

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

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'. One way to do this is through prayer. In July 2020, PF launched *Prayer Line*. It is a service that allows anyone in prison to call a free number and leave a confidential message with their prayer request. Prison Fellowship's team of volunteers are committed to pray for each person that calls on that day and across the following month.

- A person in prison calls prayer line and leaves a message with their prayer request
- The request is anonymised, converted to text and distributed
- PF volunteers across the country pray for that person the same day

It is as simple as that, and there are no catches! *episode four next week.....*

**Chapel celebrations**

Our Methodist friends are today celebrating the 147<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the chapel in Eythrope Road, so we send our congratulations to them as they party! The chapel was built in 1877 by Charlie Poole and his friends. Then in 1912 the hall was added as a designated 'Sunday School Room' and the chapel took on the look we know today.



The inside has changed over time as well. Dark panels and wooden pews have gone, replaced by light and bright walls, cushioned chairs, a functioning kitchen, and an accessible toilet. Many congratulations dear friends. We continue to cherish the close fellowship between the chapel and the church.

*(.....and happy special birthday to **Sue Spinks** too!)*

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# Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July

## Notices for the week

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

Services TODAY

9:00am **MATINS** in the chancel *led by David Pickup*  
*This is a said service using the Book of Common Prayer and it lasts about 40 minutes.*

10:30am **FAMILY WORSHIP**  
*led by David Pickup and Richard Smith*



**EXPLORERS** will meet during the service



*Dear Lord,*  
*Thank you for this new day and for the opportunity to connect with you in prayer.*  
*I want to focus my mind on you.*  
*Help me to trust in you completely and to keep my thoughts fixed on you.*  
*Fill me with your perfect peace as I navigate the challenges of the day ahead.*  
*Help me to serve you faithfully in everything that I do.*  
*In Jesus's name I pray. Amen.*

Services next week

10:30am **FAMILY COMMUNION**  
*led by Revd Phil Groves*

The week ahead

Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> July 11:00am **CAFÉ IN THE PARK** in the Jubilee Pavilion  
 Weds 24<sup>th</sup> July 8:00pm **SJB COMMITTEE MEETING** in church

## Mark 6:30-34

<sup>30</sup> The apostles gathered round Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.'

<sup>32</sup> So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. <sup>33</sup> But many who saw them leaving recognised them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them.

<sup>34</sup> When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.



## Mark 6:53-56

<sup>53</sup> When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. <sup>54</sup> As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognised Jesus. <sup>55</sup> They ran throughout that whole region and carried those who were ill on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup> And wherever he went – into villages, towns or countryside – they placed those who were ill in the market places. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

Many parents, teachers, and people in caring professions will identify with this gospel story straight away. We all need rest and time to recharge the energy and love of the heart; but at times the needs of others will take over. Even Jesus needed rest and quiet, sometimes alone with God, other times with his disciples, but he was constantly disturbed by the crowds who needed him. Yet he always had compassion for them.

Our personal prayer time is our invitation from Jesus to 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.' Our minds can be very crowded with the cares and concerns of life. We need time to give these over to God in prayer and then time just to be still. Stillness is the essence of prayer. But whether we are still or busy in the mind, the essence of prayer is also to share all we are with Jesus; and to go from our prayer time ready to work with him in our world.

### The Four Gospels Study course

Taught by Ven Dr Gordon Kuhrt at St Michael & All Angels Church, Aston Sandford. We have already looked at the gospels of Mark and Matthew. Just two more to go on Thursdays 25 July and 29 August, 7-8pm. If you are interested, please email Gordon at [omkuhrt@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:omkuhrt@tiscali.co.uk) or ring him on 01844 698358.

**BELONG - BELIEVE - BUILD - WITH CHRIST AS THE CORNERSTONE**

## Here comes summer?

Well it felt like it for a few days this week, especially on Friday! But whatever the weather for the next few weeks we will pretend it is still summer anyway. Now we have reached the end of the school term many of you will be getting away, and so we pray for safe journeys as well as rest, relaxation, and re-charging of batteries ready for September.



**Little Wrigglers** met on Thursday for the last time this term. They will be back in the Jubilee Pavilion on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September**.

**Explorers** will be meeting in the vestry during the morning service today. Then they will be taking a break until next term.

Thankyou to everyone who has been involved in running these groups.

**Café in the Park** continues as normal on Tuesdays. Please note the next dates for Saturdays are as follows **3<sup>rd</sup> August - 31<sup>st</sup> August - 5<sup>th</sup> October**  
There is no Saturday Café in September.

Also for your diary - our **outdoor Evensong service in Hartwell** this year is on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September. There will be more details nearer the time.

### Barry Tomkins



Liz Tomkins would like to say a big thank you for all the cards and messages she has received following the death of her husband Barry.

His funeral will be

**Thurs 25th July at 12.30 at Aylesbury Vale Crematorium, Watermead**  
followed by the Wake at The Harrow from 2.00pm.

Liz invites anyone who wants to come to celebrate Barry's life.

**Colourful** clothes to be worn rather than black.

### The Enigma of Edward Elgar

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July at 7:30pm** (doors open 7:00pm)  
**Stone Methodist Chapel**

A one man show with music written and performed by Michael Lunts who has entertained us many times over the years. The show will be in memory of Carole Fryer who passed away earlier this year. She was an active member of our community, stalwart of the History Society, and valued member of the Parish News editorial team.

Tickets £10 on the door

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