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The Vicar's Letter

JAMES HUGHES



Dear Friends,

As I write this, we are in the middle of September, somewhere between the scarecrow trail, and the arts festival, in the middle of our come and see mission week, with a child about to go off to university, and with everybody else settling into the new school year, and so on. So a fairly typical September then, and it is not going to get any quieter as we go through the autumn term.

And it is good to be living life fully. An active village community where there is always plenty to get involved in, and having lots to get stuck into at home, at work, at school—this is the stuff of modern life. It is in the midst of all this activity that we find purpose, or at least plenty to occupy us, and plenty that we like to do. And plenty of other things as well.

Of course, sometimes we yearn for a little more space—many of us might like to have a little more time for rest and relaxation than we have,

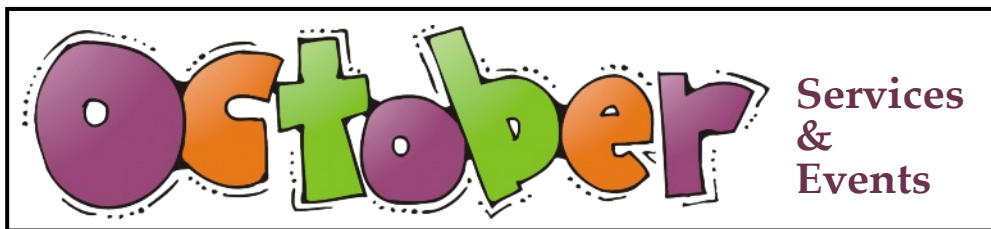
although sometimes when we are on holiday we don't quite know what to do with ourselves. If we find purpose in the business of life, and in all the things we do, then that is perhaps no surprise—unless we manage to fill our holidays with activity as well. When we do get space and time, we tend to fill it.

All well and good, but is there more to it than this? Of course, here at St Alkmund's we believe there is. And we are always seeking to provide opportunities for anyone to come along who might want to explore that possibility. Later on in the magazine, you will see an advert for our **First Sunday special** services—we aim for a relaxed atmosphere with an opportunity for questions, and we look at the kind of questions people have about Jesus, Christianity and church. You will also see information about our **Essentials** course. And we're here Sunday by Sunday throughout the year.

I look forward to seeing you.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'James'.



SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER

- 8.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Chapel
- 10.00 am **MORNING SERVICE** at St Alkmund's
Acts 15:1–35
- 4.30 pm **HOLY COMMUNION** at St Paul's (with refreshments from 4.00pm)
1 Thessalonians 2:1–16
- 6.30 pm **FIRST SUNDAY SPECIAL:** at St Alkmund's (in the Church Hall)
MEETING THE REAL JESUS: *"Just a wise man from Galilee?"*
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MONDAY 7TH OCTOBER

- 2.00 pm **SONGS OF PRAISE**
Half-hour service, followed by tea/coffee/cake
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SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER

- 10.00 am **MORNING SERVICE** at St Alkmund's
Acts 15:36–16:10
- 4.30 pm **AFTERNOON SERVICE** at St Paul's (with refreshments from 4.00pm)
1 Thessalonians 2:17–3:5
- 6.30 pm **HOLY COMMUNION** at St Alkmund's
Deuteronomy 27:1–28:14
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SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER

- 8.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Chapel
- 10.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION** at St Alkmund's
Acts 16:11–40
- 4.30 pm **AFTERNOON SERVICE** at St Paul's (with refreshments from 4.00pm)
1 Thessalonians 3:6–13
- 6.30 pm **EVENING SERVICE** at St Alkmund's
Deuteronomy 28:15–68

SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER

10.00 am **MORNING SERVICE** at St Alkmund's

Acts 17:1–14

4.30 pm **AFTERNOON SERVICE** at St Paul's (with refreshments from 4.00pm)

1 Thessalonians 4:1–12

6.30 pm **HOLY COMMUNION** at St Alkmund's

Deuteronomy 29–30

Regular Events:

MORNING PRAYER—Tuesdays (1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd) at 9.15am. Held in church for around half an hour.

MEN'S 5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL (at Ecclesbourne School)—Tuesdays (1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd), at 8.00pm.

MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING—Wednesday 2nd, 7.30pm in the hall.

SALT CAFÉ—Sunday 6th, in the Church Hall at 5.30pm. (For young people in school years 7–13)

SONGS OF PRAISE—Monday 7th, in the Church Hall at 2.00pm. (Half-hour service, followed by tea/coffee/cake)

BABES & BOUNCERS—Mondays (7th, 14th & 21st), 9.30–11.15am in the hall.

IMPACT (school years 7–9)—Mondays (7th, 14th & 21st), 7.00–8.30pm in the hall.

IGNITION (school years 10–13)—Tuesdays (1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd), 7.30–9.00pm in the hall.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY & LUNCH—Wednesdays (9th & 23rd) at 10.00am in the hall.

GROWTH GROUPS—Normally Wednesdays (9th & 23rd) at 8.00pm, at various locations (*see leaders for details*).

TEA, CAKE & CHAT—Monday 14th, 2.00–3.30pm in the hall.

MEN'S READING GROUP MEETING—Wednesday 16th, at 7.45pm. *Making Sense of God* by Tim Keller.

LUNCHTIME CONCERT IN CHURCH, with *Mike Severn*: "Glimmers of Goodbyes"—Wednesday 23rd at 1.00pm.

Special Events:

PARENTING COURSE—Saturdays (12th & 19th), 9.30am–12.30pm in the hall.

WEDDING (Being held at St Alkmund's instead of St Mary's Chaddesden, as their roof is being mended)—Saturday 26th, at 12.30pm.



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Who are we?

We are a group of women who meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. We have a wide age range: Mums, people who work part-time or on shifts, those who work from and in the home, and some who are retired. There's no long-term commitment—some come each week, others dip in and out.

What do we do?

10.00 Enjoy a cuppa on arrival.

10.15 Have a discussion on a biblical topic or book with the help of a study booklet. Usually led by Jodi, we learn more about our Christian faith and its relevance to our everyday lives. We are not biblical scholars and you don't have to speak!

11.30 Share our concerns in a confidential time of prayer—you don't have to pray!

11.45 For those who can stay we enjoy a light lunch—sandwiches and cake provided by volunteers within the group.

Some quotes:

"The Ladies' Bible Study is such a warm, friendly group and the thoughtful leadership makes it an encouraging place to go. I am only sad other commitments do not allow me to join as often as I would like."

"Friendship and fellowship in Jesus. All ladies are welcomed."

"A source of support, fellowship and prayer."

"A variety of topics with practical application."

"There is a great generosity of spirit."

Interested? Just come along to the Parish Hall on the 2nd or 4th Wednesday of the month, or contact Jodi Gray (jodigray61@gmail.com / 01332 841049), or the Parish Office.

Youth and Children

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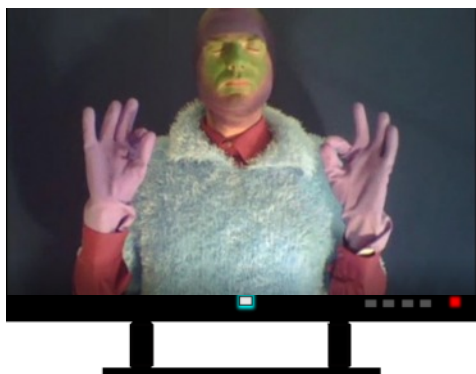
Lost in Space Holiday Club 2019



St Alkmund's church underwent a makeover this summer as it transformed into a spaceship for our Holiday Club!



So much fun was had at our Lost in Space holiday club this summer! Commander Helen and her Navigator Carys were joined by a lively crew of primary school-aged children, as they sought to gather information from the Bible about a man called Jesus. An alien who had been mining our moon for cheese, who went by the name of "King Zorg from the planet Snonge", had sent them a transmission from outer space giving them instructions to find out more about who Jesus is, and why he came to earth. He wanted to know about Jesus because he thought He was someone really exciting because His name sounds like "cheeses". Yes, he was a bit of a strange alien....



King Zorg showing his appreciation after enjoying a nice piece of cheese ...

