

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'. PF is a national charity but operates in prisons local to us as well. This includes Aylesbury, Springhill and Grendon, and Bullingdon. You will hear more about our prisons in October when it is national Prisons Week. Our coffee cup money will be going into the national PF pot but earmarked for Aylesbury.

PF are running two programmes in Aylesbury prison this autumn. One is the six week Sycamore Tree course about victim awareness and restorative justice, and the other is the Christmas Angel Tree project. All prisons are under a lot of pressure at the moment with early releases being planned in September. That involves a lot of administrative work and puts more pressure on the Probation services. Please pray for those who are being released, for their families, for the prison and probation services, and for the prison chaplains.

Thankyou for supporting Prison Fellowship over the last two months.

Supper and Graffiti



Everyone is welcome to come along to St John The Baptist Church on **Saturday 5th 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. There are some flyers about this event in the church porch. Please take one and also pass one on to anyone else who may be interested, especially those who were previously members of the Local History Society.

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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 Phil Groves



*Almighty God,
 you search us and know us:
 may we rely on you in strength
 and rest on you in weakness,
 now and in all our days;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen*

Services next week

9:00am **MATINS** (Prayer Book service)
led by David Pickup

10:30am **FAMILY COMMUNION**
*led by Revd Nigel Featherston
 with Explorers*

6:00am **OUTDOOR EVENSONG** at Hartwell

The week ahead

Tue 27th 11:00am **CAFÉ IN THE PARK** in the Jubilee Pavilion

John 6:56-69

⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live for ever. ⁵⁹ He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

Many disciples desert Jesus

⁶⁰ On hearing it, many of his disciples said, 'This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?'

⁶¹ Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, 'Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before!

⁶³ The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you – they are full of the Spirit and life. ⁶⁴ Yet there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. ⁶⁵ He went on to say, 'This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.'

⁶⁶ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

⁶⁷ 'You do not want to leave too, do you?' Jesus asked the Twelve.

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God'.

Let's be honest – it can be hard to live out the Christian life every day. Sometimes we may even feel like giving up. Following Jesus is TOUGH - even though it is the way to life in 'all its fulness'. This chapter in John begins with many people following Jesus, but it ends with many turning back. Now look again at the response from Simon Peter when Jesus asked his disciples if they wanted to leave him too (*verses 68- 69*). There will be costs to following Jesus, but what Jesus offers us is a quality of life that the Holy Spirit brings. Only Jesus can give us the Holy Spirit. Only Jesus can give us fulness of life.

Explorers



Explorers is a group for children aged 3 upwards which runs on two Sundays a month. Its aim is to give the children a positive experience of church - with a Bible story and related activities.

At the moment there are only 4 people who run it so we would love a few more people to help. Either leading or helping - you don't have to be a teacher!! (All helpers will need to follow Safer Recruitment process, have a DBS check and undertake some safeguarding training - but don't let that put you off!).

Please get in touch with Naomi on 0742 5140887 or naominz@hotmail.co.uk

Explorers meets again next week on 1st September and again on 15th September.

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Outdoor Evening Service

By kind permission of Hartwell House our annual evening service will take place **Sunday 1st September at 6:00pm.**

This traditional and very popular Common Prayer service takes place out of doors, in front of Hartwell Church which is no longer in use - so please dress for the weather on the day!

Also, please bring your own chair, and share lifts where possible.

Details: David Pickup david@pickupandscott.co.uk



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Unpacking the Bible

We have had a number of requests recently from church members for an opportunity to find out more about the Bible. So, during the Autumn, Phil Groves and Richard Smith will be leading fortnightly sessions on a Thursday evening at 8pm starting on 12th 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 12th: How did the Old Testament come to us in its present form?

(Phil Groves)

September 26th, October 10th and 24th: Power and politics: have we learned anything in 3000 years? A dip into the books of Kings.

(Richard Smith)

November 7th: How did the New Testament come to us in its present form?

(Phil Groves)

November 21st and December 5th: The life and teaching of Jesus in a nutshell: the Gospel of Mark.

(Phil Groves)



Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Ride and Stride

This annual event raises funds for the Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust, and it will be on Saturday 14th September this year. The churches of our benefice have benefitted from grants in the past so please support it if you can. More information can be found here: <https://www.bucks-historic-churches.org/ride-stride/>

We will be opening our 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.

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