



ST JAMES' CHURCH

The monthly magazine

NETWORK



Are You Stuck?

Changing

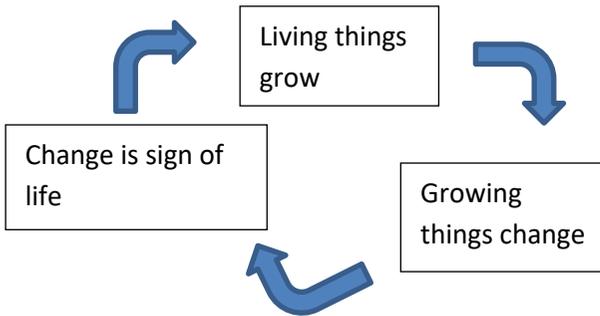
March 2020

connecting – changing – transforming



Changing

I wonder if you are familiar with the following cycle



It holds true for nature, it holds true for life and it also holds true of faith.

It has been massively encouraging to see so many people engaging with our discipleship track over the last six weeks. More of which you can read about later. The point of engaging with this track has not been to put another tick in the courses completed column, but to bring about change in our faith and behaviour. A highlight for me was to hear of someone of senior years returning to use a gift of the Spirit that they had neglected for over 20 years.

The changes that come about through physical growth are plain to see, but what about the changes in our faith? The speed of physical growth may slow as we get older, but is this case with our faith too?

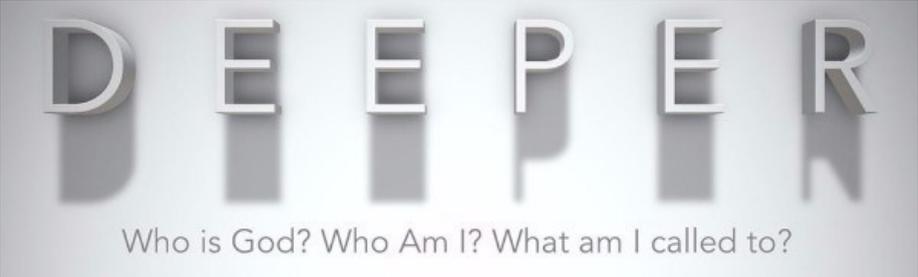
This is why the Church family is so important as we seek to change with God. Teaching, individual quiet time with God, small groups, worship, mentoring are all ways to help us through that cycle of

growth.

Over the past few weeks I have been struggling to change my response to something that is happening in my life. However with the help of my prayer triplet and also in talking this issue through with a trusted friend I have been able to identify where I am stuck. The question I have then been asked is “what are you going to do about it?” or “how are you going to change?” For me this has meant booking up a Sozo session to pray through the identified issue so that I can change and find freedom.

Paul in his letter to the Ephesians writes about the role of apostle, prophet, pastor, teacher and evangelist. Roles within the church whose purpose is to “... build up the body of Christ until we all attain the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of God.” Eph 4:13

So where are you changing with God? Are you stuck? What are you going to do about it? Because if you are alive spiritually then there should be change.



Wednesday 5th March, 7.30pm at St James'

Charis Ministries Mozambique update 2020



1 John 3:16-18: 'This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth,'

Firstly, we would like to thank everyone who has supported and is continuing to support our work amongst the poorly resourced of Mozambique. We are constantly reminded that as Christians we belong to a Family and without each other our efforts would be in vain.

Bandua Update: A Mozambican newspaper reports: 10 months after cyclone Idai made landfall in the central provinces of Mozambique, aid groups are winding down their emergency operations but needs remain high. In 2019 Charis, alongside partners, were blessed to be able to help with food, emergency aid and the building of 300 houses for the most vulnerable. However, our co-ordinator in Bandua reports that, the situation in the resettlement camps remains dire. Hunger is widespread after floods recently destroyed newly planted crops and wiped away harvests. We have seen how the resettlement initiative was rushed and how the new areas are located several miles away from villages and farming areas leaving many reliant on emergency food aid. The people are very worried about what they will do as the aid stops, most likely in March. Most people are still living under makeshift patched homes, which are providing little resistance to the extreme weather conditions. Old people, orphans, the sick, widows, and widowers, who might normally depend on neighbours find little help in communities, where all are barely subsisting, and employment is virtually non-existent.