During the week, the crew were joined by three Space cadets: Rocket Rosie, Dr Astro and Spaceman Bob, who helped them with their mission to find out about Jesus...even though they managed to break some things along the way...including the "panic" button that they had been warned not to press!

**Spaceman Bob, Dr Astro
and Rocket Rosie
“fixing” the panic button
from Zappy the Robot.**

Along the way, games were
played, crafts were made
and lots of laughs were had!





On our adventure we learned that Jesus came to find us, save us and give his life for us so that we can be friends with God forever! This is the most amazing, wonderful and life-changing news of the gospel!



And of course, no holiday club would be complete without some silly songs and actions! Rob and the band helped us learn some new songs...and told us some pretty silly jokes! "Why did the cow go into space? Because it wanted to see the moo-oon"!



We were also blessed with a fantastic team of youth who helped Carys and Helen and all the adult leaders. They decorated, ran the games, organised the tech, played music and kept the whole team energised.

What a week we had! Helen and Carys are already counting down the days

until next year so we can do it all over again!

Helen Hawley



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 Rachmaninoff : Etudes-tableaux, Op. 33 ii, iii, viii
 Slonimsky : Intermetzso in Memory of Brahms
 Brahms : Variation on a Theme by Paganini, Op. 35
 Prokofiev : Piano Sonata No. 7 in B flat major, Op. 83

Maxim Kinasov made his concerto debut in Moscow at the age of nine and his solo recital debut a year later. He is an award-winning solo and chamber musician and performs a wide range of repertoire from Bach to Shostakovich. In 2018, Maxim became the winner of the Royal Northern College of Music's most prestigious award, the Gold Medal.

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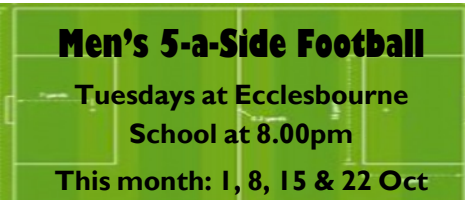


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Finding a Good Church

“The importance of a good blue suit can never be overstated ... a blue suit is the most versatile of accoutrements.”

So said Uncle Henry (as played by the late, great Albert Finney) at the beginning of one of my favourite films, *A Good Year*. And in this article, for anyone about to head off to University for the first time (or who has recently already done so), I'd like to talk about the importance of finding a good church—which likewise *“can never be overstated”*.

Going to University is of course a fantastic time for new beginnings, challenges, discoveries and opportunities. But it can also bring many new anxieties, pressures and temptations, and for anyone reading this who has progressed through our various children's and young people's groups at church, I'd urge you to hold tight to your faith and get involved in your University's Christian Union (CU). I found the CU a great way of finding a good support network and meeting like-minded friends—one of whom I'm still in regular contact with to this day, almost (ahem!) 25 years later.

More than this, however, I'd additionally advise you to also get stuck into a good local church in whichever city or town you find yourself in. CUs are great, but are inevitably still part of what can be the 'pressure cooker' environment of campus/university life—and of course,

unsurprisingly, are entirely composed of a single demographic, i.e. students!

There's really no substitute for being part of a church fellowship made up of people from all walks of life, comprising different ages, backgrounds, outlooks and temperaments. Think of all those older folk who've helped, supported and encouraged you in various ways during your time at church here—it's all part of the great richness of the Christian community—and we still need that (perhaps even more so) during University—and beyond! (Besides, with a bit of luck, you'll hopefully get invited out for plenty of Sunday lunches, no small thing as a student!!).

How to go about finding a church whilst at university? Maybe you've friends or relatives who might know of good churches in the area. Almost certainly the CU will be able to advise. When I went to university in York, during one of the first CU events I attended, I recall leaders from several local churches—some of whom also acted as university chaplains—coming along to introduce their respective fellowships. Older students in their second or third year can also be an excellent source of advice—they certainly were for me!

One final point I'd like to make, drawn from my own personal experience of finding a university church, is don't necessarily just 'follow the crowd' and join whichever local fellowship currently appears to be either the biggest, or most popular amongst the student crowd; nor the church which on first glance appears to be the most "exciting"—be it worship style, etc, etc.

