

ASSOCIATE MINISTER'S LETTER ...

This term, as a Church Family, we are going to be looking at what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. A disciple, someone who not only follows and hopes to learn from but also someone whose goal is to become like their teacher, in our case Jesus. The creator invites us into a relationship of constant communication and to be transformed by His presence. The trouble is that's not something we're familiar with when we start out on our journey and all too often we slip back into our old familiar habits. But all is not lost, there is always an invitation to pick ourselves up and continue on the journey.

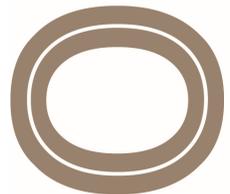
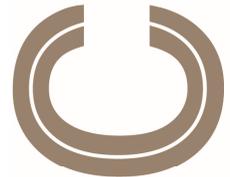
I'm writing this whilst on a train to London ... that place where I'm from. It struck me that our journey of discipleship is like a journey home, a journey back to our roots, back to that original relationship that God had planned for us. Granted it's not as quick as a train ride, for many of us it's a journey that



is long and can be painful as we face parts of ourselves that are less like Jesus and allow Him to

transform us. But it is a journey that we are not alone on; we have the Master Teacher traveling with us and also one another to give peer support and encouragement. Within education there is lots of evidence that the best ways students learn is by practice and learning with, and teaching, peers. God knew what He was doing when He gave us each

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other to travel the journey with. We may be at different points of the journey; some of us may be exploring about Jesus, trying to find out more about who He is, some of us may be growing in our relationship with Him and learning about the practices which will help us sustain and grow our relationship, some of us may be developing in that daily relationship and others may be working on completely surrendering each part of our lives to Him. Wherever we are on that journey we are called to practice our discipleship together and to encourage one another.

There is a story about some farmers in Midwest America who tie ropes from their back door to their barns in preparation for severe blizzards. This is because blizzards can be so disorientating that people can freeze to death only a few metres from their door because they are lost. The rope is there to guide them home, letting go of the rope can be disastrous. Some of the spiritual practices of discipleship that we will look at over this term, such as growing in prayer and engaging with Scripture, can become like that rope for us. They will help us to grow our relationship with Jesus, develop that intimacy with Him and transform us more into His likeness. But they will also provide that rope, that anchoring point, when the circumstances of life bring challenges.

Can I encourage us all to prayerfully consider where we are on the journey of discipleship, to consider where we would like to get to and as we learn together can I encourage you to consider what steps might help you to deepen your relationship with our creator God and Father and our Saviour Jesus, knowing that the Holy Spirit will be guiding us on this journey? Can I encourage us to cheer each other on in this?



Lesley Currie



Mondays 3rd and 17th June 2019

12.30pm in the Prayer Room at CONNECT

A time of silence together with the collective intention of listening for what God is saying to us personally and for the community. After the silence there will be a short time of sharing and praying together.

All Saints' Church - Marple

SUNDAY	2	8.30am 10.15am 6.00pm	HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) Preacher: <i>Patrick Regan</i> MORNING WORSHIP Preacher: <i>Patrick Regan</i> ENGAGE SERVICE
Monday	3	12.30pm	THE LISTENING HOUR at CONNECT
Tuesday	4	8.00pm	“CELEBRATE RECOVERY” at CONNECT
Wednesday	5	7.00pm	PROSPECTS in the Foyer
Thursday	6	2.30pm	EVERGREEN SERVICE in Church
SUNDAY	9	8.30am 10.15am	HOLY COMMUNION (CW) Preacher: <i>Daniel Currie</i> MORNING WORSHIP Preacher: <i>Daniel Currie</i> (NO EVENING SERVICE)
Tuesday	11	8.00pm	“CELEBRATE RECOVERY” at CONNECT
SUNDAY	16	8.30am 10.15am	HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) Preacher: <i>Daniel Currie</i> HOLY COMMUNION Preacher: <i>Daniel Currie</i> (NO EVENING SERVICE)
Monday	17	12.30pm	THE LISTENING HOUR at CONNECT
Tuesday	18	8.00pm	“CELEBRATE RECOVERY” at CONNECT
Thursday	20	2.30pm	EVERGREEN COMMUNION SERVICE in Church
SUNDAY	23	8.30am 10.15am 4.00pm	HOLY COMMUNION (CW) Preacher: <i>Keith Wood</i> MORNING WORSHIP & BAPTISM Preacher: <i>Keith Wood</i> STANDING COMMITTEE in the Vicarage (NO EVENING SERVICE)
Tuesday	25	8.00pm	“CELEBRATE RECOVERY” at CONNECT
Wednesday	26	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION in the Prayer Room followed by Home Communion
SUNDAY	30	8.30am 10.15am 6.00pm	HOLY COMMUNION (CW) Preacher: <i>Hej Alston</i> MORNING WORSHIP Preacher: <i>Hej Alston</i> BEREAVEMENT SERVICE Preacher: <i>Daniel Currie</i>

(BCP = Book of Common Prayer / CW = Common Worship)

St Paul's Church - Strines

Sunday	2	10.30am	MORNING WORSHIP Preacher: <i>Keith Frost</i>
Sunday	9	10.30am	MORNING WORSHIP Preacher: <i>Keith Frost</i>
Tuesday	11	2.00pm	BOOK GROUP
Sunday	16	10.30am	MORNING WORSHIP Preacher: <i>Martin Makin</i>
Sunday	23	10.30am	HOLY COMMUNION & BAPTISMS Preacher: <i>Daniel Currie</i>
Tuesday	25	2.00pm	KNIT & NATTER
Sunday	30	10.30am	MORNING WORSHIP Preacher: <i>Martin Palmer</i>

WEEKLY EVENTS

Mondays ... 2.00pm GUITAR GROUP

Thursdays ... 10.30am “POP IN” for coffee and chat until 12Noon





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