

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care is a vital part of Gateway family life and we want to be there for you. Your first point of contact will always be your Life Group Leaders.

Life Groups are held in our homes where we come together as a church family to learn, to grow, to fellowship and to share.



If you are not part of a Life Group and would like to know more, please contact the church office for more details.



Carers

If you have any issues you would like to discuss, need help, advice, assistance with completion of Benefit forms and Appeals or support at Tribunals please contact David and Denise through the Church Office (01454 322616 option 0) and we will do our best to help you.

We are also available to pray with you and "just to listen" and will respect your privacy.

David and Denise

Prime Time

...an opportunity for all over 50s to spend quality time together

Every other Tuesday at 2:00pm

Speak to Don or Doreen for more details



Exciting things are happening with the Children's work

There will be:

- 1st Sunday: Connection
- 2nd Sunday: Ignition
- 3rd Sunday: Connection
- Last Sunday: Family Sunday

Please Contact the church if interested.

Alpha

Commencing Tuesday 12 March



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To the Gateway family

What's the best gift you've ever given? I'm sure that a lot of us can think of great gifts we've received, but what about good gifts we've given?

When we give gifts to people we love and care about, we try to give them something we think they want, don't we? I think very few of us, would buy a present for someone and not care whether they liked it or not, or whether they want it or not. No, when we give gifts and presents, most of the time, they are gifts that we think they want to receive.

Not long ago, I was reading through the book of Malachi.

God tells us in the book of Malachi about how some priests in the Old Testament gave sub-standard sacrifices as an offering (basically, a gift), in Chapter 1:6-14. We don't bring animals to sacrifice anymore because Jesus is the One Perfect Sacrifice for us, Who has fulfilled the Law on our behalf! But the question is still a good one to ask ourselves – What am I bringing?

Romans 12:1-2 says, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

As people who love and follow Jesus, we can't let ourselves live lives in accordance with the way the world thinks and acts. We've been saved for a greater purpose than simply holding to ways of thinking that don't bring life. We've been saved and are being transformed to live lives of worship to God; living unreservedly for Him and living in the fullness of life that comes only through knowing Him. As we do this and offer ourselves daily and completely to the call of laying down our lives before Him and living for Him, we will see Him move in amazing and powerful ways in our lives.

So this year, let's be people who are unashamed to lay our lives before Jesus and who are committed to living for Him in every area of our lives, bringing them daily before Him to be used however He wants.

God bless

Pastor Daniel Whittaker