We praise God that in 2019 we were able to channel kingdom resources to the most vulnerable in the crisis areas and show that God has not forgotten them. As we enter another year, we see that our efforts just dealt with the tip of the iceberg and our hearts break as we see so many still struggling to survive.

Charis is not an Aid organisation, but we want to make Jesus known by word and love in action and so in 2020 as well as preaching and teaching the bible we want to help those who are suffering most: widows, orphans, and the sick with food, clothes, some new homes and through self-sustaining mini projects. We will be working through our co-ordinator Ameryko who lives in the Bandua area and by making periodic trips.

Vilanculos Centre -We will be putting on discipleship courses at our Centre focussing on young adults and continuing to hold our 'Kids Club on the move' there and in the surrounding villages. We will make regular visits to the Aglow groups in the villages to encourage them with Gods Word and seek to meet any desperate needs.

We also have a vision to welcome a short-term mission team from the UK, probably in June, whose emphasis will be on praise and worship, to come and serve alongside Orlando our worship leader. Our prayer is to take the team to Chingamija resettlement camp and bring God's powerful Word alive through worship and praise and to pray God's kingdom comes bringing light, transformation and hope in the darkness.

Please pray for us as we return mid-March.

Pray for our cross-cultural team: for one heart, for God's love to fill and guide us, and for the Holy Spirit to equip us.

For God's provision, as we seek to fulfil our vision to see God's kingdom come in power by helping those who are suffering, teaching God's Word and establishing our Vilanculos base as a resourcing Centre.

Charis Prayer - 5 March Turret House 7.30pm.

If you are interested in getting involved in our work in any way, whether it be in the UK or in Mozambique, we would love to speak with you!

Thank you, Love Mel & Mandy xxx

Melwel72003@yahoo.co.uk/mandafrika@yahoo.co.uk

Mel-07516217349



One of the best things (in my opinion) that has happened over the last couple of months at St James' has been the launch of our Discipleship Track.

We shared this back in November, with a look at the 'Core' Courses (Alpha, The DNA Course, Freedom in Christ, Life on the Front Line, Emotionally Healthy Spirituality, Every Day Supernatural and Equipped, Gifted and Released), and some supporting courses.

Discipleship is really the 'Change' part of 'Connecting, Changing and Transforming.' We change in response to what Jesus has done for us, and we recognize that this is an ongoing, continual process.

Over 60 people signed up for one of four courses offered in January 2020: Freedom in Christ and Every Day Supernatural were our core courses, and The Bible Course and The Prayer Course were the supporting courses. The latter two had been spoken of very highly by small groups, and we wanted to give an opportunity to those who weren't yet part of a small group to participate in this.

Giving opportunities was one of the main reasons we put these courses on: we chose a Monday night, so that it wouldn't clash with any small groups. We offered short term courses (the shortest was 6 weeks) so that it wasn't a long-term commitment. Each course was open to everyone, whether you had worked through it before or were a newer Christian.

From the start, our potential leaders were both keen and committed: putting in the preparation time, praying for each of their group and promoting their course on a Sunday. The courses started to fill up, and I worried we didn't have enough projectors available.

On the first Monday in January, the sense of expectation was palpable as over 60 people braved the bitter weather and came in for hot drinks. They were checked off on the registers, filled in their name labels and collected their relevant books and handouts.

We started off in the main church, with Mark Pickett leading a meditation, before breaking into our various groups. The largest group, Every Day Supernatural, headed off into the Oasis Room, while the Prayer Course and Freedom

in Christ headed upstairs. The Bible Course met in the Garden Room and seemed to grow larger each week.

