

"Nourished & Fed, Ready to Share"

We thank you that each church in our Circuit has its own distinctive life.

May we draw on each other's strengths as we seek to overcome areas where we feel most vulnerable and face the challenges before us.

Help us to see opportunities in front of us and to grasp hold of them.

Through our worship, learning and caring, service and evangelism, inspire us in reaching out to make more disciples of Jesus.

Through your Spirit

Guide us, encourage us, feed and nourish us, extend our imagination, so that, in our working together with each other and with you, we fulfil your loving, creative, life-changing purposes for your world.

Through Jesus Christ, our Living Lord, Amen.

Please pray

- ... for ministers and circuits involved in stationing including
Andy Moffoot, Tessa Bennett, Helen Watson
- ... for the Church as it as it discovers new ways to express the truth about Jesus
- ... that churches will establish new small groups, and that existing ones are reinvigorated
- ... that we will explore hospitality and caring for one another in challenging times
- ... that we may create safe spaces where each of us will feel able to share from the heart
- ... for increased confidence and courage to share our stories with others
- ... for someone you know whom you want to tell about Jesus
- ... for a breakthrough in this fragile life so that Christ can be shared

Guiding Light

Lord you are our guiding light, our light in the darkness,
Our hope in despair, our promise of a brighter future.

The plans, hopes and dreams we had for our lives can no longer be taken for granted.

Your church turned on its head almost overnight, leaves us uncertain of its future and our purpose.

We come to you for guidance, we need and long to hear you speak,

Show us how to be church in this "new world".

A world that is in need, In need of love, comfort, work, purpose, companionship, food and so much more.

We have new opportunities, new beginnings,
A new opening, to be who you want us to be.

Lay on our hearts the people you want us to reach out to,
Guide us in our discussions and decision making

Open pathways before us as we walk forward
Ready to seek and to do your will.

Lord our guiding light we wait on you. Amen



"Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long."
Psalm 25:4-5 (NIV)



A prayer as we Dwell in the Word

Loving God,
Although our destination is not yet clear,
May we trust in your graceful promises;
Though we are uncertain of ourselves,
May we be rooted in your loving regard;
Though our attention is inclined to wander,
May we hear the things you are saying;
Though we often neglect your influence,
May we be convicted of your power to change,
In Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Dwelling in the Word text:

Galatians chapter 5 verse 22 to chapter 6 verse 10 (NRSV)

522 By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

26 Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

61 My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted.

2 Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ.

3 For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves.

4 All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour's work, will become a cause for pride.

5 For all must carry their own loads.

6 Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

7 Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow.

8 If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit.

9 So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.

10 So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.