

# Life News @ St Mary's

St Mary's Eaton Socon Newsletter — September 2019

## **'Verse for the Year' John 8: 31-32**

*Jesus said: "If you hold to my teaching,  
you are really my disciples.*

*Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*



## Test of FAITH

Does science threaten belief in God?

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## WELCOME

For many, the month of September signals the end of summer, the beginning of autumn, and the start of a new academic year. For some, this represents an exciting new season – and a fresh start!

In the Old Testament, this season was celebrated at 'Rosh Hashanah' which literally means, 'the start of the New Year'.

What better time than to reflect on our own relationship with Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. As we look back over the past year, we can reflect upon where we are on our journey of faith.

- ◆ What has been our greatest joy?
- ◆ Our biggest challenge?
- ◆ How have we grown spiritually?
- ◆ How has God surprised us?

Then looking at the year ahead, we can ask ourselves:

- ◆ How do we want to grow in our relationship with God?
- ◆ How expectant are we that God can surprise us?

Jesus is able to do a new thing in our life today - so trust Him, reach out to Him and let Him lead you!

With every blessing -  
Martin Jones

## Autumn Events



### PRAYER AT ST MARY'S

**Monday 'Breakout' @ 7.30pm**

*(returns 9th September)*

**Tuesday, Thursday, Friday @ 9am**

**Sunday after the Services**

**@ 9am and 10.30am**

**All Welcome!**



### MID-WEEK SERVICE

**Wednesdays @ 9am**

Join us as we reflect on a Bible passage, share Communion, and enjoy refreshments together.

**All Welcome!**

### Newcomer's Afternoon Tea

**Sunday 15th September**

**@ 3.30-5pm**

Have you joined St Mary's in the last two years? If so, you are invited to come along. Please speak to Rev'd Tim for more details



Men's Breakfast  
28th September  
@ 8.30am

Guest Speaker:  
Dr Andrew Perrett

Will be speaking about  
working in Beijing



**AUTUMN / WINTER 2019**

**School Years 6-11**

**Friday @ 7.30—9.30pm**

**St Mary's Church,**

**Eaton Socon**

**Cost £2 per person + money  
for the tuck shop**

## Alpha Youth (School Year 7-13)

Starts Sunday **15th September 2019** until 8th December 2019

**11am** Brunch, 12pm—1pm Alpha Course

at **Jubilee Hall**, School Lane, Eaton Socon. Contact St Mary's Church office  
on 01480 352154 or online at [www.eatonsocon.org](http://www.eatonsocon.org)



## Ladies Breakfast



**Saturday 14th September 2019 @ 9—11am**  
at St Mary's Church, Eaton Socon.

Guest Speaker is **Julia Chamberlain**,  
Chaplain at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital.  
Tickets are £8 per person and bookings can  
be made online at [www.eatonsocon.org/  
events](http://www.eatonsocon.org/events) or by contacting Barbara Jarvis on  
07511877390. Please note, the final date for  
bookings is 9th September 2019.

## Test of Faith

**Are Science and Christianity in conflict?**

**Has the big bang pushed God out of the universe?**

**Is evolution compatible with religious faith?**

**Are humans no more than biological machines? Is cloning ethical?**

**What are the limits of science?**

This 3 part course is an opportunity to start exploring these questions and the relationship between Science and Christianity. It is based on a series of interviews with leading scientists from around the world, and is an interactive time with open discussion. The course is for anyone with an enquiring mind and does not need any scientific background.

Led by Professor John Wood, this promises to be a most stimulating and thought provoking series. It takes place at St Mary's Eaton Socon starting on

**Sunday 22 September @ 5pm-7pm**

To sign up, visit: <https://www.eatonsocon.org/test-of-faith/>

## Mission News — September

**Chris Hurst writes:** The Aztec team are excited about distributing audio devices containing the Nahuatl Scriptures for use in groups, families or individuals. There are testimonies of **people coming to know the Lord through listening to the Word**. Hilario has sent news of six families that have been impacted by their ministry, and are attending church. A man in Mecayapan, regularly connects the Proclaimer to a loud speaker and treats the whole town to a portion of Scripture in Nahuatl. The Mexican missionary involved in this ministry is very encouraged by the interest among the folks in Mecayapan and Tatahuicapan.