When you're part of a new group, perhaps with leaders who you didn't know before, or participants who you haven't spoken to before, it can take a little while to settle in. But this is part of the fun of Monday evenings – it's a chance to get to know people and to step out of your comfort zone a little bit, as well as really engaging in learning and discussion.

Personally, I've loved the sense of focus on a Monday night. People are there to learn, and to really do business with God. I don't know what happens in each group – I know on Freedom in Christ, the truths that we discuss always reveal themselves in new and real ways. I know that each Monday, we come back having gone deeper into these core promises of God, excited for the next steps.

Every Day Supernatural was very practical, with lots of time spent actively listening to God's voice. Some of the feedback shows how helpful this was: "It made it [listening to God's voice] real and seem like something I could have a go at too - not out of my reach." Participants loved the "opportunity to try out teachings in a safe environment." Others reported that they found the course inspiring, challenging and even "life-changing."

The Bible Course and The Prayer Course come to an end of the next couple of weeks, and Freedom in Christ finishes in mid-March. After that? We're looking at how we continue this. We already have one new small group starting in mid-March, led by Hannah and Christian Pountain on a Monday night in Oswaldtwistle. This is open to all, not just those who have attended a Monday night course, so if you'd like to know more, please contact [Chris-tian.pountain@sky.com](mailto:Christian.pountain@sky.com)

We're also looking at putting on something centrally in September – either another evening course or possibly even a weekend. At this stage, we're very open to suggestions so if you have a course you'd love to run, or something you've always wanted to learn about, please do get in touch and let me know: naomilynas@stjamesclitheroe.co.uk



According to statistics, over the last 20 years 38% of believing men left the church across the UK, and for under 30s it was cited as 50%. This is alarming and it is important that as a church we do what we can to buck that trend. After been given a great example by the ladies of St James' with the emergence and growth of 'Fearless', we had an up close example of the impact that an empowering and equipping community can have on the wider church community and beyond.

So, at the end of [2019](#), some of the Men of St James' church got together at 'Escape Coffee & Cocktails' in town to enjoy some food and conversation. As well as the chicken, chips and chat, we also talked about how we as men could support and encourage one another more effectively going forward.

[2020](#) sees us look to build on that event and those conversations. Our hope is to see a community of men from St James church leading one another, talking together, praying together and building one another up to be greater disciples.

By putting on a series of events and growing community we long to identify, develop and release the unique gifts of each man into the life and service of the church. We want to call men out of spiritual passivity and equip them for godly influence in their homes, communities, workplaces and social groups.

Facebook and WhatsApp groups have been created for those that are technologically minded and will be starting regular updates through emails and other channels. Part of the vision is centred around the time in between the Men's events that will be put on.

We want to see the Men of St James' praying together, socialising together, supporting one another and creating space for honest conversations.

There are currently four events in the diary for [2020](#) and they are:

Monday 23rd March 7pm at St James Church

Monday 1st June 7pm (Venue to be confirmed)

Tuesday 22nd September 7pm (Venue to be confirmed)

Monday 7th December 7pm, Christmas meal (Venue to be confirmed)

Further details will be available soon. If you have any questions or would like to be added to the Facebook or WhatsApp groups then please let me know.

Thanks,

Ian

FEAR
LESS

14 MARCH 2020





All Children Can Succeed

Clitheroe St James' C.E. Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs F M Pattison BEd(Hons) NPQH

FROM THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTERS

FOREST SCHOOLS SESSIONS

All classes will be taking part in Forest School Sessions this week (3–7 February 2020) .

- Monday—Birch, Willow and Sycamore
- Tuesday—Ash, Oak and Alder
- Friday—Chestnut, Rowan, Hawthorn, Acorn and Elm



Pupils will attend age appropriate sessions including den building, fire lighting and forestry art. Please ensure your child has waterproof clothing and suitable footwear in school.

