

# IN TOUCH

Summer 2026

## NEW BEGINNINGS

“I the Lord do not change...”

Malachi 3:6

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# New Chapters, New Beginnings

by Tom Hollingsbee

Change is a strange thing. Sometimes we ask for it. Sometimes we resist it. Sometimes it arrives whether we're ready or not.

And we've all known a fair bit of change recently.

As a church, we've known it deeply. After 28 years of Simon's faithful ministry, suddenly: no more. That is no small thing. A chapter closes, and however ready or unready we may feel, a new one begins.

And we've known it too. On 15th April, we began this new season at St John's. It has been a real joy to arrive. We've been welcomed warmly and looked after so generously. I think it's fair to say the vicarage itself has also known a season of change. There has been so much work done that if houses could speak, ours might politely ask for a lie down.

Change can be exciting. But it can also be unsettling. New routines, new faces, new questions, new unknowns. Most of us know the feeling. A first day at school. A house move. A new job. That slightly disorientating moment when you open the kitchen drawer in someone else's house and have absolutely no idea where they keep the teaspoons.

And yet, one of the things I've found most encouraging in all of this is that God himself says,

**"I the Lord do not change"**

(Malachi 3:6)

That is not a small comfort. It means that in a world where so much shifts, there is someone who does not. God's character does not wobble. His love does not thin

out. His faithfulness does not depend on the mood of the moment. He is steady, good, entirely dependable and radically loving.

But here's the Christian twist: the God who does not change is not distant or inactive — he is committed to doing us good. Yes, God does not change. But precisely because he is faithful and loving, he is committed to changing us.

The Bible speaks of God as the one **"who began a good work in you"** and who will carry it on to completion (Philippians 1:6). He has gone to great lengths in Jesus to make that happen.

That's part of the hope of the Christian faith. God does not simply help us cope with change—he meets us in it, works through it, and uses it. He is patient enough not to leave us as we are.

And that is good news, because if we are honest, most of us don't just need our circumstances to change from time to time—we need changing too. Or, as another part of the Bible puts it, God is at work to **"transform" us from the inside out** (2 Corinthians 3:18).

So as we begin this new chapter together at St John's, my prayer is not simply that we would manage change well, but that we would come to know more deeply the God who never changes—and discover that he is gently, faithfully at work changing us.

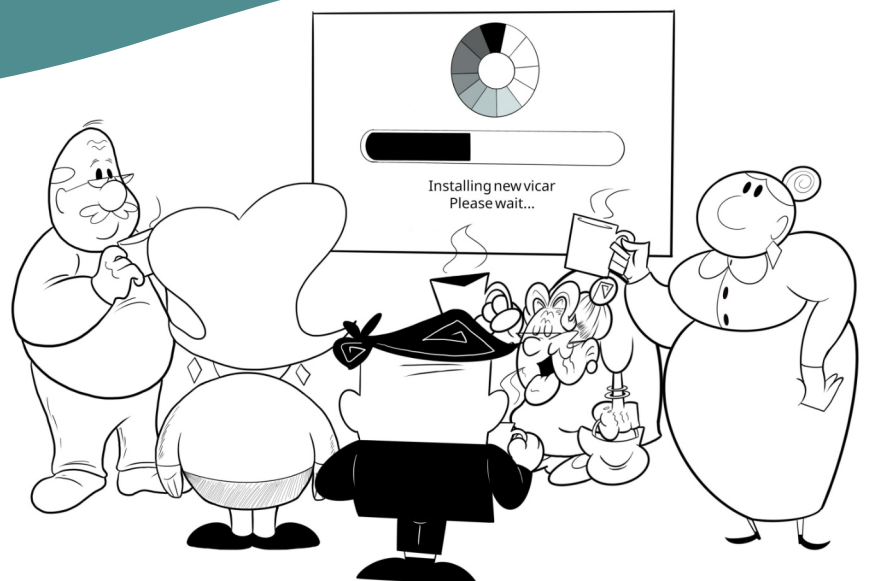
Which, when you think about it, is exactly the kind of change worth having.

– Tom



## Sketchy theology

By Ben Hollinshead



"New Vicar installed. Gospel unchanged."



