

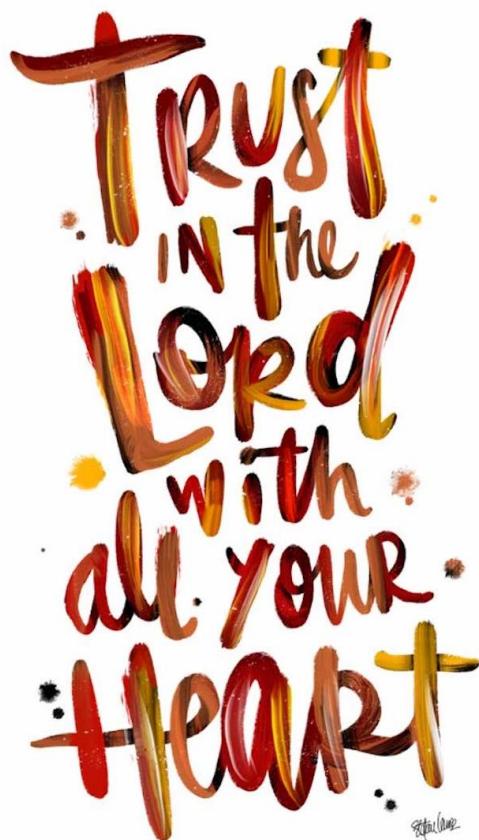


Hi folks,

In the midst of the political turmoil of recent weeks, it is funny sometimes how God keeps bringing a certain verse or word to our attention isn't it? For me, these verses from Proverbs three have been coming up in my reading and praying a number of times.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6



In the midst of turmoil, financial anxiety, political instability and even divisions in the church, God calls us to trust in Him, not just a bit but a lot – with ALL of our heart. In the choices we make, the paths we choose, lean not on what we know, what experience or the world tells us, but submit to Him, His word, His guidance and leadership and our path will become clear (although not always easy!) Please know that we are praying for those of us who are concerned about the rising cost of living, the energy crisis, the economic turmoil, pensions uncertainty, mortgage payments sky rocketing, or simply not being able to afford to put food on the table. If you are in need in any way, please contact me or Tom so that we can be aware and offer assistance where possible.

With every blessing in Christ,

James

Staff Holidays

James, Tom, and Sarah are all taking time off over half-term. The church office remains open as usual.

Wedding

Gwyneth and Glyn would like to invite their church family to join them to celebrate their wedding ceremony on **Saturday, 19th November at 2:30pm** in church.



Games Morning – this weekend!

Our very popular Family Games Morning returns this **Saturday, 22nd October, 10-am-12pm** in the hall. Everyone is welcome to come as a family, children to be accompanied by an adult. There will be a selection of board and games available, old favourites and some more modern, but you are welcome to bring your favourite along to share with others too.

The Star café will be open for drinks and snacks.



Harvest



During our service this **Sunday, 23rd October**, we will be taking our harvest collection of non-perishable foods. These will be used to stock our community larder and given to those in need. If you can, please bring:

Tinned meat
Tinned vegetables
Dried foods
Rice
Pasta

Jars of sauces
Tinned fruit
Custard/deserts
Tea bags
Instant coffee

Sugar
Biscuits
Chocolate/sweets
Toiletries
Sanitary items

Donations can be made at any time, a collection box is available at the back of church and also in the hall foyer.

Gloriously Messy

The wonderful Gloriously Messy returns with a fabulous Light Party on Sunday 30th October 4:30 – 6:00pm at the Indi Club on Ralph Drive. This is a fantastic event for all ages, do invite your family and friends to come along.



Safeguarding Training

Thanks go to Beckie and Sarah for organising and leading safeguarding training for all youth and children's team leaders and helpers last Saturday. If you are involved in any youth or children's ministry and weren't able to attend, please speak to Beckie or Sarah as soon as possible.

Easter Holiday Club



We are running a holiday club in the Easter holidays next year, 4th – 6th April 2023 and need volunteers for a variety of roles, it doesn't have to be for all 3 days, just whatever hours you can offer. If you are able to help, please speak to Sarah.