

NETWORK

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RENEWAL: PASTORAL CONNECTIONS, FRESH EXPRESSIONS AND
ECO CHURCH





After the storm

Some of you may remember the great storm of 1987, with not just trees, but whole areas of forest felled by the wind. In this and other storms you may have experienced, power lines are often down, people are without electricity and have to wait whilst teams of engineers work hard to get them reconnected.



Keeping connected

In this last year's storm of Covid, St James has endeavoured to keep you connected. We have had many teams of engineers keeping us connected. Our team of technical engineers have worked tirelessly and sacrificially, solving constant streaming issues in order to bring church into our living rooms. The team of preachers and hosts have learnt new skills and sought to creatively deliver the Good News. Worship leaders, through socially distanced groups, learning how to multi track and recording solo at home, have led us in anointed, passionate worship week by week. Small group leaders have worked out how, not just to maintain groups through zoom, but to grow relationships and care for members through a computer screen.

A core team of pastoral carers have faithfully and regularly connected with the elderly and isolated by phone calls, doorstep visits, cards, cream teas and flowers. Videos,Whatsapps, park meetings and a constant eye on the ever changing guidelines have been the unexpected role of our childrens' and youth ministers. And none of this would have been possible without the organisation, management and dogged determination of Naomi, in the church office.

Reconnecting

But as more and more powerlines seem to be being repaired in our country and we return to some form of normality, this theme of reconnection with God, Church and our brothers and sisters in Christ remains important.

It was really encouraging when, at the beginning of last summer, we asked the question whether people felt connected to God, a vast majority said that

"Why you should get off the sofa and go back to physical church"

Ryan Diaz, in a recent article for Premier Christianity, lists 3 reasons. They are:

- Corporate worship forces us to de-centre ourselves
- Corporate worship dismantles the false-self
- Corporate worship reminds us of the interconnectedness of human life.

Do go and have a read of the full article (it is quite short,) here:

<https://www.premierchristianity.com/opinion/3-reasons-why-you-should-get-off-the-sofa-and-go-back-to-physical-church/4332.article>

actually that connection had remained strong or got deeper. That's great, but it also raises the question of "why gather in person then?"

Let us guard against doing church in my time and on my terms

The storm of Covid has enabled us to connect to many new and unexpected people in new and imaginative ways. As we restore complete connection, we do not intend to lose the creative ways we have hosted services and built a bigger and more widespread on-line congregation. We also want to continue the emphasis we now have on encouraging families to do faith

together and also our outreach to children and families who are not yet Christian. You may be sick of Zoom, but it has been a surprisingly effective medium with which to engage others in faith; we are now on our fourth Alpha group and a number have returned to or begun a journey of faith. Yes, Zoom, when it is helpful, will continue to play some part in our church life together. Another aspect of mission we do not want to lose is engagement with our neighbours. Doing Christmas with Covid saw us distribute over 1000 boxes of comfort and joy and connect with those on our streets. This was followed up with valentine chocolates and Easter cards. Rather than expecting others to come to us we have gone out and taken church to them and we will continue to encourage and enable you all to do more of this.

All this is encouraging, but we are also aware that there may be some of you who have not engaged at all with Church over this last year. Online worship and small group Zooms may have not been your thing. I am sorry too, if, through our oversight, you have not been contacted by the Church, have somehow dropped off the list, or felt unsupported by the fellowship.

Checking in

And that is why over the next month or two we will be following up all those on our Church Suite database. This is not to check up on you, but to *check in* with you. Most of you will not know this is happening, as the first stage is communication, where a small group will go through the 300 plus adults on the list. In communicating together we will find people that are connected, in a small group, a whatsapp group or attendance at worship. But we will also discover those that have maybe found connection hard during this period and in checking in we want to help you in any way we can and that is appropriate for you. This includes my own prayers and time. Yes, we are a growing church, but I want all of you to know that I am available, so please contact me if you wish. I love checking in with people!

Re-evaluation

Finally, a common outcome of the last 14 months has been a personal evaluation of commitments. It is clear that many people will use this opportunity to lay down and stop activities that they were once involved in. St James' will not be immune to this and if you are one of those people who

have decided to stop serving in any capacity we honour you for your commitment and thank you for your service. However, this will mean that others will need to step up to serve if we are to continue some of our ministries. I sense that we will need to re-launch much of what we do. I pray that as we do this we will be re-inspired and re-engage many to serve. In May we celebrated Pentecost, the Church's birthday. Let us continue in thanksgiving for the outworking of God's promise that He will build His church and that He continues to build it even through Covid. In this Pentecost season, the theme for this month's Network is renewal. As you read stories of personal and church renewal in this issue I pray that I, you and the whole of St James will be renewed again as we build connection with God, each other and the community around us.

Mark Pickett, Rector, St James' Church

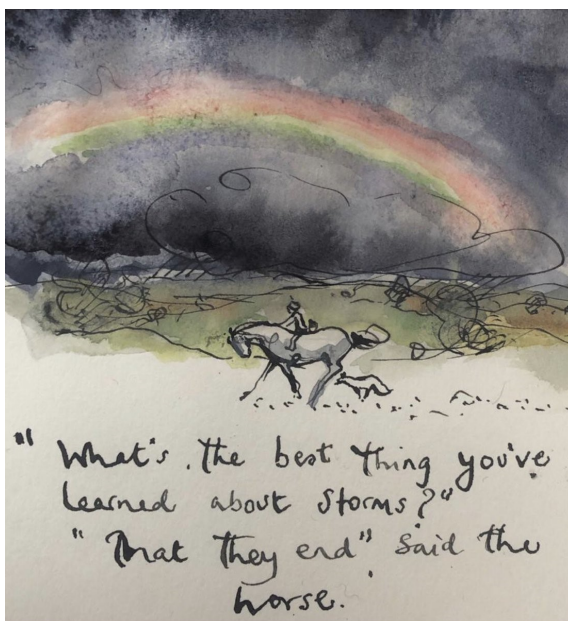



Illustration by Charlie Mackesy, author of 'The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse', one of the most inspiring books that was published during 2020.

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Resurrection brings renewal

After Ian's sermon on Easter Sunday, I was thinking about the passage in Mark 16 where the angel told the women they were looking for Jesus the Nazarene and that He was risen and not there. This poem was the result and I thought to share it with you through Network. It's as if the angel were speaking to the disciples:

*You are searching for Him,
The Nazarene of Nazareth,
From a place that you are familiar with,
A place within your own experience of seeing.
You are searching for Him in the cold cave
Of your own expectations,
With constraints that are the product of your own understanding.*

*Know, child, of His love:
He is not there.
He is the risen Messiah, Jesus,
Whose presence and leadings
Exceed and surpass all containers.
He will find you in the highways and byways.
He will come to you behind the locked doors of your own self-limitations.
He will offer His invitation and call you
The morning after the night before
To a life of following Him,
Him for whom there are no frontiers
and barriers.*

He is risen!

Jane Singer, April 2021



Building for today ... and tomorrow



One of my lockdown reads was the Kingsbridge series by Ken Follett, which chronicles the building of a fictional cathedral in the Middle Ages and the lives of those who work on the building and in the town that grows up around it. We can marvel at the architecture and skill of those master craftsmen, but we can never forget that the building is there so that we can encounter God collectively.



The whole purpose of our buildings is to facilitate worship. Churches are designed and built as an act of worship.

Over the last couple of months, as we've opened up, we've had a lot of people coming into the building who haven't ever been in before. New mums coming into Baby Fishes; people from the community coming in to family support groups and computer training sessions; prospective room hirers, and, of course, those who have come to faith through the pandemic, often through Alpha. It's been particularly interesting to me that the more 'outward' focused sessions have been better attended in-person than the Sunday worship services.

