



Dear Church Family,

Last night 60+ members of our church family started the Bible Course and I've heard really positive responses to the first evening (It's not too late to join in). Dave and Jill are running this course in response to the feedback we received from the spring series on Revelation, with many expressing a desire to understand the Bible more deeply and thoroughly. I am so encouraged by that, the Bible is foundational to us knowing God, it's a lamp to our feet and God's very word of life for us. As my faith has grown, so has my love for God's Word, familiar passages that I have read dozens of times, continue to speak into my daily life and shape every aspect of how I live. For example, this week I have been reading the Sermon on the Mount afresh, I've read and preached on it countless times, and yet God powerfully challenged me through it in how I trust him and how I relate to others.

This hunger for God's Word which we are seeing stirring amongst us, is not something brand new. This time last year, I wrote about how we were seeing it amongst our children and young people and I remember writing at the time, that I hoped it would spread to all generations. Isn't the beautiful that our children are leading the way for us, in their hunger to know God and his Word?!

The Bible course was created by the Bible Society, one of our mission partners, and they are our Mission of the Month for September. Bible Society was founded over 200 years ago, inspired by the hunger for God's Word shown by Mary Jones, a 15-year-old Welsh schoolgirl who had saved up for 6 years to have a Bible of her own, in her own language. You can read more of its history [here](#). I didn't know the Bible Society's Welsh origins, but maybe makes sense of Dave's passion too? Their vision is to translate and distribute God's Word across the world and make it accessible to people in every nation. The Society is fuelled by the belief that God's Word is full of life, sets people free and transforms nations. It is a privilege to support them in this as a church, as an expression of our value for God's Word.

As well as valuing God's Word, we also value our children and young people and their faith. I am delighted that Helen Coulton has moved to Romiley and will be joining St Chads, to volunteer in our ministry with young families. Helen has moved here from South Wales, (a theme!) and will be volunteering with Mini-Chadders in the week and Kids and Mini Church on Sundays. She will also be growing in her faith by being part of the NewWine Discipleship year programme, based in Salford. Please do be praying for Helen and give her a warm welcome.

with love,
Richard.



Worship Night

As we step into a new term, we want to create space to slow down, gather together, and simply **be with Jesus**.

These evenings are an opportunity to come just as we are, fix our eyes on Him, and spend unhurried time in His presence. We'll worship together, make space for silence, listen for what God may be saying, and respond to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

There's no pressure to perform and no need to rush — just an invitation to **encounter Jesus, rest in His presence, and enjoy being with Him**.

Join us this Friday, 18th September, at 7.30pm in church.

We'd love to see you there.



Harvest Service – 4th October

This year, we will be collecting **food items** to support the **Food Provision project**, which operates out of the Guywood. Please see the list below for suggested items to donate. Alternatively, if you would prefer to make a **financial donation**, this will be divided between **Wellspring** and the **Food Provision project**.

Shopping List:

Tinned fruit
Tinned soup
Baked beans
Tinned veg

Tinned meat
Longlife milk
Cereal
Biscuits

If you would like to make a financial contribution please use the following details:

Account name - St Chads PCC

Sort code - 08 92 99

Account number - 65874394

Ref: Harvest

Prayer Events

September

Tues 8th - 7.30pm
(LifeCentre)

Weds 23rd - 1.30pm
(Church lounge)

October

Weds 7th - 1.30pm
(Church lounge)

Weds 14th - 7.30pm
(LifeCentre)

November

Weds 11th - 1.30pm
(Church lounge)

Tues 17th - 7.30pm
(LifeCentre)

December

Weds 2nd - 7.30pm
(LifeCentre)

Weds 9th - 1.30pm
(Church lounge)