Undoubtedly swayed by a combination of majority opinion, a CU visit by a highly animated and excitable church representative with arms like a windmill and the prospect of a superficially attractive praise and worship style, I initially attended a very modern Christian Fellowship on the outskirts of York during my first year at university. Yes, the music was undoubtedly very loud and exciting and the congregation unusually large, but halfway through my time there, I realised that actually I didn't feel at home at all and hardly knew anyone; to the point that when I

stopped going for several Sundays, no one so much as even noticed my absence.

Thankfully, I sought the advice of a friend a couple of years above me—don't forget the wisdom of those older students!—and with his help I very happily spent my final two years attending York Baptist Church, where I felt very much at home. I still recall my time there with great fondness and remember it as a time of particular spiritual growth and learning in my Christian life. It also served as a great benchmark when subsequently looking for a good church after graduating.

I hope you'll likewise look back in years to come on whichever church you end up at with similarly happy memories.

(You can find out about university Christian Unions at <https://www.uccf.org.uk/>).

James Rollin



Duffield Vicarages

Domesday Book declares that Duffield in 1087 had a 'Presbyter and Church' and the priest must have lived somewhere where he had convenient access to the large parish, which at one time extended from Turnditch to Heage and down to Duffield, where there was first a ford, then a wooden bridge, and sometime during the 15th century the southern side of the present stone bridge.

No record exists of the whereabouts of this residence, which until 1332 was a rectory, subsequently a vicarage. Rectors received all the tithes produced by the parish; great tithes included the product of harvested grain, but these were given away by the then patron, the Earl of Lancaster, to a Monastery Hospital in Leicester. The Vicar was left with the lesser tithes; in this case an assortment of produce including foals, calves, wax, geese and pigs and personal tithes of the parishioners. A Tithe Barn for the reception of this is variously said to have been at Wallstone Farm in Hazelwood and in the field just north of Duffield Church, between the church and Makeney Road, which in 1791 was known as The Barn Yard.

The Great Tithes of the old parish were never restored to it, and after the Dissolution of the Monasteries became the property of the Pindar family who lived, then, in the old Rectory House by the church.

Here is a drawing, either of this house or another subsequently built quite close to the west door of the church, clearly three storeys high, presumably of ground area in proportion.



In 1840 the North Midland Railway Company opened the line through Duffield from Derby to Rotherham, and the project led to the demolition of the Vicarage in the Churchyard and the building of a replacement on higher ground in the village.



The Revd William Barber was then living at the house on Hazelwood Road now known as Ivy Lodge, but he was probably the first vicar to occupy the new vicarage.

I remember this building in 1959, when visiting the Revd Martin Boyns to arrange our marriage. It

smelt dreadfully of dry rot and, although spacious to house both a family and parish meetings, it must have been far too expensive to heat and far from ideal.

The Diocese took the situation in hand, and in 1961 built a new four-bedroomed Vicarage to 1960s standards and demolished the Victorian building. The new building occupied an extensive site all the way from the new Vicarage Lane down to the main Derby Road. Most of the garden was subsequently sold off to create the Local Authority estate of amenity housing for older people, known as St Alkmund's Close.

So this is the present house on Vicarage Lane.

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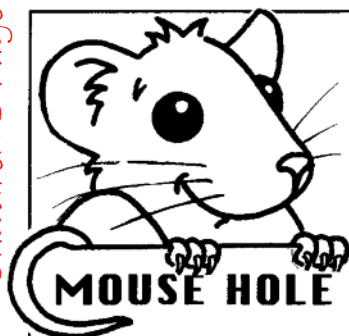
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3. Let the liquid continue to boil until it is a golden 'toffee' colour.
4. CAREFULLY remove the pan from the heat and dip and cover each apple with the toffee.
5. Put the apples onto an oiled baking tray to cool. Then EAT !



HARVEST

is a time to REMEMBER that GOD made the world: He made the land we live on, the air we breath, the water we drink and the food we eat.



HARVEST

is a time to SHARE with others all that GOD has given us.



HARVEST

is a time to say THANK YOU to GOD for giving us all the things we need to live.



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"Bibles which are falling apart are
read by people who aren't."