We have become really creative in how we use the space we have. Social distancing has meant we are using the main church building much more for everyday activities, including Baby Fishes and Little Fishes. Making the main

church safe for curious toddlers has been a challenge but the mums have loved being in there, with the fairy lights glowing and the huge space available. On Fridays, Lucy transforms all of the downstairs space into a youth zone, with skate ramps, table football and a PlayStation zone.



However, as we look at the building with ‘visitors eyes’ – whether that’s preparing for Gateway Counselling to come back in, or just directing people to the toilets for the fifth time in 10 minutes – we can see that things aren’t ‘quite right.’ I’m not talking about structural elements—our quinquennial survey and regular maintenance looks at that – but much more about the décor, the signage and the furnishings. Things that, if we’re not careful, can get in the way of people encountering God.

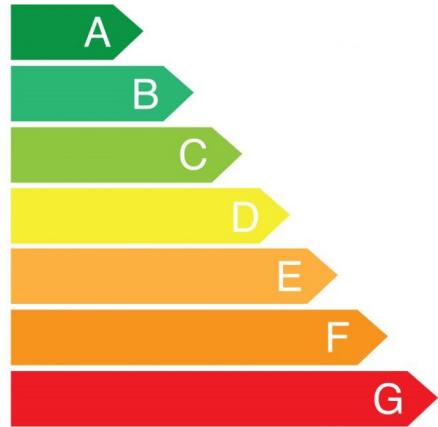
Like in our homes, we need a plan for our renewal within the existing building, and with any other future building projects. I’m pleased to share with you that the plans to refurbish the Oasis Room are moving forward. We’re also working with Gateway Counselling to refresh the décor and furnishings upstairs, making the space work better for them. I am sure that the improvements being made will hugely facilitate the groups that use that room in their acts of worship, but also their sense of community, their discipleship and our outreach. By caring for the space they use, the message becomes clear: we value you as God values you.

One of the other things we’ve been doing in the building is assessing our carbon footprint. This year, we have to declare our energy rating to the Church of England. Needless to say, churches are not very energy efficient: high ceilings, big spaces and uninsulated walls do not help!



However, the Oasis Room and the upstairs rooms do benefit from double glazing and insulation. The rating is also worked out against your usage, so busier churches which therefore need to use more heating and lighting are not judged unfairly compared to a rural church which is only used for an hour on a Sunday.

Our energy rating is high: we're rated 'E' in terms of efficiency, and you certainly wouldn't want to buy an appliance rated 'E'! It gives us a starting point, and we're putting together a plan to lower our usage where we can. The Church of England has set itself a target to become carbon-neutral by 2030, which will be a huge challenge, but at least we know where we're starting.



Finally, at the point of writing, our final offer for the purchase of Seedle's Yard has been refused. Being totally honest, I was disappointed, but it has helped me to re-focus on our vision for the building. We can lay down the 'What ifs' and focus on the need for renewal here. As part of our vision for 2022, we stated as a Leadership Team that the vision included a building that was fit for purpose. As we emerge from the pandemic, we need to be asking ourselves if our building is fit for purpose: is it a building that enables

us to connect to God, to change in response to God and to transform our community for God? If not, then renewal is essential.

Naomi Lynas, Operations Manager



Renewing 'church'

When I joined the newly formed Fresh Expressions team in the Church of England, back in 2005, little did I realise how the ten years I spent there would change my view of church. Renewal was in the air.

Many congregations and church leaders realised that what they had been doing faithfully for years didn't seem to have the same impact as once it did. Our first task was to investigate which new movements and methods of mission were leading to renewal and effective evangelism.

That was an exciting job as we saw churches being formed in village halls, schools, city-centre gyms, and amongst London-bound commuters online.



As Archbishop Rowan Williams put it, church is:

'what happens when people encounter the Risen Jesus and commit themselves to sustaining and deepening that encounter in their encounter with each other'.

