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**Notices: Cafe: Line Dancing: Walking Group: usual times**

**Thu. Bible Study – 7.30, CCC**

**Fri. Women's Fellowship Lunch – 12.30pm.**

### **'I am the Bread of Life'**

This famous saying (John 6:35-48) is one of the most memorable of all Jesus' words. It is the first of seven famous 'I am' sayings in John's Gospel. (For the others see **8:12**; 10:7,9; **10:11,14**; 11:25; **14:16**; 15:1,5).

These sayings bring out different aspects of how Jesus as God's Son fulfils our deepest longings and needs as we come to him in faith.

Bread is the staple of life in most cultures. The Lord Jesus wants to feed us not just once in a while but every day of our lives. By the Holy Spirit's enabling we come to him as we are, hungry and helpless, and receive from him nourishment and renewed strength. As we meditate on his precious promises, and rejoice in all the benefits he has won for us, our souls are fed and we experience spiritual life, a life that will never end

It was the Protestant reformer Nicholas Ridley who saw the relevance of these words to the Lord's Supper. His words (slightly revised) remind us of the great privilege we have to remember regularly what Christ has done for us, and to keep coming to him for sustenance: 'Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ has died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving'.  
Andrew Clark



14 June

**Sun.** We have communicated with Jesus in the bread and wine today. Thank our everlasting God for the variety of ways we communicate. Especially give thanks for Jesus who was the word who became flesh and lived among us.

**Mon.** Pray for growing number of people in the UK, even some atheists, who call themselves 'cultural Christians', and those championing 'Christian nationalism' but do not accept the gospel. Pray that many will repent, believing that Jesus died and rose again to take away the sins of the world, and submit their lives to Him.

**Tues.** Pray for those known to you, people you love, friends, acquaintances, who are suffering.

**Wed.** Pray for the people who you read about in the newspaper, or hear about on radio or television, who in various ways are suffering.

**Thu.** Pray for an end to violence, suffering and displacement across the world. Tearfund continues to run a three-year peacebuilding project addressing violence against women in Lebanon, Syria and Iraq. 'Please pray that those faith communities, community leaders, women and young people will actively participate in this healing journey to build peaceful communities, foster inclusive practices and cultivate relationships grounded in dignity and respect.'

**Fri.** The reality of UK employment: 5.1% the unemployment rate in the UK. 18% of UK adults in work report being in insecure work. 50% of UK adults in full time work regularly feel anxious about their finances. Take time to pray for the millions of people impacted by each one this week. Pray for those trying to make ends meet on low wages or experiencing insecure, inconsistent work

**Sat.** Thank our Sovereign Lord, for placing each of us as Christians in the place ordained for us: to witness for Him, living out his grace and truth. Ask Him to strengthen us to be faithful & loving especially those who are in positions of influence & authority across the 'spheres' of authority.

**Sun. 14 Jun. Isaiah 10:1-4 Them, not us**

**Mon. 15 Jun. Isaiah 11:1-10 Together because of him.**

**Tue. 16 Jun. Isaiah 11:1-16 In that day**

**Wed. 17 Jun. Isaiah 17:1-9 Concerning Damascus**

**Thu. 18 Jun. Isaiah 18:1-7 A prophesy against Cush**

**Fri. 19 Jun. Isaiah 19:17-25 A blessing on the earth**

**Sat. 20 Jun. Isaiah 22:1-13 Let us eat and drink**