WORLD BOOK DAY— THURSDAY 5TH MARCH 2020

"Snuggle Up With A Book". For World Book day, 5th March 2020, we are asking pupils to bring in their favourite book and a cushion. There will be activities during the day to encourage children to pick up a book and read.



OAK CLASS—MATERNITY COVER

Miss Cranswick has started her Maternity Leave. We have recruited Mrs Tomlinson to cover Oak Class and she starts with us today (Monday 24th February).

BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair is visiting us from 11–17th March 2020; it will be available after school and during Parents' Evening on 12th March 2020.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

4 Mar	Parents' Evening 1630-1930
10 Mar	'Sing Together' Concert
12 Mar	Parents' Evening 1530-17-30
13 Mar	Ash Class Assembly
23-27 Mar	Balanceability—EYFS
1 Apr & 2 Apr	LKS2 Performance
3 Apr	Easter Service
6-17 Apr	Easter Holiday
30 Apr	Disco
8 May	May Day
11-14 May	KS2 SATs
25-29	May Half-term
3 July	Summer Fair
16 July	Leavers' Service
20 Jul	INSET Day
21 Jul-31 Aug	Summer Holiday
1 Sep	INSET Day
2 Sep	Back to School



Children

Our Helen has been away with the Kenya 2020 team so there is no report from her this time around.

I'm sure she'll have lots of exciting things to relate in her Children's ministry report in the April edition of Network.

Nick Schumann, Network Editor

Register

Funeral: Jack Pickup

<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p>Holy Communion 9:00am - 10:00am Family Communion 10:30am - 12:00pm Building and Finances Vision Meeting 12:00pm - 12:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm - 8:00pm Gather 7:30pm - 9:00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>Little Fishes 1:30pm - 3:00pm Freedom in Christ 7:30pm - 9:00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>Rockin 6:00pm - 7:30pm</p>	<p>Wed Comm 10:30am - 1 Deeper 7:30pm - 9: Growth Gro 7:30pm - 9:</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>Holy Communion 9:00am - 10:00am Morning Worship 10:30am - 12:00pm Youth Group 6:30pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>Little Fishes 1:30pm - 3:00pm Freedom in Christ 7:30pm - 9:00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>Rockin 6:00pm - 7:30pm PCC Meeting 7:45pm - 9:15pm</p>	<p>Wed Comm 10:30am - 1 Growth Gro 7:30pm - 9:</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>Holy Communion 9:00am - 10:00am Morning Worship 10:30am - 12:00pm Youth Group 6:30pm - 8:00pm Gather 7:30pm - 9:00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>Little Fishes 1:30pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>Rockin 6:00pm - 7:30pm CAP Money Course</p>	<p>Wed Comm 10:30am - 1 Growth Gro 7:30pm - 9:</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>Holy Communion 9:00am - 10:00am Morning Worship 10:30am - 12:00pm Youth Group 6:30pm - 8:00pm Gather 7:30pm - 9:00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>Little Fishes 1:30pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>Rockin 6:00pm - 7:30pm CAP Money Course Ministry & Leadership 7:45pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>Wed Comm 10:30am - 1 Growth Gro 7:30pm - 9:</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>Holy Week - Prayer Week 6:00am → Holy Communion 9:00am - 10:00am Morning Worship 10:30am - 12:00pm Youth Group 6:30pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p>Holy Week - Prayer Week Little Fishes 1:30pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">31</p> <p>Holy Week - Prayer Week Rockin 6:00pm - 7:30pm CAP Money Course</p>	

<p>4</p> <p>union 1:30am</p> <p>30pm</p> <p>up 00pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Friday Superheroes 4:30pm - 6:30pm</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>11</p> <p>union 1:30am</p> <p>up 00pm</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>CAP Befriender and Volunteer event 2:00pm - 3:30pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Fearless Mission 9:30am - 5:00pm</p>
<p>18</p> <p>union 1:30am</p> <p>up 00pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>C2 Leadership Safeguarding Course 6:00pm - 9:00pm</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>25</p> <p>union 1:30am</p> <p>up 00pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>TLG Training Day 8:00am - 5:30pm</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>

MARCH DIARY

CAP Money course: Can you help?

