



John 10:10



"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full".

I walked past a pub the other evening. No rude comments please. It looked warm and inviting with all its lights on. Then I noticed the painted notice on the outside wall. It said just three words: **FOOD DRINK LIFE**

It sounded a great offer, but I wasn't quite sure what it meant. The food and drink I could understand – ploughman's lunch, for example – choice of stilton or cheddar, brown or white roll and a pint of bitter – but I'd like to know more about the life on offer.

My guess is that they are saying the pub is a lively place with a lot going on. Music, quizzes, friendly conversation – nothing wrong with that – it's a pleasant way of spending the odd hour – but life? Life is a bit more than that isn't it? "A ham sandwich and a glass of best life please". It doesn't quite work out that way does it?

"Get a life" we say to the geek who spends all his time on the internet, and thinks his computer is his best friend. It is not enough. My life needs a purpose, something that gives meaning to today and offers me a future.

Almost next door to the pub is a church. It is a lively church. Like the pub, there's a lot going on in it – and not just on a Sunday. There's life on offer there too – not to do the pub out of business, but to offer life with an extra meaning. Jesus said "I have come to offer life in all its fullness" – an offer that can give a whole new dimension to living. The friendliness of the pub may be more welcoming than some churches, but it is the life offered by Jesus that really enriches us. Blow the froth off your life and get down to the real taste!

'Lord of my life, help me to explore its height and depth and breadth with YOU'

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- † In the first book of the Bible, Guinnessis, God got tired of creating the world so he took the Sabbath off.
- † Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree, Noah's wife was Joan of Ark, and Noah built an ark and the animals came on in pears.
- † Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the apostle.
- † Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.
- † The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards Moses went up to Mount Cyanide to get the ten commandments.
- † The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
- † The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
- † Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
- † When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, he sang the Magna Carta.
- † It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.