

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' SUPPORT

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



Please Contact the church if interested.



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To the Gateway family

Isaiah 60:1-3

"Arise, shine; for your light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon you, and his glory shall be seen upon you. And the Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising."

I remember driving up the road to Ballymena. I can remember where I was on the motorway when I prayed to God for vision for my life, for more than the 'rat race' had to offer. I didn't really do anything beyond cry out to God and cry would be an exaggeration.....

6 months later I'm on my way to Brazil (for 2 weeks, a life-changing experience).... over a year later I was on my way back to Brazil....

1 year, a month and a day later, I'm getting married to Rebeca in Manaus in the Amazon.

Without going into all the details, it was an accelerated time of spiritual growth in my life, there was a massive increase in hunger for the things of God. As I look back, I can see how God set up situations and circumstances to prepare me for the 'good works' He had already lined up in advance. How awesome is our God!

The men of Issachar (1 Chronicles 12:32) knew the times and seasons that they lived in.

Presently we seem to be in such a tremendous season of invitation; invitation from God to experience HIM in a deeper way than before. Invitation to drink afresh.

I am reminded that Jesus was the expression of God (Hebrews 1:3). Yet the Jewish clergy couldn't accept Him as He didn't fit their 'box'.

As I look back on my life, I can only say, God has been faithful, God has taken care of me, God has worked all things out for good. God is completely worthy of all our trust.

Trust HIM, with all of your life, step into the 'current' of HIS sovereignty and allow HIM to lead you into the more, into the abundance, into the overflow that HE has made you for!

The first steps might seem insignificant.... but they are the ones that position you for the more..... as God would say, "don't despise the small beginnings" (Zechariah 4:10), it is time to arise and shine.

God's richest blessings

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