## LIVING LIVES OF “QUIET DESPERATION”

"The mass of men lead lives of quiet desperation" is a famous quote from Henry David Thoreau's 1854 book, *Walden*. It suggests that most people's lives are unfulfilling due to conformity, unnecessary routine and chasing money or status, rather than true meaning. It reflects a silent struggle where fear and societal pressures keep individuals from living authentically, a sentiment still widely discussed in contexts of mental health and personal fulfilment. In *Dead Poets Society* (1989), actor Robin Williams uses the quote to urge his students to resist this fate.

At first glance, this outlook may seem an exaggeration. In contrast, the Psalmist (Psalm 73:2-12) complains about the apparent prosperity of the wicked: "always at ease, they increase in riches", so outwardly their lives are not bleak, whereas the righteous often experience great suffering. But in the book of Ecclesiastes (2: 1-11) the case of Solomon is presented. He sought to obtain meaning via wealth, luxury, hedonism, sex, power, extravagant building projects and secular wisdom. But eventually he came to see the futility of self-indulgence and materialism. "Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun".

Despite widespread spiritual blindness, this realisation is increasingly prevalent in British society with the shifting 'tectonic plates' of global wars, disasters, political disappointment and economic gloom. Jesus also talks of the foolish man "who built his house upon the sand", (Matthew 7: 26-27). When the storms of life came, the sandy foundations were washed away and the house totally collapsed!

### Does life have to be like this?

Alister McGrath, in his recent book: *Why we Believe*, reminds us of the insight that we are

'meaning seeking' creatures, with a hunger for transcendence. As Augustine of Hippo wrote in his spiritual autobiography, *Confessions*:

**"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you".**

Jesus urges us to build our lives on himself as our Rock. As the great Anglican hymn puts it:

**"Christ is made the sure Foundation".**

Moreover, for those who apply to him, Jesus promised to satisfy our 'innermost being'. "Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying:

*"If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water'"*. (John 7: 37-39).

The central purpose of the Christian Church community is to make Jesus known, and to be a collective "hospital for sinners" where we can be ransomed, healed, restored and forgiven through the salvation achieved by Jesus in his life, death and resurrection. The outworking of the Christian life and ministry is a 24/7 task for every member and leader. This takes us beyond the walls of a 'church building' into our homes, workplaces and communities to share our Lord's love and life.

John Newton - a former 18<sup>th</sup>C slave trader - concludes one of his greatest hymns:

**"Fading is the worldling's pleasure:  
all his boasted pomp and show.  
Solid joys and lasting treasure,  
none but Zion's children know".**

BY DAVID WATTS

# Dealing With Change & Uncertainty

As this edition of In Touch explores the issue of dealing with change, we asked some of our church family to share how they have dealt with times of change.

## Andrea McConchie

There are certain moments in life that change everything in an instant. A phone call, a conversation, a moment of news you never imagined your family would face. Several years ago, my family walked through one of the darkest and most frightening periods of our lives after a family member was seriously hurt by someone she should have been safe with. The shock and trauma of it all left us feeling overwhelmed, exhausted and completely helpless at times.

Through those weeks, faith became something I held onto minute by minute. There were so many questions, so much fear about what the future might look like and so many moments where I simply didn't know what to pray for other than "Lord, please help us." And somehow, in the middle of all the pain, God met us there. Not by instantly removing the situation or making everything easy, but by giving us strength when we had none. He surrounded us with incredible people, carried us through long and difficult days and brought moments of peace in the middle of chaos.

Watching my relative slowly recover reminded me how precious life is and how faithful God remains, even when circumstances make no sense. This experience tested my faith deeply, but it also showed me that God is closest in the moments we feel weakest. Looking back now, I can honestly say I'm thankful for His comfort, His protection and His presence through every step of that journey. If you're facing a painful time right now, don't lose hope. Even in the darkest moments, God has a way of carrying us through when we think we can't go any further.

