

RECTOR'S UPDATE

Happy New Year 2018

I know Christmas can be a very busy time, but I hope that we have all had the opportunity for some rest and reflection at the end of another year. I wonder what new ideas have bubbled to the surface as we have started to look ahead into the New Year.



Thank you to everyone who has joined in with the three days of prayer and fasting as we have been seeking God's face for what lies ahead. It has been a great encouragement to see the Hayloft full of people gathering to pray. May the Lord bring many things to birth in answer to the prayers that have been offered. If you have sensed the Lord speaking in any way that is relevant to the whole church and have not had an opportunity to share with the leadership, please do take some time to write your thoughts down and offer them to us for further discernment and prayer.

Opportunities to Serve

I have been grateful to Nathan, Mihaela and Joseph who have done a wonderful job covering all the youth and children's ministry over the last term. Please continue to pray for Rachael's full recovery.

Our Youth and Children's ministry would not exist without the committed and enthusiastic support of the teams that we have in place. There are always opportunities to join the youth and children's team and if you have been considering new ways to serve this year, please do talk to myself about where you can best serve. At present, we have a number of needs at the 9:15 service. If you were able to help with Gems our 0-2 year olds on a once a month basis, we are looking for both new male and female team members. Likewise, Rock Solid (9-11's) needs new team members, again both male and female.

If you would prefer to work with the over 11's, we are looking for some extra team members to help with our youth cell groups. Roots (11-14's) which meets on a Monday evening needs at least one extra leader, but we have other youth cell groups that could also do with some cover on different evenings, so please do let me know if you are interested in helping our young people grow as disciples of Jesus. We are always open to growing new youth cell groups, so if this is an area you are interested in, please let me know.

Reaching Out

2018 will also be an opportunity for us to reach out in mission to the places where we live, out and beyond, but also including Stamford. Please pray for Steve Simcox as he starts to mobilise new groups for mission in the wider area and listen out if there is something that will be starting where you live, that you could support as a mission initiative.

On January 25th we are starting 'Life Explored' as a seven-week course for those interested in finding out more about the Christian faith. Please visit the 'Life Explored' website and pray about inviting any of your friends, family or colleagues whom you think might be interested. Each session will begin with a meal at 7:30pm. Do let the office know if you have any guests who may be coming.

May 2018 be a year when many in our area come to recognise Jesus for who he really is and start to follow Him. Please pray that as a community we continue to 'make disciples on mission with Jesus.'

Blessings,



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LE is an informal and relaxed seven-week course. It's for anyone who wants to find contentment and happiness in life. It's run by ordinary Christian people local to you and is completely free. You don't need to know anything about the bible, and you won't be asked to pray or sing. You can ask any question you like, or you can just sit and listen.

Whoever you are, whatever you're thinking, LE is a place for you to discover the greatest gift in the universe.

LE begins on

Thursday, 25th January at 7.30pm

in St George's Church Centre,

28b St Mary's Street,

Stamford PE9 2DL

Please speak to Martyn Taylor if you would like more information or contact office@stgeorgeschurch.net

The evening will begin with a meal. Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements.