



Life Church



Doncaster September 2019

What's On This Month

Sunday 29th September - The Church AGM will be held as part of our worship service on Sunday morning.

During the month of September and partly into October (6 weeks) we will be gathering together as a church to pray for God's Kingdom to come in power.

We will be meeting at the Community Centre in Edenthorpe to pray, 7:30-8:30pm on the following dates:

Thursday 5th, 19th September and 3rd October

Please listen out for details on where and when we will be praying in the weeks in-between those dates.

September sees the beginning of a new academic year and the recommencement of our Treasure Kids clubs in Edenthorpe, Kirk Sandall and Stainforth, together with our youth outreach in Edenthorpe on Friday evenings. Please pray for all our clubs and all the children who attend and their families. Pray this year we will see significant numeric growth in the number of children who attend our clubs, a significant increase in the volunteers who work with these children and also a greater level of connection with all their families ... Praying for salvations. Praying for advancement of the Kingdom of God.

Please pray for all our schools too across Doncaster and for myself and Daniel in particular who will be working within some of the schools. Pray also for Youth for Christ as they take up the calling of reaching the teenagers in our town. *Les*

Usual Weekly Programme

Sunday Morning Service 10.00am-12:00 noon

...with GIG* for children aged 5-13 & Tiddlywinks for pre-school children.

Mid-Week Life Groups usually 7.30-9.00pm, different venues and times. Please ask for details.

Wednesday Treasure Kids Club Edenthorpe 4.00-5.30pm, in term-time, free for children ages 5-11.

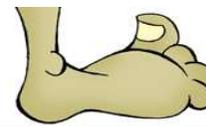
Thursday Treasure Kids Club, at the Assembly Hall, Dentons Green Lane, Kirk Sandall 4.15-5.30pm during term time; for children age 5-11, free admission.

Friday Treasure Kids Club at the Community Resource Centre, Church Road, Stainforth, 4.30-5.45pm in term time; for children age 5-11, free admission.

Friday Youth Group (age 11-18) at the Community Centre, term-time, 7.30-8.45pm

* Growing in God, which is what all of us are created to do ☺

Footnote



"We have a responsibility to pass the baton of faith to the next generation."

Christine Caine

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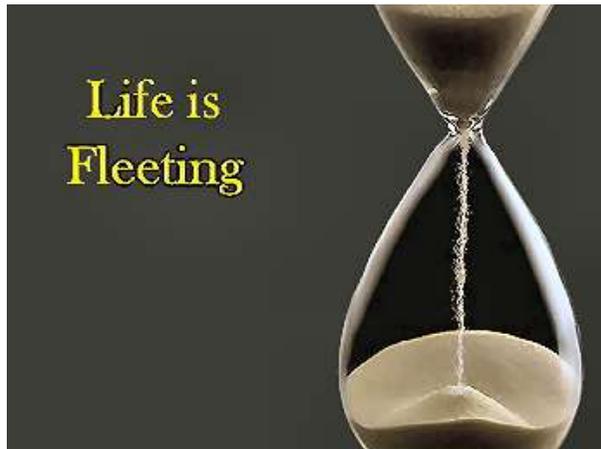
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“Jesus saves” - what’s your story?

There’s a recent fad - “craze” would be too strong a word - fuelled by social media, for children to hide books in public places for others to find. ‘Look for a Book’ is about leaving something for someone else to find and benefit from. Sadly some of these books will probably remain lost and some will be damaged.

It’s a nice idea over the summer holidays. What do you think would be the best storybook you could leave for someone else to find and benefit from? Stories are powerful and sometimes can be life-changing. The most gripping stories involve the reader in a personal way and that works best when the story-teller can make the story come alive.

A story that changes someone’s life for the better has surely got to be the best kind of story. The story that is personal and has been lived first-hand is the most powerful.



People have made some humorous and sometimes pointed comments about life and the inevitability of time passing. It’s like a suitcase that we’re all issued with on birth, and while some get a little more capacity than others, some can pack far more into it. It’s like a toilet roll, and the closer you get to the end, the faster it seems to run out.

It’s like a blank book on the pages of which we get to write our own stories for others to read and benefit from.

There are some comments in the Bible about our allotted time in life. Back in Bible days, threescore years and ten, or eighty if our strength endured, was considered a good lifespan. ¹ But there is also reference to what might be described as the “right time”. Paul towards the end of his life wrote: “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” ²

However, what was uppermost in Paul’s mind was that he had discharged the duty placed on him by God at the time of his salvation. He urged the Ephesians to live a life worthy of the calling they had received. ³; the Philippians he instructed to conduct themselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, ⁴ and the Colossians to live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way. ⁵



One of the key verses relating to evangelism, teaching, church-building and life in general can be found in Paul’s second letter to his apprentice Timothy: “And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.” ⁶ After paying tribute to Timothy’s grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice, Paul told him to guard the good deposit that had been entrusted to him. ⁷

Paul’s life was a demonstration of what he believed - just as ours is a demonstration of what we believe and consider worthy of our time, resources and effort. When Jesus taught us to store up treasures in heaven, rather than treasures on earth which decay or are lost, he was telling us to focus on creating a legacy that lasts.

So the question is whether we’re going to leave something of value, something that changes the lives of others, not just for the short-term but for eternity.

¹ Ps.90:10; ² 2 Tim.4:7; ³ Eph.4:1; ⁴ Phil.1:27; ⁵ Col.1:10; ⁶ 2 Tim.2:2; ⁷ 2 Tim.1:14