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Lunchtime Concerts

It's the 4th Wednesday! It's 1 o'clock; It's time for a lunchtime concert.

Back in January, I (Emma Rollin, *pictured*) embarked on a month of lunchtime concerts in the church. Was January particularly significant?

Well, yes, mainly because a number of people find it a dark, long month and I felt that it would be helpful, for me as well as others to break up the month. Music is such a restorative and spirit-lifting form of entertainment that it did the performers just as much as good as it did the audience.



So, the first concerts were solo, then the third was me and Mike Severn, and the 4th was me and my husband, James. We've had a fairly steady crowd of around 20–25 people coming. In fact once, during a sound check, I did an impromptu concert for some walkers who came in out of the rain to eat their lunch (they won't do that again!).

We've carried on the concerts every 4th Wednesday once a month; we've talked about and thought about being grateful, comings and goings, favourite songs, friendship, and even taken requests ("Less", "A bit quieter", and "Over the hills and far away" were popular choices). We've used secular and sacred songs, songs we've written and covers of some of our favourites. It really has been an eclectic mix.

Mike Severn will be taking the helm at this month's concert as he performs his WW1-inspired work, "Glimmers of Goodbyes", in time to get us thinking about Armistice Day. Anyone who was there at last year's evening Remembrance Service may remember Mike's moving performance of "Only Remembered", which features in this performance piece he has put together.

The concerts are all free. At 1pm in the church on a 4th Wednesday — the next one is 23rd October (with heating) and you really would be very welcome.

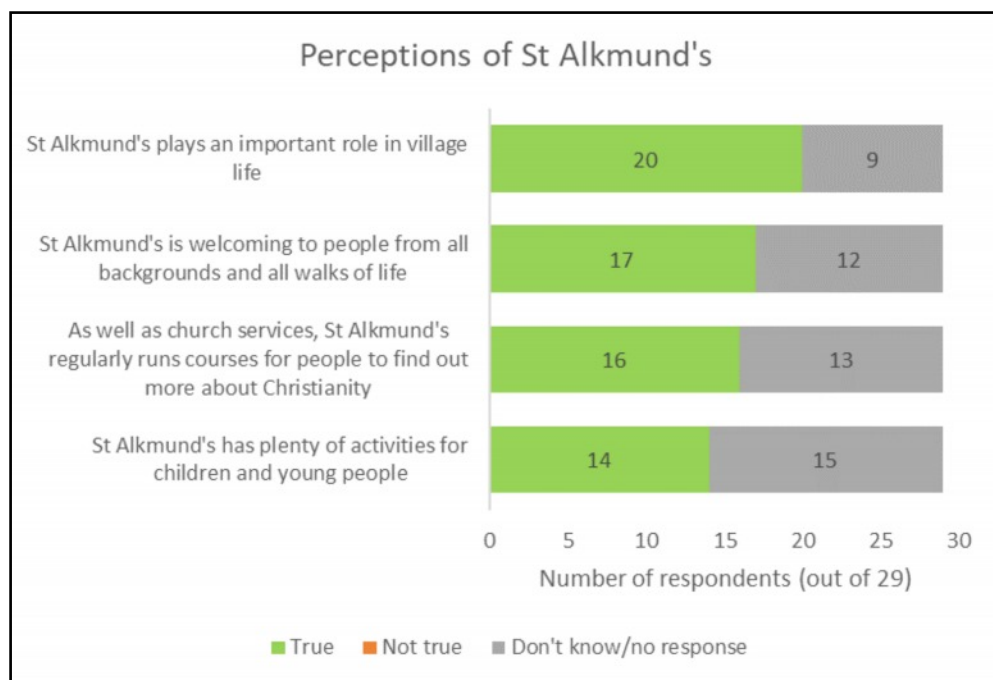
And who knows, maybe we'll try and do them weekly again in January?!