It was as simple as that and, often under the radar, that seemed to be happening all over the UK.

It was an exciting ten years. Lessons were learnt and literally hundreds of new congregations sprang up here and abroad. Not all have survived, but permission was given to try new things, to break out of self-imposed strait-jackets and to reach people who would never darken the door of conventional church.

But how did my view of church change?

Two lessons stand out. Firstly what we sometimes believe is a God-given shape or model of church is often something we have imposed on the God-given essence of church. Rowan Williams sums up that essence in the quote above. How complicated we sometime make it.



And secondly, rather than the Fresh Expressions team having to lead or pioneer or cajole, we simply had to look at how the Holy Spirit was already bringing renewal, join in, and encourage others to do the same. It more often than not felt like riding on the crest of a spiritual wave.

So, where are the signs of renewal in your life, in your friendships or professional circles, in the place you live or in the cultures you inhabit? Is God saying to you, keep it simple, start here, see what the Holy Spirit is doing already and join in? That might just be the key to experiencing the power of spiritual renewal, right here, right now.

Norman Ivison



Encountering the Holy Spirit

For most of my life I was a “comfortable atheist”, but then I had an encounter with the Holy Spirit. This started a long transformation process, during which I began to understand how far short I was from the version of me that God created. Being a “do-er”, I tried my utmost to live up to how a Christian man should live. I kind of got it partly right, especially in public, but it is hard work to change the habits of a lifetime that have their roots in events that happened in my past.

For some years, my wife Vicky has been part of healing ministries, initially at the Healing Rooms in Clitheroe and more recently on the Sozo team at St James' Church. Guided by the Holy Spirit, and with the help of Vicky's knowledge of the Sozo methods, I have started to address the unwholesome roots of my issues, some of which I didn't even realise I had! Initially I was nervous that the process would make more demands of me than I could give, but I was wrong. It is gentle, and the results are quite liberating. I feel a freedom now that I have never had in all my 62 years.

I believe that renewal is an ongoing process. The Holy Spirit has helped me to break down some of the defensive and protective habits that I inadvertently put in place to protect me, but actually ended up imprisoning me.

Mark Dowd

Learning to rely on God's strength

I definitely had a sense of renewal when I went to King's Highway the other year. By that I mean it was the first time that I really learnt to rely on God's everlasting strength and love for me. Up to that point I think I had always lived out my life and faith in my own strength - which needless to say has its limits.

Andrew Stevens



Finding joy in personal renewal

For me, renewal is an on-going process. There is always more to understand and more challenges God asks me to look at. In the renewing of my mind, I am asked to look at every aspect of my own life (not necessarily all at once!). Whether exciting or scary or downright petrifying, I am asked to look. There are times when I feel shame and sorrow, but God continues to ask me to look.

Sometimes it's difficult, sometimes it seems to ask more than I feel I have to give, but it's always rewarding and always helping me to grow - and there's always a delight in knowing both God and myself better.

I re-read Psalm 1 recently. Try it yourself:

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night.

That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither – whatever they do prospers. (Ps 1:1-3)

There is joy in obedience, taking delight in walking in his ways in all we do, all we think and all we are. Every step forward in being renewed shifts us, it changes us. We know more hope, love, forgiveness (you know the lists) and this new life will bear fruit not only in our own lives, but will impact in the lives of others.

Renewal asks us to make choices. God will continue to ask us to change: to be more loving and caring, to be more generous and supportive, to encourage and to be thankful.

As Psalm 1 goes on there are different choices to make, which lead to a different life. We all make choice, sometime right ones, sometimes wrong one, but our loving, faithful God will continue to offer us choices and ask us to change.

Mary Paige



Hungry for renewal

There are many different meanings for renewal, each with different strengths and emphases.

Renewal meaning resume

This brings to mind library books and getting them returned and renewed to finish them off before a dreaded library fine. There is no great renewal or new start. A new book rather than a renewed book might bring a thrilling, joyful new start, but not necessarily a renewal.