## Peter Bunyard

We often talk about relying on God's provision in our lives but when faced with big challenges we can find it hard to trust in him! Last August I was made redundant from a job I loved and after the shock, confusion and worry I did the only thing I knew, I prayed!! I also applied for jobs and I reached out to my network, but above all I decided to trust in God's provision! Well what happened? I experienced an amazing sense of peace and had the time and opportunity to focus on some personal and community projects. There were also 3 things I'd really wanted in the next stage of my career journey. The first was to become a Chief Scientific Officer (CSO); second was to not have to commute long distances by car and the third was an opportunity to practice the French I'd been learning in my spare time (I've always wanted to speak another language). Last month I started a new job in the French speaking part of Belgium as CSO of a small but growing biotech company: a short haul flight to Charleroi from Manchester airport with a 15 minute walk from the Terminal to my office, I'll be there every other week for a few days. Thank you God! You are an amazing provider, thank you for your peace and for answering my prayers. I really hope these few sentences offer some encouragement to those of you that are having a hard time at the moment and need to know God comforts and provides.



## Hazel Chau

The past years have been quite challenging for me, especially with changes in my family and adjusting to a new life. Sometimes it felt unimaginably overwhelming to me, as I have had to deal with a lot in the family while also trying to keep up with school. However my faith in Jesus has been a refuge to me. It gives me strength to cope with the challenges and uncertainty in life. I have managed to become more optimistic and hopeful through my faith in God. Going to church has also made me so much happier, as I have met many people who are really kind and supportive!



# OUR NEW VICAR has a licence to...?



By Ian Lawrence

As we look back on the very special service that took place at St John's on the evening of Wednesday, 15 April 2026, many will be wondering about the strange attire of some at the service - and indeed the service itself.

The formality of the occasion meant that both bishops and most of the clergy wore robes. Which is fair enough; the licensing service (induction, collation, and many other names) is a formal one, legally required by the Church of England, before Tom became vicar, aka, the incumbent.

Canon B8, which governs clergy attire, starts with the following disclaimer:

***The Church of England does not attach any particular doctrinal significance to the diversities of vesture permitted by this Canon, and the vesture worn by the minister in accordance with the provision of this Canon is not to be understood as implying any doctrines other than those now contained in the formularies of the Church of England.***

Canon B8 goes on to say that there is no prescribed mode of dress for ordained clergy when taking services today - which is great for St John's.

And, some may ask, what does the dog collar represent? Well, it's simply a badge of office.

To summarise, there are essentially two views of robes:

- The minister should be required to wear robes to set him apart as he leads services, and his 'uniform' shows that he is suitably attired for this duty.
- A minister should be allowed to wear what is appropriate, both for his congregation and for the spreading of the gospel to the wider community.

St John's would subscribe to the second of these views, which is more a reflection of New Testament early churches; the minister is not 'set apart' but is specially educated, called and has the character to be a faithful 'under-shepherd' of his flock.

We praise God that following 15<sup>th</sup> April, Tom is now permitted to lead our services, particularly at communion, so we don't need many, or indeed any visiting preachers or ministers, except perhaps by invitation or for other 'special' services, such as confirmations.

Let's now turn briefly to the service itself:

At the start is the Presentation, during which Tom promised to be a good vicar (taking responsibility for

the cure of souls) and we all welcomed him, promising to support and pray for him.

Then followed the reading and sermon. We were privileged to have Bishop Rob Munro preaching on John 21:15-25, as Jesus reinstates Simon Peter, who had betrayed Jesus three times during the sham trial. Jesus commands Peter to 'feed my lambs' three times, which we pray is what Tom is planning to do.

There then followed The Declaration of Assent and Oaths, during which the bishop read a preface and Tom made a Declaration of Assent to the bishop, followed by the Oath of Allegiance to the congregation. Tom also made the Oath of Canonical Obedience, promising to obey the bishop in all things lawful, honest and, we would add, scriptural. A formal document was signed by both Tom and the bishop.

After The Institution or Collation and The Induction and Installation, Tom was then formally and legally our incumbent or vicar. Praise the Lord!

During this part of the service, Tom was accompanied to the church door and as he held onto the handle a prayer was read as Tom was 'inducted' into the *real, actual and corporal possession of the church with all the rights, members and appurtenances thereto belonging*. The final bit of this prayer reads 'The Lord preserve your going out and your coming in, now and always' and the door is a good point for going out and coming in.

