

Coffee Cup Collection

Our 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.

Eye health has profound implications for many aspects of life, health, sustainable development, and the economy. Yet many people around the world continue to suffer the consequences of poor access to high-quality, affordable eye care, leading to vision impairment and blindness.

Please support the work of ICEH by dropping a coin or two in our coffee cup on the kitchen counter when you meet for refreshments at the end of the service.

Thankyou.

Christian Aid

Sue Spinks has reported that the total raised this year from village events was £936.30. This does NOT include Revd Phil's big run and does NOT include online donations.

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 in the church porch.



Network Name:
SJB Congregation

Password:
StJohnBaptist

We now accept
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You can donate at:



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Sunday 8th September



Notices for the week

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

Services TODAY

10:30am

FAMILY WORSHIP

led by Revd Phil Groves

6:00pm

EVENSONG with choir at SPP Dinton
for Education Sunday

led by David Pickup

Services next week

9:00am

MATINS (Prayer Book service)

led by David Pickup

10:30am

FAMILY WORSHIP

led by Raymond Medhurst and David Pickup

The week ahead

Tue 10th 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. New singers are welcome.

Thurs 12th 9:00am

LITTLE WRIGGLERS in the Jubilee Pavilion

naominz@hotmail.co.uk or mobile: 07425140887

8:00pm

UNPACKING THE BIBLE How did the Old Testament come to us in its present form?

2 Stonecroft (off Oxford Road next to the park)

led by Revd Phil Groves tel: 01296 748390

THANKYOU to Raymond, David, Revd Phil, Richard (and choir) for a lovely evening service last Sunday at Hartwell. **THANKYOU** also to Hartwell House for the permission and the support once again, **THANKYOU** God that the weather held good despite earlier warnings of storms!

BELONG - BELIEVE - BUILD - WITH CHRIST AS THE CORNERSTONE

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Mark 7:24-end

Jesus honours a Syro-Phoenician woman's faith

²⁴ Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. ²⁵ In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. ²⁶ The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

²⁷ 'First let the children eat all they want,' he told her, 'for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.'

²⁸ 'Lord,' she replied, 'even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.'

²⁹ Then he told her, 'For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.'

³⁰ She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Jesus heals a deaf and mute man

³¹ Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis ³² There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

³³ After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spat and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴ He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, 'Ephphatha!' (which means 'Be opened!'). ³⁵ At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosed and he began to speak plainly.

³⁶ Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷ People were overwhelmed with amazement. 'He has done everything well,' they said. 'He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.'

Unpacking the Bible

Phil Groves and Richard Smith will be leading fortnightly sessions on a Thursday evening at 8pm, starting this week. 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)

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

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

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

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A prayer for Education Sunday



God of love and life,

We pray for every young person in our community who is returning to school, moving school or going on to college or university.

We pray for their places of education to be overflowing with creativity, inspiration and opportunity.

We pray for your peace to fill the classrooms, the playgrounds and school buses, lecture theatres, and the halls of residence.

We pray too for your peace and loving presence to fill the hearts and minds of those who are worried. Calm their anxieties Lord.

We pray that you will equip the teachers and teaching assistants with the tools they need to help the children and young people in their care to fulfil their potential.

We pray for parents and guardians as they entrust young people into the care of others, and above all we commend our children and young people into your care.

In Jesus' name Amen



Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Ride and Stride

This annual event raises funds for the Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust, and it will be on next Saturday, 14th September. **We will be opening our church 10:00 – 4:00** so we can welcome any of the riders and striders who call in on their travels. It is also a good opportunity for other visitors to come inside the church and look around when there is no service on.

If you can volunteer to be in church for a couple of hours to welcome people, please let Raymond Medhurst know.

MacMillan Day



Also next Saturday, 14th September, the Methodist Chapel in Eythrope Road will be open **10:30am – 3:30pm** for the 'World's biggest coffee morning' (there are other venues too – not just the chapel!)

coffee & cake ** lunchtime toasties ** cream teas ** book sale

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