Renewal meaning refresh and resurface

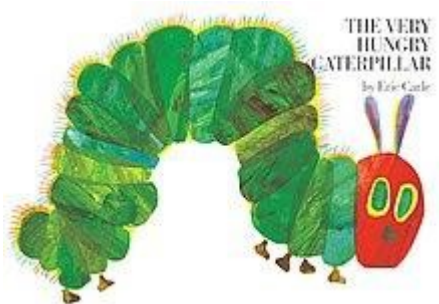
Now this is more like it! Maybe like plants in spring after a winter of dormancy. Before the pandemic hit, God was nudging me and speaking to me in certain areas of kids' and families' ministry. As we start to open up and do more face to face work again God is nudging me to refresh my memory on the things He has said. These words and nudges are resurfacing and I am praying and reflecting on them.

- * To be outward in hospitality, to takes God hospitality out of the building.
- * To consider family congregations, to ensure these offer community families the opportunity not just to connect with church but to connect with God and be changed by God.

Renewal meaning regenerate

This reminds me of one of my favourite children's books, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. Its creator Eric Carle has just died. Eric Carle talks about the success of the story being due to its message of hope. The caterpillar isn't renewed, it is rejuvenated and transformed, and its change to a butterfly is joyful and liberating. How exciting!

As with all caterpillars, The Very Hungry Caterpillar can't stay as a caterpillar forever, it has to grow up and grow wings. It has to change, to be renewed to step into its purpose, which is of course to multiply and produce more eggs, to become caterpillars etc.



For me this is an image of my hope for kids' and families' ministry: that I will be obedient to nudges and words from God and that the kids and families' ministry will be regenerated, not just renewed like a library book!

I hope the pandemic has been like the pupa stage. The chrysalis doesn't look very exciting, looks a bit dead and lifeless, might not even be noticed for its camouflage, but it has the vital role of fueling the transformation to beautiful vibrant butterfly. So my hope is that God has used this unprecedented period of time to prepare me and others and that his wonderful Holy Spirit will transform parts of my ministry to be even more joyful and life giving to those who engage with those ministries.

Here are three beautiful butterflies!



Baby Fishes and Little Fishes

Wow! This has grown and regenerated! From one afternoon group of 20 families, we now have between 45 and 60 families visiting on a Monday. We have split into Baby Fishes and Little Fishes to try and meet the demand for encouragement and support. The challenge now is to make sure that in increased numbers we don't lose individual support, love and encouragement. It's so much harder to remember names and background stories. What a challenge to share God's love and good news with these mums and carers. We are hoping to start a mid-week group called 'Soul Food' as a place for mums to talk about faith.



Rockin

Rockin hasn't grown in size, but it feels relationships have grown, that for each child that comes there has been a deepening of the relationships with that child's family and Rockin leaders - through the blessing bags that were delivered, but also because we have created team bubbles that have allowed children to develop strong relationships with their team leaders. The Rockin team are amazing, everyone is willing to lead games and lead stories. We have a team of leaders, which is amazing!



Family Faith

The pandemic has led to a growth in family faith. Our church families have loved doing faith together at home, which is how God intended children to be discipled. Our amazing church families are just awesome!

Forest Church has really helped. It has been a wonderful place to connect with God, by connected with his creation. Families have led activities, have talked together about faith and prayed together. For me personally, and with families, we have found being outside, whatever the weather, an inspiring place to worship and pray. It is so much more beautiful than the greatest cathedral! Just being under trees and sky make your heart worship! The next step is to see family faith as part of church services and to provide opportunities to encourage families and for them to inspire each other.

Helen Potts, Children and Families Minister

Curate's corner kick



On **Sunday 13th June** we will be hosting a Euro 2021 family fun day.

Starting at Midday there will be colouring competitions, treasure hunts, quizzes and other activities.

