

Supper and Graffiti

If you are thinking of coming along on Saturday 5th October 5.30pm to celebrate Harvest, and to look at the Ancient Graffiti in our church, then please add your name to the list in the porch, for catering purposes.

Supper will be Soup and Roll after which there will be a short talk about Ancient Graffiti, followed by cake and a hot drink. Then there will be a chance for you to find the graffiti in our church for yourself and to try and decipher it.



YOU WILL BE AMAZED AT WHAT YOU SEE!!

For catering purposes please contact us if you know you would like to come, or just turn up and we'll try to make plenty of soup and cakes!

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IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE OFFER ON THE SHEET IN THE PORCH.

PLEASE TAKE A POSTER/FLYER TO ADVERTISE THIS EVENT. THANK YOU.

It's measuring time!



Come along to the Methodist chapel on **Saturday 5th October** with those pumpkins you have been nurturing all summer since they were seedlings.

Tea and cakes from 2pm.

There is a prize for the largest circumference (not weight) and the great measuring is at 4pm.

Even if you did not grow a pumpkin, do come along for a fun afternoon and to support **FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HOSPICE**.

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

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Sunday 22nd September



Notices for the week

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

Services TODAY

10:30am

FAMILY COMMUNION

led by Revd Phil Groves and Richard Smith



*Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen*

Services next week

11:00am

SONGS OF PRAISE! at the chapel

*see separate notice
there is no service in church that day*

The week ahead

Tue 24th 11:00am
7:30pm

CAFÉ IN THE PARK in the Jubilee Pavilion
CHOIR PRACTICE at 29b Eythrope Road
We are now practicing for Harvest Festival which is
On 6th October in Stone.

Weds 25th 8:00pm

SJB COMMITTEE MEETING

Thurs 26th 9:00am

LITTLE WRIGGLERS in the Jubilee Pavilion
naominz@hotmail.co.uk or mobile: 07425140887

8:00pm

UNPACKING THE BIBLE at 2 Stonecroft (*by kind invitation*)

Power and politics: have we learned anything in
3000 years? A dip into the books of Kings.
led by Richard Smith

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Mark 9:30-37

Jesus Predicts His Death a Second Time

³⁰ They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹ because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." ³² But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

³³ They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" ³⁴ But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

³⁶ He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

Jesus announced for the second time what was to happen to him in the near future - yet the disciples still did not understand - and what is more, they were afraid to ask any questions. Perhaps they did not *want* to understand this confusing message about a Messiah who suffers and dies. Or perhaps they were afraid to reveal their ignorance. Whatever the reason, their fear of asking any questions meant they remained in their state of ignorance and confusion. While we cannot know what they might have wanted to ask, given what Jesus had just announced about his impending suffering and death, I guess most of us would have wanted to know **why** the Messiah must suffer and die. But we have the advantage of knowing the events that followed, and maybe we all bury our heads in the sand if we don't want to hear something so confusing.

So, instead of asking questions of Jesus, the disciples started arguing with each other. Then when Jesus asked what they were arguing about they were too embarrassed to admit they had been arguing about who was the greatest among them. Jesus, of course, already knew what they have been discussing, and tried once again to teach them that the reign of God reverses the world's ideas of "greatness."

True greatness, Jesus says, is not to be above others, but to be least of all and servant of all. It is not to seek the company of the powerful, but to welcome and care for those without status, such as the child that Jesus embraced and placed before them.

Greatness on Jesus' terms means being humble, lowly, and vulnerable as a child. Greatness on Jesus' terms is risky; it can even get a person killed. But as Jesus teaches repeatedly, his way of greatness is also the path of life.

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Join in singing **well-loved**
hymns at the united

SONGS OF PRAISE SERVICE



next Sunday at 11am at the chapel in Eythrope Road

The hymns are being chosen and introduced by members of the chapel **and** the church - so come along and enjoy a good sing! There is no service in SJB so we can instead enjoy our time of fellowship with our Methodist friends.

International Centre for Eye Health (ICEH)

Situated in the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Health

A big thank you to the congregation of St John the Baptist for donating the Coffee Cup Collection to the ICEH

The ICEH is a global network, delivering excellence in research, education and capacity to improve eye health worldwide through collaborative partnerships.

Low and middle-income countries experience most of the vision loss but have fewer trained healthcare professionals to deal with the problem.

One of the programmes of the ICEH is the very successful VISION 2020 LINKS & Networks Programme, which aims to build long-term partnerships between eye care institutions in the UK and those in low and middle-income countries.

Clare Davey ran the LINK between Mulago Hospital, Kampala, Uganda and the Royal Free Hospital, London, between 2010 and 2020, and she spoke about this in our main morning service last week. It is hoped that she will do so again some time in October for those of us who missed it. Meanwhile do look at the display of photographs at the back of the church which have been kindly provided by Terry Cooper who joined the LINK team in 2015 as project manager and photographer and in a survey of diabetic retinopathy.

Other coffee cup news

- Our coffee cup collection in **July and August** raised a total of **£179.30**. This has now been sent off to Prison Fellowship to go towards the Angel Tree project in HMP Aylesbury. Thankyou everyone for your generosity.
- In **November and December** we will again support the Community Christmas lunch held in St Marys church Aylesbury for those who would not otherwise have a decent Christmas Day meal.

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