But it's not quite over; what's next?

There are three other 'stations' to which Tom is accompanied: the font, representing his responsibility for baptism, the pulpit, representing his duty to preach God's word faithfully, and the communion table, representing his duty to take communion services for the congregation.

At these three points, some verses from Scripture were recalled (Acts 2:38-39, Colossians 3:16-17 and Acts 2:42, 46-47). Several members of the congregation were involved; we give thanks to Alex (font), Martin (pulpit) and Johnny and Alison (communion table).

After all this ceremony, it was time for some more formal welcomes. We were privileged to have Tom O'Keefe, the head teacher of Lindow Community Primary School join us and welcome Tom Hollingsbee on behalf of the wider community.

The service concluded, after the final hymn, with a blessing from the bishop and Tom said 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord' to which we all replied 'In the name of Christ. Amen'. Amen indeed.

And at last it was time for cake!

# CHAT FROM THE CHAIRS

*Marc Hollinshead talks to: Tom and Ann Hollingsbee*

**Marc: I'm aware that you were originally based in Knutsford, so not too far. What led you there?**

Tom: I trained for ministry in London and then moved to Manchester to do curacy. We hoped to stay but it didn't quite work out.

Ann: Tom was then offered a job as an associate vicar at St. John's Knutsford and when we moved there it was actually in the middle of Covid!

**Marc: It must've been hard to move to a new house during Covid!**

Ann: It was just before the second lockdown when we moved so it was very challenging with the children.

Tom: We loved living in Knutsford, though. The call to ministry has led us to move a total of six times.

Ann: That's actually eight married houses!

**Marc: Wow, that sounds very busy! So how did you both meet and eventually settle with your family?**

Tom: We met at uni in Sheffield and went to church there. We got married four years later and lived in Sheffield for a while.

Ann: When we moved to Oak Hill, Florence was born shortly after in 2013. We then had Ella in 2015 and Teddy in 2018.

**Marc: How have the kids found moving house multiple times?**

Ann: Uprooting has been hard, but they can see why we do it. Following Jesus does involve sacrifice!

**Marc: Absolutely. And how did you both come to know Jesus?**

Tom: I grew up in a non-Christian home and didn't hear much about Jesus until my teenage years. When I was 15, I was given a Bible by the Gideons, and as I began to read it, I was struck by who Jesus is. His words in the Gospels



seemed to come alive - they really gripped me, and it felt as though my heart was burning within me as I read. At that point, I would have said I was a Christian, but I didn't yet understand why Jesus died.

Two years later, my sister became a Christian. One Christmas, she explained to me why Jesus came to die, and it suddenly made sense. I couldn't quite believe it, but I knew I wanted to trust it. About six months after that, I went to church for the first time with her. During the service, while people were going forward for communion, I felt clearly that I needed to respond, and that was the moment I gave my life to Jesus.

Since then, I've had a real desire to tell others about him, because of how life-changing the good news of Jesus has been for me - knowing him, and realising what it means not to know him.

Ann: I grew up going to church and I don't remember a time when I wouldn't have said I was a Christian. But I distinctly remember hearing a talk at Keswick when I was there with my youth group about how following Jesus can't just be something you do on a Sunday. If it's real, it has to impact your whole life. From that point on, I would say that following Jesus became the most important thing to me.

**Marc: Those are amazing testimonies. Tom, how did you find your role at St. John's Knutsford?**

Tom: I worked at partnered churches so we were also linked with St John's Toft. I shared the workload with Nigel who is the lead vicar, but I do admit that it could be quite hard going with dual churches. Doing three sermons in one day was a challenge!

**Marc: It sounds like you were definitely kept very busy. How about you, Ann?**

Ann: I'm very focused on looking after the family but I'm on the board of governors of the kids' old school. I'm also a trained infant feeding coach, volunteer at Macclesfield hospital and get heavily involved in church events and the wider community.

**Marc: That's quite the list! So, what led to the application for vicar at St. John's Lindow?**

Tom: I felt like I had more to offer in my previous role and was ready to be a vicar. I actually applied to be an army chaplain at the same time but God made it very clear that he didn't want me there!

