



Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Ride and Stride

This annual event raises funds for the Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust, and it will be on Saturday 14th September this year. The churches of our benefice have benefitted from grants in the past so please support it if you can. More information can be found here: <https://www.bucks-historic-churches.org/ride-stride/>

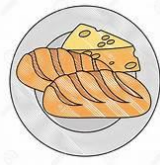
We will be opening our church 10:00 – 4:00 on the day so we can welcome any of the riders and striders who call in on their travels. If you can volunteer to be in church for a couple of hours to welcome them, please let one of the wardens know.

Supper and Graffiti



Everyone is welcome to come along to St John The Baptist Church on **Saturday 5th October, 5.30pm.** We are celebrating Harvest with a supper followed by a talk on the ancient Graffiti in the church.

Supper will be provided for a donation and then after a short talk there will be a chance for you to find the graffiti yourself and to try and decipher it.



There are some flyers about this event in the church porch. Please take one and also pass one on to anyone else who may be interested, especially those who were previously members of the Local History Society.

	Network Name: SJB Congregation	We now accept online donations. You can donate at: www.stonedintonhartwell.com/donate	
	Password: StJohnBaptist		

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Sunday 1st September

Notices for the week

Our church is a member of the Wychert Vale family of churches



Services TODAY

9:00am **MATINS** (Prayer Book service)
led by David Pickup

10:30am **FAMILY COMMUNION**

*led by Revd Nigel Featherston
with Explorers*

6:00am **OUTDOOR EVENSONG** at Hartwell
*led by Revd Phil Groves, Raymond Medhurst,
and David Pickup*



By kind permission of Hartwell House this traditional and very popular Common Prayer service takes place out of doors in front of Hartwell Church, which is no longer in use. Please dress for the weather, bring your own chair(s), and share lifts where possible.

Details: David Pickup david@pickupandscott.co.uk

Services next week

10:30am **FAMILY WORSHIP**
led by Revd Phil Groves

6:00pm **EVENSONG** with choir at SPP Dinton
for Education Sunday
led by David Pickup

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The week ahead

Tue 3rd 11:00am **CAFÉ IN THE PARK** in the Jubilee Pavilion
7:30pm **CHOIR PRACTICE** at 29b Eythrope Road
This is the first practice for Harvest Festival which is on
6th October in Stone. New singers are welcome.

Thurs 5th 9:00am **LITTLE WRIGGLERS RETURNS!** in the Jubilee Pavilion
naominz@hotmail.co.uk or mobile: 07425140887

Explorers



Explorers is a group for children aged 3 upwards which runs on two Sundays a month. It's aim is to give the children a positive experience of church - with a Bible story and related activities.

At the moment there are only 4 people who run it so we would love a few more people to help. You don't have to be a teacher but you will need a DBS check and some safeguarding training (but don't let that put you off!)

Please get in touch with Naomi on 07425140887 or naominz@hotmail.co.uk

Unpacking the Bible

We have had a number of requests recently from church members for an opportunity to find out more about the Bible. So, during the Autumn, Phil Groves and Richard Smith will be leading fortnightly sessions on a Thursday evening at 8pm starting on 12th September. The sessions are open to those of any faith or none and aim to stimulate discussion rather than to provide all the answers.

The programme outline is as follows:

September 12th: How did the Old Testament come to us in its present form?

(Phil Groves)

September 26th, October 10th and 24th: Power and politics: have we learned anything in 3000 years? A dip into the books of Kings.

(Richard Smith)

November 7th: How did the New Testament come to us in its present form?

(Phil Groves)

November 21st and December 5th: The life and teaching of Jesus in a nutshell: the Gospel of Mark.

(Phil Groves)

Coffee Cup Collection

Our new good cause during September and October is the **International Centre for Eye Health (ICEH)**. It is based at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and it works to improve vision and eye health worldwide focusing on populations with the greatest needs. More details next week.

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Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

That which defiles

7 The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus² and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³ (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴ When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles)

⁵ So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, 'Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?'

⁶ He replied, 'Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

*"These people honour me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.*

*⁷ They worship me in vain;
their teachings are merely human rules."*

⁸ You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.'

¹⁴ Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, 'Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. ¹⁵ Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.'

²¹ For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come – sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²² adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. ²³ All these evils come from inside and defile a person.'



*Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
Amen*

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