Carnival questionnaire

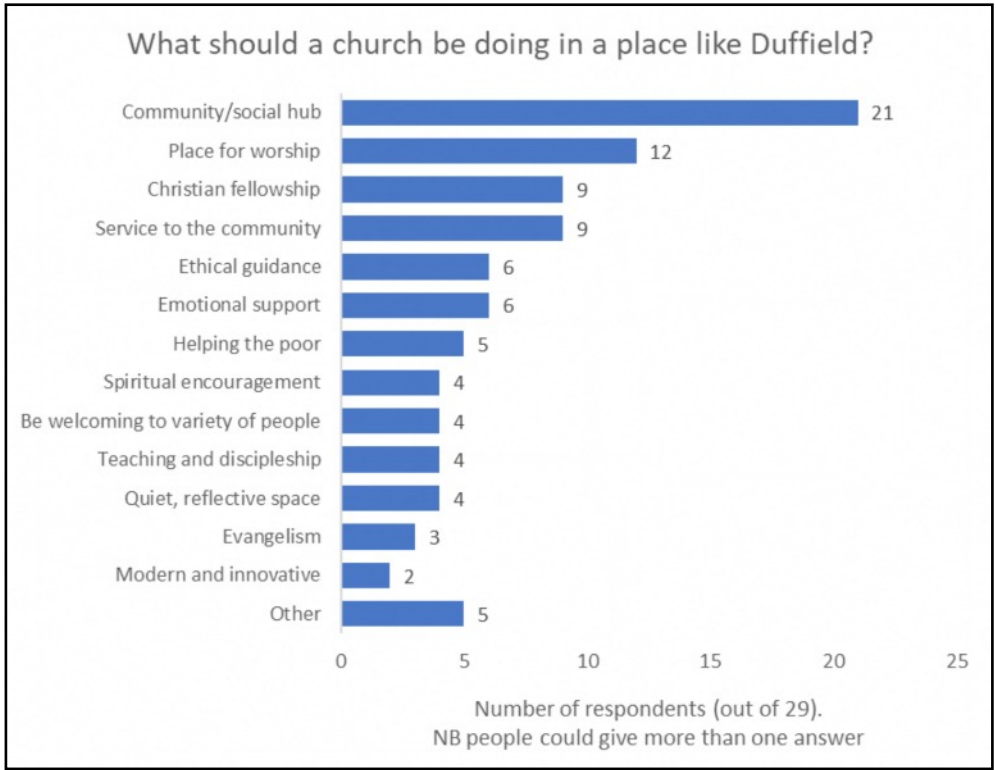
As many of you know, at the Carnival we were inviting people to tell us what they knew and thought about St Alkmund's, and about the Christian faith. Over the next few months, we'll be sharing some of our findings in this magazine. There will also be an opportunity to fill in the survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/StAlkmunds>.

In total, 29 people were kind enough to stop and answer our questions at the Carnival. Nearly all were Derbyshire residents, with 9 from Duffield and 12 from neighbouring towns/villages including Little Eaton and Belper. There was a good spread of ages: all age groups from 18–29 to 75+ were represented, and about half were aged under 60. Only one respondent was a regular worshipper at St Alkmunds, and only one had never heard of it.

Respondents tended to agree that “St Alkmund's plays an important role in village life” and that “St Alkmund's is welcoming to people from all backgrounds and all walks of life”. About half agreed that “St Alkmund's has plenty of activities for children and young people” and that “St Alkmund's regularly runs courses for people to find out more about Christianity”, but there were quite a lot of ‘don't knows’.