There will be a BBQ serving Hot dogs and Burgers. There will be a selection of drinks available. (Feel free to bring your own additional snacks)

At **2pm** we will be streaming **England v Croatia** in the main hall.

The event will be fully compliant with social distancing guidelines

Cost: £3 per person



[Book for Sunday](#)
[13th June](#)



New wineskins

What does renewal mean for me? It's about taking off the old, and putting on the new. It's about not putting my faith in old wine skins, which leak and rot, but creating new ones. It's about constantly learning and growing in God, and realising when I need to let go of something, and when I need to step out in faith. It's about seeking God's will - Romans 12:2 says:

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will".

As with many of us, I can look back on good times and rocky times in my life as a Christian. I remember having a crisis of faith whilst I was at university – did God really love me, did Jesus die for me, or was it all just a story? As I met with my pastor, he asked me if I still believed there was a God – which I did. He encouraged me that I had a flicker of flame of faith, and to let that grow and burn within me. I did, and found a renewed faith of my own – realising how much I had depended on my parents' faith rather than my own personal faith.

And as I grew in the love of God, building faith and character, I started to express my faith differently from my childhood days, and experienced even more renewal of myself, my faith and God working in my life, through the move of the Holy Spirit through the Charismatic movement.

I could talk about many times where I have been in rocky situations, when God has held me, and I have eventually emerged with a renewed, and sometimes changed, faith. When our son Jon died in a tragic accident at aged 20, I could only say, I believe there is a God, but no more. Out of this has come a renewed faith, over years, that has a better understanding of the Holy Spirit as comforter, of God as Father, of Jesus as loving me and strengthening me at the times when I have nothing to give. I am not the same as I was – that doesn't mean that what went before or is now wasn't right, but as we go through things, and learn and grow, if we allow him God will renew our minds, our faith and we can step forward once again knowing that we are walking with God, and he never, ever, lets us go.

As we all move forward out of Covid19, I for one don't want to go back to where I was – I want to be open to God renewing my mind, helping to shed the old and put on the new where that is right, and to be led by his Holy Spirit in all that God has for me in the future. I hope you will too.

Ruth Haldane

Even Covid brings renewal

My renewal experience that is it's great to be back at church with the church family. Although somewhat different, it's a new way of having time with God and praying. Just a shame we can't sing at the moment! Covid19 has opened many new doors for worship and how we conduct our church services. Many new ways and things have opened up, especially for the elderly and housebound who can't make it to church. They can now watch a service online and join in on Zoom meetings. So God has had his hand in many changes!

Colin Wrighton

Stop Press: Walking to Kenya



Supporters of Christian Aid in the Ribble Valley have been recording their walking miles during May, and have now 'virtually' arrived in Kenya! Almost £1000 has been raised, as well as awareness of the impact of climate change in Kenya. A group of those from St James' who've already visited Eldoret walked 1616 Km between them.

Are you inspired to share your story?

*Why not send us your contributions for inclusion in future issues of Network?
Lots of 'micro-testimonies' would be great!*

Email: gchaldane@gmail.com



Eco swaps: small changes add up

A couple of years ago, along with many people, I became more aware of the problems of plastic pollution and climate change. These issues have been a problem for years, but they were suddenly brought more to our attention through social media and various television programmes such as *War On Plastic* and David Attenborough's documentary series. After watching these and reading some of Ruth Valerio's books on living a more environmentally friendly life as a Christian, I felt encouraged to bring about change in the way that I lived my life, so I decided to start by reducing my own and my household's use of plastic.

What impact can I make?

I joined a Facebook group called *Plastic-less Lent* for inspiration where the members of the group would share ideas for reducing day-to-day plastic use. I gained many ideas for swaps I could make to reduce my household's plastic use. There were so many ideas for reducing plastic, but also about living a more eco-friendly life in general. As I learned more of the negative impact that plastic is having on our environment and all the worrying information about climate change that seemed to be coming at us, I felt that it was all rather overwhelming – the problems are so big. How can little old me and my small family make any sort of impact or difference?



