

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



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.



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To the Gateway family

God has things lined up for you today! It's the truth

Today once again I was on a mission, things to do, objectives to fulfil. One of the things I've learnt to do (maybe it is because I go at 100mph – not literally) is breathe in, invite God into 'my' day and be willing to fulfil HIS will whatever that might look like. Some days I'm good at it... others not so much.

I was walking over a flyover and a homeless man had positioned himself on the walkway. I was motoring and had no intention of getting into a conversation, out of the man's mouth came 'any change'. In my mind that's an easy answer 'no' and a truthful answer as any change I had was in the parking meter and I had no change in pockets. But what caught me was the accent. He most definitely was from Northern Ireland.

You know when you've got that split second decision to make, to engage or not to engage. Not engaging would be so much easier. BUT, there it was, that little almost imperceptible tug of the Holy Spirit. I asked him where he was from, and we exchanged a quick conversation. He'd served in the army..... I'd put him in his 60's but that doesn't mean he isn't in his 50's. I explained I had no change but we said our hellos and goodbyes in all civility.

As I said, I was on a mission. I arrived, did what I had to do and was leaving. I had a look in the area for a place to buy a sandwich, juice, a Mars but to no avail. I don't tend to give money to homeless people... but I felt I should. What is good? I had a tenner.....

On returning to the flyover I wondered if the man would still be there. He was; I handed him a tenner (I won't go into the conversations I had with God over that but Proverbs 19:17 "He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord, And He will pay back what he has given" came to mind, so I went with it). His eyes lit up! I slept on the streets last night he said but that'll pay the hostel tonight he exclaimed. We had a chat, he'd studied theology at Queen's University Belfast, he asked me what I did, I told him a minister with a dental degree.... We both laughed.

We shared and laughed a little together. Talked about God and faith and as we went, I asked if I could pray for him. Rob answered yes! We prayed together and said goodbye again. With tears running down his cheeks Rob thanked me once again.

In Ephesians 2:10 God says that we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. I love it when I walk in the good God works that HE has prepared. Without a shadow of a doubt, I miss a lot of them but what a privilege to be HIS ambassadors into a hurting and broken world.

Keep on being sensitive to the Holy Spirit, encourage one another with your God stories, let's be iron sharpening iron as we live unashamedly for the King of Kings.

Much love

Pastor Marty & Rebecca