

Adult Study Groups



For Adults we have home groups meeting in Overstone, Hardwick and Sywell and a women's group and a Men's group meeting on

Thursday evenings

For more information please Contact the Revd Duncan Beet

LUNCH CLUB

This is a group that meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at St Nicholas Overstone at 12noon. We have a speaker and share lunch together This year we have run one outing to Coton Manor

you would like to join us please ring the Revd Duncan Beet and book a lunch (We do not charge for lunch but invite a














Phil sometimes helped out at the Luncheon Club

contribution of £3.00) We also have a **monthly Coffee Stop** at Mears Ashby on the first Saturday of the Month. A chance to chat and meet friends

So what is Christianity all about?

Here is a quick explanation



<p>1  </p> <p>God is the loving ruler of the world. He made the world. He made us rulers of the world under him.</p> <p><i>You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.</i> Revelation 4:11</p> <p>BUT IS THAT THE WAY IT IS NOW?</p>	<p>2   </p> <p>We all reject the ruler - God - by trying to run life our own way without him, but we fail to rule ourselves or society or the world.</p> <p><i>There is no-one righteous, not even one; there is no-one who understands, no-one who seeks God. All have turned away.</i> Romans 3:10-12</p> <p>WHAT WILL GOD DO ABOUT THIS REBELLION?</p>										
<p>3  </p> <p>God won't let us rebel forever. God's punishment for rebellion is death and judgement.</p> <p><i>Man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgement.</i> Hebrews 9:27</p> <p>GOD'S JUSTICE SOUNDS HARD. BUT ...</p>	<p>4  </p> <p>Because of his love, God sent his son into the world: the man Jesus Christ. Jesus always lived under God's rule. Yet by dying in our place he took our punishment and brought forgiveness.</p> <p><i>Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.</i> 1 Peter 3:18</p> <p>BUT THAT'S NOT ALL ...</p>										
<p>5  </p> <p>God raised Jesus to life again as the ruler of the world. Jesus has conquered death, now gives new life, and will return to judge.</p> <p><i>In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.</i> 1 Peter 1:3</p> <p>WELL, WHERE DOES THAT LEAVE US?</p>	<p>6 THE 2 WAYS TO LIVE</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>A</td> <td>B</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Our way:</td> <td>Reject the ruler - God. Try to run life our own way.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Result:</td> <td>Condemned by God. Facing death and judgement.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B: God's new way:</td> <td>Submit to Jesus as our ruler. Rely on Jesus' death and resurrection.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Result:</td> <td>Forgiven by God. Given eternal life.</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him</i> John 3:36</p> <p>WHICH OF THESE REPRESENTS THE WAY YOU WANT TO LIVE?</p>	A	B	Our way:	Reject the ruler - God. Try to run life our own way.	Result:	Condemned by God. Facing death and judgement.	B: God's new way:	Submit to Jesus as our ruler. Rely on Jesus' death and resurrection.	Result:	Forgiven by God. Given eternal life.
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The United Benefice of Mears Ashby, Hardwick & Sywell cum Overstone

INFORMATION LEAFLET

www.mearsashbygroup.org.uk

All Saints

St Leonard's

St Peter & St Paul

St Nicholas

Gods People bringing his love & his word to this community

The Parish



Thank you for taking time to read this leaflet. We hope that it will encourage and inform. All of

the churches in our benefice are committed to enabling all the family to worship and grow in their faith and walk with Christ together.



The bible sits firmly at the centre of the life and worship of the church. We take very seriously the fact that 2 Timothy 3:16 states that the word of God is just that, it is God's breathed out word there to guide, instruct and lead us as we live out God's call in our daily lives.

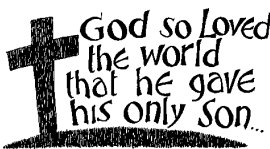
Our Church is a safe place in enquire about the Christian faith. We want everyone who worships with us to know Christ and that he died for them and that because of that they can be his forgiven children. Each person that worships with us brings a unique gift to the benefice sharing something very special and enriching our life together. We have a congregation that ranges in ages from 85 years to 5 week and all ages in between.

We offer a wide variety of services from BCP Evensong to All Age Worship

We run an enquirers course 3 times a year called Christianity Explored if you just want to enquire more about the Christian faith. Go to the Web site and watch a taster of the course video

Why is the church here?

We are here to bring the good news of the gospel afresh Matthew 28 makes that clear. When we look at the story of the life of Jesus we see that he came to bring us peace with God (Rom 5:1) and he was crucified to pay the price of our sin (Mark 10:45). Many people today are seeking for peace and meaning in their lives. The



truth is that we can only find these things in God through knowing Jesus Christ as our personal saviour (John 14:6) We are here to tell people that God has made it possible for them to know him. God desperately wants to meet you and support and guide you as you seek to make him master of all of your life and live for him. We are here to help you think all this through & pray with you, and for you, and if we can to help you when times are really hard. God quite simply loves you so much he died for you.



Prayer

This is vital to a healthy church and we run a prayer and praise meeting and ensure that there is a prayer ministry after every service

Children

We welcome and encourage children to play a full part in the life of the church. We run a number of groups.



- TOTS@OVERSTONE (pre-schoolers on Friday mornings) 9.30-11am at Overstone Church
- Kingdom Kids catering for children from 5-18 on Sunday Mornings at Sywell & Overstone
- Blaze-A lunch club in our local schools

We want to encourage our children to play a central part in the whole worshipping life of the Church and disciple them effectively for life in this pressured world.