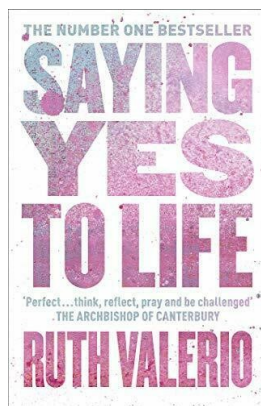
One step at a time

I knew that I couldn't achieve it all at once so I decided to make a list of plastic swaps that I would like to achieve. Some swaps were simple and didn't impact us much financially, but others would involve more effort or expense, so I knew they couldn't be achieved immediately. I decided to take one at a time. I started off with small actions like making sure that I took my reusable shopping bags to the supermarket and not using the thin plastic bags to buy loose fruit and veg. I remember feeling a little embarrassed as the checkout assistant wiped the conveyor belt clean after bits of my broccoli broke off onto it as the customer behind watched on. One checkout lady asked me if there were no bags left to bag my loose fruit and veg. I told her that I intentionally didn't take the bags as I was trying to reduce my plastic use. "Oh, ok!" came the reply! Another awkward moment came when I ordered a take away then asked if I could bring my own containers for him to fill. He couldn't understand why I would want to do such a thing! But in having these (sometimes awkward) conversations we can make people think and instigate change. Subsequent takeaways from the same place then came in paper bags instead of plastic ones. I like to think that I helped that change to come about!

Over time I added to the list some other changes I could make to live a more environmentally friendly life in general – things like making sure we used a green energy supplier or using environmentally friendly cleaning products. Again, some things were easy to change and others would take more effort or financial investment and I knew that it would take time to be able to achieve these.

Making progress

I hadn't looked at the list I made for some time until I recently joined a homegroup at St James' and the first book we decided to study was Ruth Valerio's book *Saying Yes To Life*. Whilst revisiting this book, I was reminded of the list that I had made a few years previously. I looked back at the list on my phone and was amazed, and very encouraged, to realise just how many of the swaps and lifestyle changes I had aspired to those few years ago that I had actually achieved and were now part of our daily life. They seemed like



such big changes at the time, but now they are normal to us.

I don't claim to be doing it all perfectly – very far from it! But I see it as a journey – one step at a time. Little steps, repeated over time, can make big changes. So please don't let thoughts of “it's all too big a problem, where would I start?” or “would what I do even make a difference?” stop you from making those changes – they all add up!

Mairi Cheesman

Plastic swaps the Cheesman's have made:

- Reusable shopping bags
- Avoid plastic bags for fruit and veg
- Use own containers/bags for takeaways
- Beeswax wraps instead of cling film
- Reusable coffee cups for takeaway coffees (when I remember to take them!)
- Refillable water bottles/flasks
- Getting milk delivered in glass bottles
- Refillable shower gel
- Using soap instead of hand wash
- Reusable cotton face wipes
- Plastic-free deodorant which is refillable
- Recycled toilet paper in recycled packaging
- Trying to buy items that are not in plastic; opting for items in cardboard/glass/without packaging or are made from recycled plastic or in packaging that can be recycled
- Also, reuse and recycle plastic as much as possible

Other swaps/changes include:

- Switching to a Green energy supplier
- Using environmentally friendly household cleaners and refilling them
- Home compost
- Reusing and recycling as much as possible
- A fuel efficient car
- Buying second hand clothes/items

Things still to do:

- Install a water butt
- Buy a guppy bag which catches microfibers from laundry in the washing machine
- Change to an electric car (a longer term aim)

Introducing 'Creation Care'

As Naomi mentioned in her article earlier in this issue, as a church we are looking at our responsibilities in relation to climate change. This is not just because the Church of England has set a target to become carbon neutral. It's because we are realising more and more our responsibility for the creation God has given us, and his mission to renew and restore the whole of creation.