In November, we held a really successful CAP Money course, with 12 people attending the three sessions. Our next course will be running on Tuesdays 17th, 24th and 31st March.



We'd really appreciate your help in the following ways:

- **Make cake!** We'd love to bless our course delegates with homemade cake instead of bought biscuits. Could you make a cake for around 8-10 people for any of the above dates?
- **Please pray:**
 - ◇ Pray for those who've already expressed interest to turn up, and for others to sign up before the start of the course.
 - ◇ Pray for the course to act as a two-way bridge-builder between St James' and the local community.

Please contact me as soon as possible if you are able to offer help with any of the above, or would like to discuss it further: grahamhaldane@capuk.org.

Who's Who?

Rector	Mark Pickett	markwlpickett@gmail.com 07872 550 230
Operations Manager	Naomi Lynas	naomilynas@stjamesclitheroe.co.uk 07563 584 658
Children and Families Worker	Helen Potts	helenpotts@stjamesclitheroe.co.uk
Youth Minister	Lucy Skelton	lucyskelton@stjamesclitheroe.co.uk
Curate	Ian Sarginson	iansarginson@stjamesclitheroe.co.uk
Safeguarding Officer	Mark Clayton	mark.clayton66@btinternet.com 07749 232 454
Church Wardens	Mary Howarth Keith Potts	01200 427313 (Mary) keithandrewpotts@gmail.com
<u>Leadership Team</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>PCC</u>
Graham Haldane	Ruth Haldane	Mark Dyer
Ruth Haldane	Sam Johnson	Graham Haldane
Mary Howarth	Jilly MacDonald	Ruth Haldane
Sam Johnson	Duncan Tyson	Mary Howarth
Naomi Lynas	Peter Williams	Naomi Lynas (Secretary)
Della Pickett		Della Pickett
Mark Pickett		Mark Pickett (Chair)
Ian Sarginson		Dave Thornber
Dave Thornber		Sue Clark (Treasurer)
		Naomi Allen
		Mark Dowd
		Jo Pellet
		Nick Shelley
		Ellie Wood
		Janet White
Small Groups Co-ordinator	Ali Groves	grovesali@ymail.com 079350 273 334
Worship Co-ordinator	Jonathan Berry	jonathan.s.berry@gmail.com
CAP Centre Manager	Graham Haldane	

The next issue of NETWORK will be available at the end of **March**.

If there are items you want included please let us have them by **20th March** at the very latest.

Items are best submitted by e-mail direct to nick@stjamesclitheroe.co.uk as Word attachments (.doc), or as plain text (.txt) files.

They may also be submitted on pen drive or hand-written and given in at the office Please don't spend ages formatting your articles we always have to change everything to make it fit!

THANK YOU



House groups are held on various days and at various times each week (mornings, afternoons and evenings). Please speak to Ali Groves for further details.

Cell Groups for 11-18's meet at various times on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. For more information, please enquire at the Church Office on 01200 423608.

Prayers in Church (in the Garden Room) take place on the following days and times each week (unless otherwise stated in the diary): Tuesday 8.00 am, Wednesday 9.30, Sunday 9.45 am.



like us

facebook.com/pages/St-James-Church-Clitheroe



follow us

[@StJamesClitheroe](https://twitter.com/StJamesClitheroe)



sign up

for weekly email: admin@stjamesclitheroe.co.uk

**St James' Church
St James' Street
Clitheroe**

**Lancashire, BB7 1HH
Tel No : 01200 423608**

**e: admin@stjamesclitheroe.co.uk
w: www.stjamesclitheroe.co.uk
Registered Charity no:1131419**

to know Jesus and to make Jesus known