**Marc: What did you think when you found out you got the job?**

Tom: The bishop rang me with the news ten minutes after I got home from the interview. I couldn't believe it!

Ann: In the weeks after, we were so keen to get started in Wilmslow, especially knowing it was just down the road. We were very trustful of God during the months of waiting.



**Marc: It's so lovely to now have you both here. How are you finding being the new vicar?**

Tom: The church family here is so loving. I'm immensely grateful for the foundation I'm coming into and it's a massive privilege to be a part of it.

Ann: Even in the short time we've been here, we can see that everyone is genuinely caring. It can be rare to see that across a church so we're really excited about the opportunity.

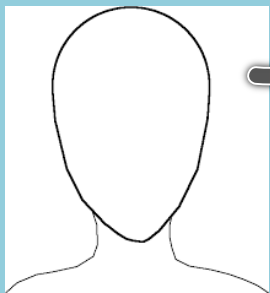
**Marc: We're also really excited to have the whole Hollingsbee family involved in St. John's, including George the cat!**

Ann: We are keen to get involved as I used to run a church Thursday tea which helped to build on relationships, as well as get involved in community outreach events like "light on a dark night". It was about meeting people where they're at and forging those links with the community. We want to be a hospitable family and have a home where people can feel comfortable to go to without having to bring a bunch of flowers!

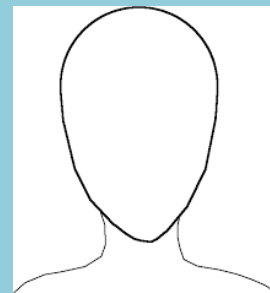
**Marc: I have to say that the transformed vicarage is looking like a wonderful home for you all. I hope you're feeling very settled.**

Tom: It's already starting to feel like home and we're excited to get to know everyone. It will take time, so please be patient with us!

**Marc: We look forward to what the coming year will bring with you here. Thanks so much Tom and Ann, for sharing with us.**



# Time to change?



Did you know:

Your body is always changing- every second you produce 25 million new cells!  
The earth is changing all the time – it's crust is moving continuously and the continents change shape!

Make this face look like you!

Change your hair add some glasses!

Some things need to be changed— can you draw some really smell socks or old shoes?

Other things change because we get bored with them or a better version comes along— draw an old toy /phone and then the new, better one.

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In the beginning God, you made the earth.  
 And your hands made the skies.  
<sup>26</sup>They will be destroyed, but you will remain.  
 They will all wear out like clothes.  
 And, like clothes, you will change them.  
 And they will be thrown away.  
<sup>27</sup>But you never change.  
 And your life will never end.

Psalm 102

Use this code to help you answer the questions!

The psalmist (the person who wrote the psalm) didn't know a lot about science but what did he know about God's creation? >┐┘> ┘> √◻◻◻ ◻┐┘◻◻◻

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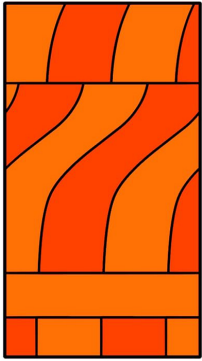
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# BOOK REVIEWS

'A timely, often bracing and always highly stimulating book.'  
Tom Holland

## Why We Believe



Finding Meaning in  
Uncertain Times  
Alister McGrath

In an age marked by uncertainty, rapid change, and a widespread search for meaning, *Why We Believe - Finding Meaning in Uncertain Times* offers a clear and engaging exploration of the enduring relevance of faith. Alister McGrath writes with both intellectual depth and pastoral sensitivity, addressing believers and sceptics alike, and inviting thoughtful reflection on life's central questions of identity, purpose, and hope.

A former atheist and distinguished theologian, McGrath brings a distinctive and compelling perspective. He presents belief not as a naïve leap, but as a thoughtful and reasonable response to human experience. Drawing on philosophy, theology, and cultural insight, he argues that faith provides a richer and more satisfying framework for understanding reality than purely material explanations can offer.

His personal journey adds further depth. Raised during the Troubles in Northern Ireland, McGrath turned away from religion toward science and atheism. Yet he came to recognise that life's most important truths cannot always be proven, yet remain profoundly significant nevertheless.

