it means, please let Revd Phil Groves know. He will be pleased to have a chat with you. drphilgroves@gmail.com 01296 748390

Dogs for Good




Our Coffee Cup collection during September is for this charity. Dogs for Good trains dogs to help people affected by disability, dementia, autism, and other conditions and mental health challenges. These dogs can open doors, connect people, and bring families together. They can help make everyday life possible in so many ways.

Some of you will have already met William who has been to church several times already. He lives with and supports the Rush family, and Jo Rush has spoken in church about how much difference he makes to their lives.

Dates for your diary


- Weds 13th September** – PCC meeting
- Sat 16th September** – churchyard gardening
- Mon 18th September** – Socially Crafty
- Weds 27th September** – SJB committee meeting
- Sat 30th September** – Worlds biggest coffee morning and book sale at the chapel
- Sun 1st October** – Harvest Thanksgiving
- Sat 25th November** – Christmas Coffee and Gift Fair run by 'Socially Crafty' who meet in the church on the **third Monday of each month.**



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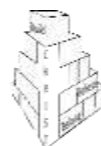
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St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 3rd September

9:00am **MATINS (Prayer Book Service)**
Led by: David Pickup

This is a short Prayer Book service that focuses on the liturgy and the Word. We meet in the chancel and we do not sing. Everyone is welcome.

10:30am **ALL AGE FAMILY WORSHIP**
Led by: Richard Smith

This is a service for all ages together, so the young Explorers will have the opportunity to take part in a service with the wider church family.

Explorers will meet again for their own activities NEXT WEEK

6:00pm **EVENING SERVICE**
outside Hartwell Church
Led by: Revd Phil Groves and David Pickup
see separate note for more details

Benefice service online

Revd Cassa explores Jesus' teaching on how to handle disagreements, arguments and when someone will not say sorry.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q8-LFvorgpA>

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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 (TODAY)

This traditional Common Prayer service takes place out of doors, in front of Hartwell Church in the grounds of Hartwell House Hotel. This is a special service held just once a year in a tranquil outdoor setting.

Please bring your own chair.

Service leaders: Revd Phil Groves and David Pickup



Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Ride and Stride

The annual ride and stride event to raise funds for the Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust will be on Saturday 9th September. The 2022 **Ride + Stride** event raised in excess of £26,610 and the charity gave grants to eleven churches who applied for grants. The churches of our benefice have benefitted from grants in the past so please support this event if you can. More information can be found here:

<https://bucks-historic-churches.org/ride-stride/>

We will be opening the church on Saturday 10:00 – 4:00 so we can welcome any of the riders and striders who call in on their travels. If you can volunteer to be in church for a couple of hours to welcome them please let one of the wardens know.

THIS WEEK

Tues	5 th	11:00am	Café in the Park - in the Jubilee Pavilion
Sat	9 th	10:00am	Ride + Stride – church open for visitors
Sun	10 th	10:30am	FAMILY COMMUNION led by Revd Phil Groves
		6:00pm	EVENSONG at SPP Dinton led by David Pickup

THERE IS NO CHOIR PRACTICE THIS WEEK. The next session is 12th September

Bread and cheese lunch at the chapel

Next week – 10th September – our friends at the chapel will be celebrating their harvest. For a donation there will be a bread and cheese lunch after the service and we have been invited to join them for this at 12 noon. Their harvest goods will be on sale for Wateraid. So remember to bring some cash with you.



Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus Predicts His Death

²¹From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²²Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”

²³Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

²⁴Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

²⁸“Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The words of Jesus in this passage are tremendously powerful. He is talking about the heart of his mission and it has huge implications for everyone who follows Him. We are not to seek a life of comfort and security because following Jesus means denying ourselves in order to go where He leads us. Having a purpose in life is far more important and fulfilling than having wealth and possessions.

The bottom line is this – in every key decision we make we need to ask ourselves whether we have in mind the concerns of God, or the concerns of man? If you follow Jesus and surrender your life to Him you will find a new life – with life in all its fullness.

A prayer for our schools



Loving Father,

We thank you for the start of a new school year and all the new opportunities that are waiting for our children.

We pray for teachers and staff as they prepare for the year ahead. Help them to make wise decisions.

We pray for our children, that they will enjoy learning together and making lasting friendships.

We pray our schools would be places of safety, and of great discovery, adventure and creativity.

May they be places where everyone is respected and all are deeply valued.

We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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