We're conducting an assessment against the '**Eco Church**' criteria, and there will be some 'quick wins' we can aim for to help us achieve 'Bronze Eco Church' status by the end of 2021. If you'd like to be involved, please contact Graham Haldane at gchaldane@gmail.com.

Hand in hand with this, we'd love it if individuals, couples and families could do their own household assessment using the questionnaire available from the Christian charity '**Creation Care**'. There are seven categories:

- Worship & prayer (Forest Church helps here!!)
- Home
- Garden
- Travel
- Food
- Possessions
- Community & Global Engagement.

Please go to www.creationcare.org, create an account (selecting 'St James' Church, Clitheroe' as your church), then start completing the questionnaire.

Answer the questions honestly for where you are now, not where you'd like to be. Don't worry if you come out lower than you expected—it gives you something to aim for! But equally, you might be surprised how many changes you've made already. And why not talk about the issues raised with the rest of your household or family. What specific changes on the list could be your next steps or 'eco swaps'?

Our Social Justice and Climate Change Group has been piloting this, and so far the following families have achieved Bronze Creation Care recognition:

- Mairi & Sam Cheesman
- Graham & Ruth Haldane
- Naomi & Tim Lynas
- Wendy & Neil Richardson
- Debbie & Andy Smith

We look forward to your family joining us!

Graham Haldane



Introducing ... the Cheesmans

During the last year or more, there are new people who have joined our church community, but you might just not have registered or met with them yet due to rarely meeting together.

One new family are the Cheesmans, now living in Langho. Mairi wrote the article on 'Eco Swaps' in this issue, and Sam preached in our services on Sunday 30th May. Sam is the Bishop's Chaplain (to Bishop Julian) and is originally from Northern Ireland, while Mairi is from East Kilbride in Scotland.

You are most likely to have met them and their daughter, Lydia, if you've been to Forest Church.



Actions from this issue:

- Getting back to 'church': Read Ryan Diaz' article
- Castle Park Litter Pick: Turn up to help on 12th June at 2pm
- Euro 2021: Register for the event on 13th June
- Eco Church: Volunteer to help with some quick wins
- Creation Care: Complete your household/family assessment
- Encouraging each other: Share your story for a future Network
- Renewal: Pray for a fresh move of the Holy Spirit in our lives individually, as a church in Clitheroe and in the wider community.

From the Register

Funerals George Spencer (age 4)

Our condolences go to George's family and the St James' School community

WELCOME

*What's on each week?***Sunday**
9.00am**9am Service**

In person only; St James Church

Sunday
10.30am**St James Live**

St James Church and YouTube

Wednesday
10.30am**Wednesday Communion**

St James Church and YouTube

**Kids and
Families****Baby Fishes: Mondays, 9.30
and 11.15am**

St James Church

Little Fishes: Mondays, 1.30*from 12th April - details TBC***Rockin: Tuesdays, 6-7.30pm**

St James Church (Years 2-6)

*from 12th April - details TBC***Youth****Younger Youth: Tuesdays,
7-8.30pm****Older Youth: Wednesdays,
7.30pm-9pm**

Both St James Church

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as a Word attachment (.doc), or a plain text (.txt) file. Don't worry about formatting, as we will have to adjust items to fit the page.

THANK YOU



We love our **small groups** in St James Church. They are a great for discipleship, fellowship and prayer. Groups are now beginning to meet in person again as restrictions ease. Please contact Ali Groves if you would like to be linked with a group.

Helen and Lucy are continuing to support and encourage our **children** and **youth** during this time. Please contact them to see what activities/groups would be most suitable.

Prayers Opportunities

Have you looked at the Virtual Prayer Spaces on our website yet? Try these as a way of communicating with God and praying for others at this time.

<https://www.stjamesclitheroe.co.uk/virtualprayerspace>



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