Honest about doubt, McGrath reassures readers that faith need not be intellectually embarrassing. His approach is both thoughtful and accessible, avoiding both oversimplification and unnecessary complexity. I highly recommend it!

*Reviewed by Andrea McConchie*

The author, who has been a pastor and Director of the Cornhill ministers training course, wrote this short book on an important topic, that of supporting your pastor or minister.

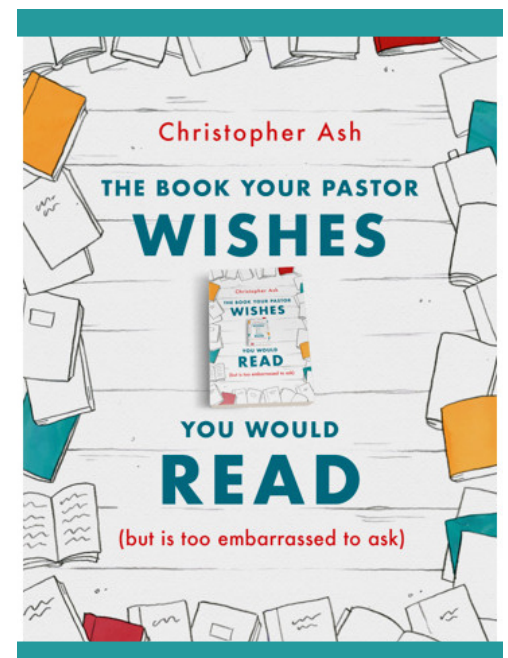
He believes this to be a vitally important subject and begins by sketching thumbnail portraits of 10 very different pastors. In addition to a short introduction and a conclusion there are 10 chapters of which 7 are described as virtues.

Each of these named virtues that impact our pastors are introduced with an illustrative scenario after which pertinent Biblical quotes and references are used to describe and commend, in real-life situations, the virtuous behaviour and attitude. A short prayer concludes each of these chapters.

The other chapters emphasise the humanity of the pastor, why we want to care for our pastor and how desirable it is that two or three members of the church get to know the pastor well and think themselves in their shoes. Some suggested questions are given such as to understand their background, aspirations and family dynamics. In the conclusion possible difficulties are briefly considered with likely options.

This book is very accessible, well structured and easy to consult for further thought which may prove it's worth over and over. It has 18 commendations by famous Christian ministers and authors. The book is 'one of a kind' and a worthwhile read for every Christian.

*Reviewed by Martin Haywood*



# Photos

Church weekend at home - crafts

New-look vicarage!



Induction service



Many thanks to Gordon and all who volunteered for their hard work on the Annexe.

New windows and a much needed lick of paint!



# Why persevere with the Gospel in a world that is changing so quickly?

In life, we often persevere because we have a goal. When we were students, we studied hard because we wanted good grades so that we could enter university. After growing up, we persevere in our jobs because we need money to support ourselves and our families. Even when life is difficult, we continue because there is something important that drives us forward.

In the same way, Christians persevere with the gospel because it gives us the greatest hope and purpose in life.

To understand why we should persevere with the gospel, we first need to understand what the gospel is. The gospel means the good news of Jesus Christ. It is not just one piece of good news that helps us live a better life on earth. It is the only good news we truly need for our whole life — both our life now and our eternal life after death.

Without the gospel, people may spend their whole lives chasing things like wealth, success, or power. But all these things will become meaningless when we die. Jesus said:

***“What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?” - Matthew 16:26.***

The world today changes very quickly. Ideas, values, and opinions change all the time. Something that people call “true” today may become “wrong” tomorrow. But Jesus never changes. He said:

***I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me” - John 14:6.***

Jesus is the truth, and He gives eternal life. The gospel is not something temporary that changes with culture or time. It is everlasting truth from God.

The gospel also changes our lives today, not only after death. It gives us hope, joy, and peace while we live in this world. The Bible says:

***“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him” - Romans 15:13.***

Because of the gospel, Christians have the hope of eternal life with Jesus Christ. This hope gives us joy today because we look forward to the future that God has promised us — living with Him forever in the new heaven and new earth.

