



Coffee Cup collection
Prison Fellowship (episode five)

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'. As a young eighteen-year-old Sylvia Mary Alison first heard God calling her to develop Christian ministry in our prisons, but was not clear about the way forward. At first, she was "appalled and afraid", but in 1974, Sylvia and her husband Michael Alison, a member of the UK parliament, visited Washington DC and met Charles Colson, who had just founded Prison Fellowship in the USA. Sylvia believed this was the answer to her prayers, and so in 1979 Prison Fellowship England and Wales was founded. PF now has around 100 local groups, with committed volunteers praying for our prisons, supporting the work of chaplaincies, and running the PF programmes already featured in other episodes of the pewsheet. There is a local group that meets once a month for prayer in Aylesbury. *episode six next week*



Donations to St Luke's Healthcare for the Clergy via the Coffee Cup Collection in May and June totalled £100.50.

Donations to Christian Aid from service collections and Tuesday Cafe donations totalled £269.08.



Many congratulations to
Stephan and Emily
 who will be getting married next Saturday
 our love and best wishes to you both!



As Stephan and the rest of the pewsheet team will be rather busy next weekend there is an EARLIER deadline for submissions to next week's edition. Please ensure that anything for inclusion is received by 5:00pm on Thursday at the usual address: pewsheet@stonedintonthartwell.com



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Sunday 4th August



Notices for the week

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

Happy Birthday to anyone who has a birthday today!

Services TODAY

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

10:30am **FAMILY SERVICE**

led by Richard Smith

EXPLORERS is now taking a break until September



*Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
 be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
 and that they may obtain their petitions
 make them to ask such things as shall please you;
 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

10:30am **FAMILY COMMUNION**

led by Revd Nigel Featherston

6:00pm **EVENSONG** with choir at **SPP DINTON**

with choir
 led by David Pickup

The week ahead

Tue 6th Aug 11:00am **CAFÉ IN THE PARK** in the Jubilee Pavilion

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John 6:24-35

²⁴ Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

Jesus the Bread of Life

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

²⁸ Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”



²⁹ Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

³² Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

³⁴ “Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.”

³⁵ 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.”

Physical bread from any bakery is not enough to satisfy us. Material things alone can never satisfy us. Hunger quickly returns. Even our human relationships do not satisfy our deepest desires for ultimate purpose in life.

The bread that DOES satisfy is the ‘Bread of Life’. This is not a *commodity* that Jesus supplies – he IS both the ‘Bread of life’ AND the giver of it.

It is easy (even after you have put your faith in Jesus) to get caught up in material things, or to focus on just the outward trappings of religion. How many times have we seen famous celebrities who appear to ‘have it all’ who then destroy themselves by searching for yet more? They are never feeling satisfied by what they have, or by what they have achieved. Inside there is still a deep and gnawing hunger.

It is only in maintaining a relationship with Jesus that ultimately our spiritual hunger can be satisfied, and Jesus gives himself freely to all who come to him. We don’t have to be celebrities for that.

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Little Wrighlers

Little Wrighlers started on 18th April – would anyone come?? Yes was the answer. We have a core group of children attending each session – averaging 13 children.

Most come with a parent, others with nannies or grannies. In total we have had 38 children come through the doors in the 13 weeks we have been running. Mostly from Stone but also Bishopstone, Fairford Leys and beyond.

First timers come in very shy but by week 2/3 they are loving it! Free play, tidying up, Bible story, snacks and singing – what more could children want! And the adults get homemade cakes carried over from Tuesday Café – thx bakers!

Thanks to the amazing team of volunteers who give up their time – we restart on Thursday 5th September from 9.00am – 10.30am in the Jubilee Pavilion. We would love to have a few more volunteers on board – 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

Here comes summer



The school holidays are now upon us and many of us pause from usual activities for a while. We pray for safe journeys as well as rest, relaxation, and re-charging of batteries. There are still some events to enjoy during the summer break though:

- **Café in the Park** will continue to meet each Tuesday morning
- **Café in the Park** will be open on TWO Saturdays – 3rd and 31st August
- **Churchyard gardening** at 10:00am on 17th August
- **Socially Crafty** meets in the church at 10:30am on 19th August
- **Outdoor Evensong at Hartwell** on Sunday 1st September



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 14th 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.

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