

**Home
Groups**

Groups meet at No 17 on Sunday evening @ 6.30pm, on Tuesday afternoon @ 1.30pm & also on Wednesday afternoon @ 1.30pm (studies in January shall explore Baptism and the Lord's Supper). For more details on our Home Groups speak to Andy Wood.

Prayer

We meet to pray on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm:
2nd January, Praying with the Gideons (at Pauline's), Geoff to lead.
9th January, 'Looking back, looking forward' (at Diane and Becky's), Andy to lead.
16th January, 'Persecuted church in Nepal, Eritrea and Vietnam' (at Beth and Geoff's), Geoff to lead.
23rd January, 'World Mission' (at David Wood's), Steve to lead.
Week commencing 27th January, prayer triplets meet this week - 'Preaching, teaching, worship and prayer'.

Leaders

The elders meet to pray every Wednesday morning at 8am & for business on 15th of January at 9.30 am (at David's).
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**Dates for
the diary**

Please note there will be no Home Group meetings from Tuesday 25th December to January 2nd January (inclusive).
New Year's Day Walk - meet Roundhay Park 10.30am, soup at Geoff and Beth's to follow (details from Jimmy and Michelle).

January 2019

January 6th, 10.30am

Paul Thomson will be preaching on
Mark 2:1-12.

January 13th, 10.30am,

Michael Luehrmann will be preaching on
Mark 2:23 - 3:12.
The service will include communion.

January 20th, 10.30am,

Andy Wood will be preaching on
Mark 4:35-41.

January 27th, 10.30am,

Dave Stone will be preaching on
Mark 5.

Communion - Kebede, Notices - Andy Wood.
Co-ordinator - David Scott
Requests for intercessory prayer to be given to Andy Wood.

1 Timothy 1:15 New International Version (NIV)

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.

Paul claims that his statement of the gospel is reliable (“a trustworthy saying”), universal (it “deserves full acceptance”), historical (“Christ Jesus came into the world”), liberating (“to save sinners”), and personal (“I am the worst”, because once the Holy Spirit convicts us of sin, we give up all odious comparisons).

I can never hear or read these words without thinking of Thomas Bilney, or “little Bilney” as he was called on account of his small stature. Elected 1520 a Fellow of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, he was searching for peace but could not find it. But at last he wrote:

‘I chanced upon this sentence of St. Paul (O most sweet and comfortable sentence to my soul!) in 1 Timothy 1. ‘It is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be embraced, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am the chief and principal.’ This one sentence, through God’s instruction and inward working...did so exhilarate my heart, being before wounded with the guilt of my sins, and being almost in despair, that even immediately I seemed unto myself inwardly to feel a marvelous comfort and quietness, insomuch that ‘my bruised bones leaped for joy’ (Psalm 51). After this, the Scripture began to be more pleasant unto me than the honey or the honeycomb....

Bilney’s most notable convert was Hugh Latimer, who later became the popular preacher of the English Reformation. Latimer greatly admired the courage with which Bilney went to the stake for his evangelical faith; he referred to him in his sermons as “Saint Bilney”.

John Stott, Through the Bible Through the Year, Monarch Books, Oxford (2006), p. 156

Old things are passed away, John Newton.

1. Let worldly minds the world pursue,
It has no charms for me;
Once I admired its trifles too,
But grace hath set me free.

2. Its pleasures can no longer please,
Nor more content afford;
Far from my heart be joys like these,
Now I have seen the LORD.

3. As by the light of op’ning day
The stars are all conceal’d;
So earthly pleasures fade away,
When JESUS is revealed.

4. Creatures no more divide my choice,
I bid them all depart;
His name, His love, and gracious voice,
Have fix’d my roving heart.

5. Now, LORD, I would be thine alone,
And wholly live to thee;
But may I hope that thou wilt own
A worthless worm, like me?

6. Yes! tho’ of sinners I’m the worst,
I cannot doubt thy will;
For if thou hadst not lov’d me first
I had refus’d thee still.

Church Rota - January

Date	Children's Item	Crèche helper	Inter. Prayer	Refreshments
6th	Geoff	Becky	Beth	Michelle/Diane
13th		Michelle	Sue Ayano	Beth
20th	Pauline	Elke	Pauline	Jimmy/David
27th		Becky	Steve	Sue Ayano