Since the beginning of this year we are responsible for a greater portion of the funding for the four Aztec co-workers; Plácido, Esteban, Hilario and David. This is because internal Wycliffe project funding is no longer available. So, even though I'm half retired, ministry expenses have risen. At the moment, finances

seem to be working out well. Thank you to all those who faithfully support us. Plácido tells me he's feeling his age. He was key in distributing the devices. How fulfilling to see people benefitting from the years put into the translation. We plan to visit the Aztec team in September; to encourage them and listen to their joys and challenges. We know there are issues that need to be addressed. We are also looking forward to time with Mexican friends.”

## The Choir

Do you enjoy singing? Would you like to be part of a great team? If so, please contact **David Lygoe** on 01480 477767 to find out more.

# Light Factory Summer Camp

Our 9th LF Camp kicked off in style with our annual trip to the local chippie and hiding in the marquee due to the rain! However 50 people young and old enjoyed a weekend of fun, food and fellowship especially as the sun came out Saturday afternoon and remained for the rest of the weekend. Rivers in tents, space hoppers, water fight, pranks by the boys on the girls, goat walking, tractor rides, sumo chickens were just a taste of what went on. A big thank you to everyone who attended.

**Date for the diary:**  
10th Light Factory Camp will be held on  
**26-28th June 2020**





# CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER 2019

- ◆ 3<sup>rd</sup> Craft @ 10am
- ◆ 6<sup>th</sup> Relax with Art @ 1.30pm  
Friday Club @ 6pm  
Fusion @ 7.30pm
- ◆ 9<sup>th</sup> Café on the Green @ 10am  
Book Club @ 1pm
- ◆ 10<sup>th</sup> Craft @ 10am
- ◆ 11<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Welcome @ 3pm
- ◆ 13<sup>th</sup> Relax with Art @ 1.30pm  
Fusion @ 7.30pm
- ◆ 14<sup>th</sup> Ladies Breakfast @ 9am
- ◆ 15<sup>th</sup> Newcomers Afternoon Tea  
@ 3.30pm
- ◆ 16<sup>th</sup> Café on the Green @ 10am
- ◆ 17<sup>th</sup> Craft @ 10am
- ◆ 18<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Welcome @ 3pm
- ◆ 20<sup>th</sup> Relax with Art @ 1.30pm  
Friday Club @ 6pm  
Fusion @ 7.30pm
- ◆ 21<sup>st</sup> Who Let the Dads Out? @ 9am
- ◆ 22<sup>nd</sup> Test of Faith @ 5pm
- ◆ 23<sup>rd</sup> Café on the Green @ 10am
- ◆ 24<sup>th</sup> Craft @ 10am
- ◆ 25<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Welcome @ 3pm
- ◆ 27<sup>th</sup> Relax with Art @ 1.30pm  
Fusion @ 7.30pm
- ◆ 28<sup>th</sup> Men's Breakfast @ 8.30am
- ◆ 29<sup>th</sup> Test of Faith @ 5pm
- ◆ 30<sup>th</sup> Café on the Green @ 10am

## Welcome to St Mary's

It's great to have you here and we hope you enjoy being with us.

If you would like us to contact you with more information about how you can get involved in the life of the Church, please fill in a 'Keeping in Touch' card and give to one of the Welcomers.

## GIVING

Join us in supporting the ministry at St Mary's. **The best way** is using the Parish Giving Scheme.

Gift Aid envelopes are available in Church also.

For more details, please contact the Treasurer, Roy Notley:

*Tel: 01234 589308*

*Email: [finance@eatonsocon.org](mailto:finance@eatonsocon.org)*

## Contact Us

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