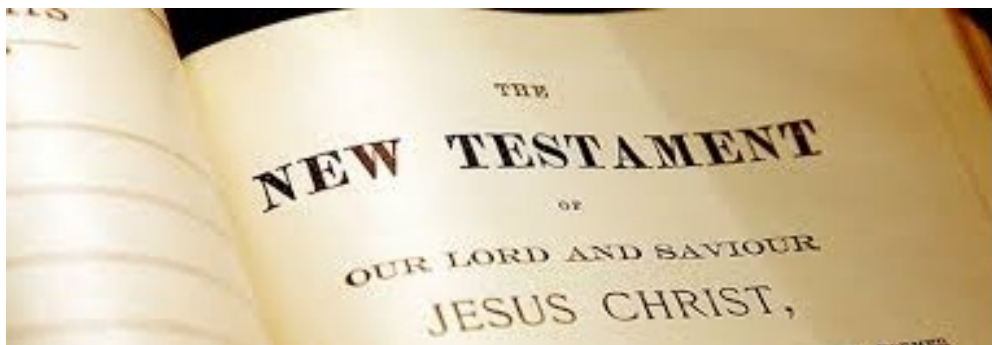


The following chart shows that people would like to see the church perform a wide variety of roles in a place like Duffield. The most common suggestions were: (1) a community/social hub (e.g. “it should be the heart of the community”, “add cohesion to a community; provide a focal point”, “coffee and book exchange”), (2) providing a place for worship, (3) providing Christian fellowship (e.g. “should be ‘family’”, “for encouraging each other and building up in the faith”), and (4) serving the community (e.g. “looking after the community”, “look out for people who need support”, “providing people with what they need”). Several see a role for the church in terms of providing guidance, support and encouragement to people, but only a few mentioned teaching/discipleship and evangelism.



Thanks are due to our Duffield-based data collection and analysis experts: Andrea, Martin and Kirsty from Novametrics (www.novametrics.org), to the team of willing volunteers who braved the baking heat at the Carnival to do the interviews, and to the people who gave up their time to be interviewed.

2 Minute New Testament—1 Corinthians



When did you last receive a good dressing down, or telling off? At work? At home? At school? When did you last deliver one? I can remember a few at school. I probably deserved most of them, even if I didn't recognise it at the time.

But what makes a good telling off? I don't think it's just about volume! It's also about getting someone to understand what they've done wrong, and why it is wrong. It's not always an easy thing to do, even face to face.

But imagine doing it by letter, and not just to one person—but to a whole group of people! That's what Paul has to do in 1 Corinthians—as he writes to the church in Corinth, where he has spent some time teaching. They've gone astray on a few things, and Paul needs to help them back to the right track—to understand what is important.

But Paul begins with thanksgiving (chapter 1), thanking God for calling the Corinthians to be in fellowship with Christ. Then Paul gets into the problems. First, there are divisions in the Church—following different leaders—Paul calls them back to following Christ alone. And Paul reminds them that the gospel, the good news about Jesus Christ, didn't come like the messages they were used to, with great oratory, and fanfare. Instead, Paul came, he says, in weakness and fear, to deliver God's message in the power of the Holy Spirit

(chapter 2). Before he gets into the meat of the letter, Paul wants them to understand what Christ has done for them.

Chapter 3 deals with the divisions. Paul reminds them that they were not made by men, but by God—he calls them God’s building, a temple, with God’s spirit in them. And because of this, they should live differently—following the good example of Paul (chapter 4). They should not tolerate immorality (chapter 5), nor should they be taking each other to court (chapter 6).

Then Paul comes to marriage in chapter 7. Getting married is good—remaining single is good—but it is vital to act without sin—and with devotion to God. Food sacrificed to idols can be eaten—but only if it doesn’t hurt someone with a weak conscience (chapter 8), and at all times the Corinthians should be keeping themselves from idolatry (chapter 10).

Paul turns to behaviour in the church—at services, particularly the Lord’s Supper (chapter 11), how God-given gifts should be used (chapters 12 and 14), and, in probably the most famous chapter of the book, to the need for love (chapter 13), before coming to the importance of the resurrection (chapter 15); and in chapter 16, his desire to organise a collection for the believers in Jerusalem who are suffering.

1 Corinthians can seem like a list of do’s and don’ts. But the letter is much more than that. At the start of the letter, Paul has reminded the Corinthians that Christ has saved them—and so they should live differently. He sums this up in chapter 10 verse 31:

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

Paul gives a rebuke to the Corinthians—and to anyone following their ways—but also a reason—for the glory of God. That should be the motivation for action for all follows of Christ, God’s Glory.

James Hughes

Where's the Bear?



Well done to all of you who guessed where Alkmund the Bear was last month. That's right, he was in "Duffield News", having a hug with the lovely Judy Clough.



Alkmund's been out adventuring again, but this time he's been following the sound of his rumbling tummy after thinking about a yummy Sunday roast dinner! I wonder if you can work out where he is?

Let us know your guesses on our Facebook page and find out the answer in next month's issue!

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