



Coffee Cup news

Starting this week our coffee cup collection will go towards another good cause - 'Dogs For Good' and this will run throughout August and September. 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.

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:

- Sat 2nd September – Café in the Park
- Sat 19th August /Sat 16th September – churchyard gardening
- Mon 21st August – Socially Crafty
- Tues 22nd August – choir practice resumes
- 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.**

Coins and old gold and silver broken jewellery.

In recent years we have been able to raise funds for the church from donations of foreign and obsolete coins and broken jewellery. 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


Thankyou to the kind person who left a bag of coins in David's porch recently. He does not know who you are so he cannot thank you personally. Thankyou anyway.



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St. John the Baptist STONE

Sunday 6th August

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

FAMILY WORSHIP

Led by: Revd Nigel Featherston

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.

By popular demand the Explorers group will **continue to meet through August** on 13th, 20th and 27th instead of taking a summer break. More adult helpers are always welcome. Please contact Naomi if you would like more details 01296 747689.

THIS WEEK

Tues	8st	11:00am	Café in the Park - in the Jubilee Pavilion
Weds	9th	8:00pm	SJB committee meeting – location will be on the agenda
Sun	13th	10:30am	FAMILY COMMUNION <i>led by Revd Sue Smith and Richard Smith</i>
		6:00pm	EVENSONG at SPP Dinton <i>Led by David Pickup and Richard Smith</i>

The gospel reading for today is from Mark 1:29-39

Jesus Heals Many

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. ³¹ So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

³² That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

Jesus Prays in a Solitary Place



³⁵ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶ Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷ and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!" ³⁸ Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." ³⁹ So he travelled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

Jesus was always in demand. Here we see him healing Simon's mother-in-law straight after leaving the synagogue. Then later the whole town gathered at the door seeking healing for the sick and release for those possessed by demons. This went on until after sunset, Jesus had very little time to himself. We all have times when we seemingly do not get a break from a busy lifestyle. So how did Jesus cope?

We learn here that His **first priority was his relationship with God the Father**. Read verse 35 again. He began each day with God and to achieve the solitude he needed he got up very early in the morning while it was still dark.

Each new day is a gift from God. A fresh start. Our first priority each day needs to be our relationship with God our Father. We are told in Lamentations 3 that

²² Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.

²³ They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

If you have things weighing on your mind as you wake up in the morning, commit your concerns to God. Trust Him to work them out. Ask God for wisdom to guide you in the decisions you will make throughout the day ahead, and to prepare you for whatever the day holds in store for you. After all, that is what Jesus did and we have no better example to follow.

BELONG - BELIEVE - BUILD - WITH CHRIST AS THE CORNERSTONE



Collect prayer

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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 about three 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.

Coming soon - WHY I BELIEVE - a series of talks

The Aylesbury Church Network and Aylesbury Vale Youth For Christ have arranged a series of evenings featuring conversations about science, philosophy, and faith with extraordinary people doing extraordinary work. Each guest speaker is a renowned scientist or academic, coming to Aylesbury to share their work, perspective and reasons for believing.

Each session will be hosted at Holy Trinity Church in Walton Street on a Wednesday evening. The first is on September 13th. The full programme is on the noticeboard in our church porch. Entry is free (to the talks and also to our porch).

Services in August

13th	10:30am	FAMILY COMMUNION	<i>Revd Sue Smith & Richard Smith</i>
	6:00pm	EVENSONG at SPP DINTON	<i>David Pickup</i>
20th	9:00am	MATINS	<i>Raymond Medhurst</i>
	10:30am	MORNING WORSHIP	<i>Richard Smith</i>
27th	10:30am	FAMILY COMMUNION	<i>Revd Dr Phil Groves</i>

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