



## Newsletter – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026

A special welcome if you are worshipping with us for the first time.

Today's service is Café Church

### The finished work of Christ

On Saturday of this week, the Elders will be meeting at a retreat house in Burnham-on-sea for a vision day. There we will seek God's plan for the coming year and remind ourselves afresh that He is Lord of this church fellowship and that His Will will be done. I would encourage you all to spend a little time reflecting on this church fellowship and what you perceive are its strengths and weaknesses. Please contact me if anything particular arises.

As you know, it takes effort from many people to bring a church service together and I am very grateful to all those who give of their time and gifts sacrificially whether in formal or informal roles. We are told in the Bible that 'without a vision the people perish.' I don't interpret this necessarily as needing a strategy or some kind of marker for which we should aim. The work of God is most commonly nebulous and difficult to collect statistically, and superficial goals can cause the fellowship to drive on relentlessly like some army which leaves its casualties to die on the side of the road. This is not the fellowship I would choose to lead.

In **Matthew 25** Jesus is speaking about the sheep and the goats and describes the actions of the sheep, "*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.*"

In **Matthew 10 v 42**, "*If anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward.*"

It is easy to feel lonely and of no use but forget that God sees us and He has chosen us with a purpose, "to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last." We may be waiting for an important, significant role, when all God wants is for us to be willing to give a cup of cold water.

God bless you, David.

### Dates for your Diary

**Sun Feb 8<sup>th</sup>:** Farewell Lunch for Anne Banks, 12:15, Lunch Chapel

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

**Mark 10:45**

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