

The Watford Word

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What's on

Sunday 08 Oct - 10:30AM. Harvest Service.
Sunday 15 Oct - 10:30AM. Malcolm speaking
Sunday 22 Oct - 10:30AM. Malcolm speaking
Sunday 29 Oct - 10:30AM. Archie Higgin speaking
Sunday 05 Nov - 10:30AM. Stefan speaking
Sunday 12 Nov - 10:30AM. Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 26 Nov - 10:30AM. Advent Sunday
Sunday 03 Dec - 10:30AM. Stefan speaking
Sunday 10 Dec - 10:30AM. Andy Boakye speaking
Sunday 17 December - 10:30AM. Carol service

Prayers



-For unity between Christians and churches
-For thanks to God for Nana's baptism into Christ last Sunday!

Harvest Service – 8th October

The centrepiece of our harvest service will be a collection of items needed for the food bank based at Laurance Haines School (where Becky works). These are the items needed:

Long-life milk and fruit juice; Tinned tomatoes, fruit, meat and fish, rice pudding, custard, vegetables, Jars of honey, jam, peanut butter, chocolate spread, pasta sauce, Instant mashed potato, Bags of sugar (especially 500g bags), Little chocolate bars & sweet treats, Packets of jelly and sponge puddings, Nappies, sanitary products, toilet roll, shampoo, conditioner.

Please make sure all donations are unopened and are within the use by date.

The Supremacy of the Son of God

Stefan is speaking on Colossians 1:18 this morning. I thought I would add a few notes on the paragraph surrounding this special verse.

“The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all

things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.” Col 1:15-20

The paragraph

vv 15-20 might have already existed as a Christian hymn. If this section predates Paul it's a very early affirmation of the deity of Christ.

Christ - The Lord of Creation & Redemption, vv15-20

Here is a beautiful picture of the loving Christ - he who made it all, saved it all.

a. Creation; vv15-17

We became holy because he became flesh. This might remind us of of Gen 1.27. He is the “firstborn” as in most honoured, not as in first created. “He who tells us how to go to heaven, also knows how the heavens go.”

vi7, A passage strongly affirming the deity of Christ. “...a generation after Paul’s death Pliny the Younger, describing Christians of his day to the Emperor Trajan, states, “They affirmed, moreover, the sum-total of their guilt or error was this, that they were in the habit of meeting on a certain fixed day before it was light, when they sang in alternate verses a hymn to Christ as to a God...” If we have him we do not need fear life’s problems - salvation is secure.

b. Redemption; vv18-20

vi8, If Jesus is the head he has an organic influence on us - growth, life - and a ruling influence - authority, guidance. He is supreme in his victory over death - he was the first to be resurrected (not resuscitated) and live for ever (Lazarus died again). He is ‘firstborn’, as in ‘superior’, holding authority over death just as he has authority over creation, Col 1:15.

vi9, See John 1, Heb 1:3ff. All God’s fullness is in Jesus. When you see Jesus you “get” God. Jesus became man so we could see and understand God. God did this with pleasure - it was not a burden. Therefore we are reminded that we are “good”, that our physical existence is “good”, that our bodies are “good” in God’s sight. The church is the fullness of Christ. This is a challenge to us. The world cannot really see Jesus until the world sees Christ in us. Do people see Jesus in us?

Questions for prayer and reflection

- How does this passage change the way you think about Jesus?
- If he is head of the church, how can we make that a reality here in Watford?

God bless, Malcolm

Sunday Services Survey

If you haven't already handed in the Sunday services survey, please do so today. You can also email ideas to: thewatfordchurch@gmail.com

Hogmanay Invitation



Our sister church in Edinburgh warmly invites us to join them in celebrating Hogmanay.

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