The gospel also gives us peace during suffering and while living in a sinful world. Even when life is painful or unfair, we know that God is sovereign and in control. We know that one day Jesus will return to judge the world, and eternal life is already secured for those who trust in Him.

Therefore, instead of asking, “Why persevere with the gospel in a world that is changing so quickly?” maybe we should ask, “Why not?”

When we truly understand how great the gospel is and how much it benefits our lives now and forever, there is no reason for us to turn away from it. The world may continue to change, but the gospel of Jesus Christ will always remain our true hope, peace, and life.

**– Alex Choi**

## Theology Corner

Alex Choi



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# SUMMER PROGRAMME

Mornings 10am	SUNDAYS	Evenings 6.30pm	HOMEGROUPS
12 Apr	<b>Psalm 145:8-13, Luke 14:15-24</b> <b>Rev Robin Forester</b>	—	Meeting in various homes around the parish during the week (evenings and afternoons) to study God's Word and encourage and support one another.
19 Apr	<b>Luke 9:1-9</b>	<b>Matt 5:1-12</b> <b>The blessed life</b>	
26 Apr	<b>Luke 9:10-17</b> <b>Church APCM</b>	—	During the summer term, our homegroups are linked to our Sunday morning series. Meeting weekly, the groups begin on 16 <sup>th</sup> April and finish on 16 <sup>th</sup> July. Dates given are Thursdays but some groups meet at other times (full details on weekly notice sheet). In addition, a men's fellowship meets at 6.30am Fridays.
3 May	<b>Luke 9:18-27</b>	<b>Matt 5:13-21</b> <b>Fulfilment</b>	
10 May	<b>Luke 9:28-36</b>	<b>Matt 5:21-26</b> <b>Anger</b>	One week each half term will be a Prayer Evening.
17 May	<b>Luke 9:27-50</b>	<b>Matt 5:27-32</b> <b>Lust and marriage</b>	
24 May	<b>Pentecost</b> <b>Acts 2:1-12</b>	—	<b>MONTHLY PRAYER EVENTS</b> <b>Thur 28 May (church)</b> Prayer Evening 8-9.30pm
31 May	<b>Trinity Sunday</b> <b>1 Kings 16:29- 17:7</b> <b>A Word Against the Storm</b>	—	
7 Jun	<b>1 Kings 17:8- 24</b> <b>Flour, Oil &amp; Resurrection Hope</b>	<b>Matt 5:33-48</b> <b>Words, retaliation and love</b>	<b>Thur 9 Jul (church)</b> Prayer Evening 8-9.30pm
14 Jun	<b>All Age Parade service</b> <b>1 Kings 18:16- 40</b> <b>The God who Answers by Fire</b>	<b>Matt 6:1-6</b> <b>Giving and prayer</b>	
21 Jun	<b>1 Kings 19</b> <b>God in the Whisper</b>	<b>Matt 6:5-18</b> <b>Prayer and fasting</b>	<b>Thur 12 Jul (church)</b> Prayer Evening 8-9.30pm
28 Jun	<b>1 Kings 21</b> <b>The Vineyard and the Verdict</b>	<b>Matt 6:19-34</b> <b>Treasures and anxiety</b>	
5 Jul	<b>2 Kings 1</b> <b>Playing with Fire</b>	<b>Matt 7:1-12</b> <b>Judging and prayer</b>	
12 Jul	<b>Summer special service</b>	<b>Matt 7:13-19</b> <b>Fruit of the narrow way</b>	
19 Jul	<b>2 Kings 2</b> <b>Chariots of Fire</b>	<b>Matt 7:21-27</b> <b>Hearing God's words</b>	

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Apr 12 – 12.15pm**  
Evergreens Lunch

**Apr 15 – 7 pm**  
Licensing service for Tom Hollingsbee

**May 2 – 10 am**  
Who let the dads out?

**May 31 – 12.15 pm**  
Evergreens Lunch

**Jun 6 – 10 am**  
Who let the dads out?

**Jul 4 – 10 am**  
Who let the dads out?

**Jul 5 – 12.15 pm**  
Evergreens Lunch

**Jul 12**  
Big Summer Social!