

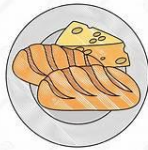


**Coffee Cup collection**  
**Prison Fellowship** (episode six)

This is a Christian charity that believes nobody is beyond hope. Its mission is 'to show Christ's love to people in prison by coming alongside them and supporting them'.

Prison Fellowship provides those in prison with weekly Bible Studies, which are distributed to all prisons in England and Wales. This ministry enables people in prison to engage with Scripture in a fun and engaging way. PF has a small team of Volunteers who steer and write these Bible Studies – they work hard to ensure that they are thought-provoking and full of hope. *episode seven next week .....*

**Supper and Graffiti**



Everyone is welcome to come along to St John The Baptist Church on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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. More details will follow but Save the Date.

**Little Wrigglers**

Little Wrigglers started on 18th April – would anyone come? **YES!** was the answer. We have a core group of children attending each session – averaging 13 children. We are now taking a summer break - we restart on Thursday 5th September from 9.00am – 10.30am in the Jubilee Pavilion.

Thanks to the amazing team of volunteers who give up their time. We would love to have a few more volunteers on board though – could you offer your time on Thursdays either weekly, fortnightly or monthly?

Please get in touch with Naomi on 0742 5140887 or [naominz@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:naominz@hotmail.co.uk)

	Network Name: <b>SJB Congregation</b>	We now accept online donations. You can donate at: 
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**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August**



**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 Nigel Featherston*

6:00pm **EVENSONG** with choir at **SPP DINTON**  
*with choir*  
*led by David Pickup*

*EXPLORERS is now taking a break until September*



*O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*  
*Amen*

**Services next week**

9:00am **MATINS** *led by David Pickup*

10:30am **FAMILY WORSHIP** *led by David Pickup*

**The week ahead**

Tue	13 <sup>th</sup> Aug	11:00am	<b>CAFÉ IN THE PARK</b> in the Jubilee Pavilion
Sat	17 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10:00am	<b>CHURCHYARD GARDENING</b>

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## John 6:35

<sup>35</sup> Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

## John 6:41-51

41 At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 42 They said, 'Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I came down from heaven"?' 43 'Stop grumbling among yourselves,' Jesus answered. 44 'No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. 45 It is written in the Prophets: "They will all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me. 46 No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. 47 Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. 50 But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live for ever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.'

### Unpacking the Bible

We have had a number of requests recently from church members for an opportunity to find out more about the Bible. Although we have readings from the Bible and a message based on those readings at all of our services, there may not be time to answer the questions that arise from the readings, or to do justice to the narratives and themes of the Bible during services. Also, not everyone who is interested in exploring the Bible is able to attend church services.

During the Autumn, Phil Groves and Richard Smith will be leading fortnightly sessions on a Thursday evening at 8pm starting on 12<sup>th</sup> September. 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 12<sup>th</sup>:** How did the Old Testament come to us in its present form? (Phil Groves)

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

**November 7<sup>th</sup>:** How did the New Testament come to us in its present form? (Phil Groves)

**November 21<sup>st</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup>:** The life and teaching of Jesus in a nutshell: the Gospel of Mark. (Phil Groves)

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### Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Ride and Stride

The annual ride and stride event to raise funds for the Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust will be on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September this year. The churches of our benefice have benefitted from grants in the past so please support this event if you can. More information can be found here:

<https://www.bucks-historic-churches.org/ride-stride/>

We will be opening the church 10:00 – 4:00 on the day so we can welcome any of the riders and striders who call in on their travels. If you can volunteer to be in church for a couple of hours to welcome them, please let one of the wardens know.

### A prayer for unity in our communities

Following the recent wave of violence and disorder across the UK, the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby said last weekend "I also want to thank churches and other faith groups around the country who are doing such vital work to care for their communities and bring people together. As Christians we remember Christ's command to love our neighbour – that is especially vital at this time".



*"Lord God. At this time of unrest, we ask for your spirit to bring unity to our communities. For those who feel anxious, scared or intimidated – we ask you to fill them with your peace. For those who feel unwanted, abandoned or alone – we pray that you would fill them with your love. For those who feel in despair – we ask you to bring your hope.*

*We pray for all emergency workers at this time. For the police officers charged with keeping people safe and maintaining order; for the paramedics caring for those who are injured; and for the fire fighters responding to acts of arson and vandalism. Protect them from harm. Help them act with courage in the face of aggression and with restraint in the face of hostility.*

*We pray for our politicians and community leaders. That they would have the wisdom to know how to bring our communities together at this time in hope, love and reconciliation.*

*We pray for those causing disorder on the streets, that they will turn from darkness and hate, to be responsible upstanding citizens of their country. Fill this land with your spirit of peace we pray."*

*Amen*

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