

Open Door Kids Group meets every week (apart from all together services) for 3—11's during the service.

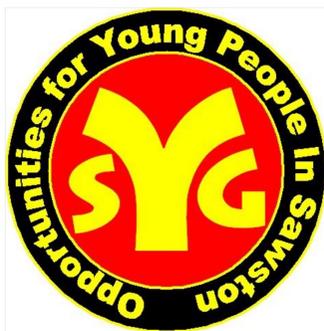
Diddy Disciples for babies and toddlers aged 3 and under will meet on 29th September, all children need to be accompanied by their parent/carer. We meet in the church and go to the group together during the service.



What Does Being a Missional Church Mean?

A missional church is one, which is always seeking to partner with God. With this, comes the joy of knowing that He is really with us, and the excitement of finding out what God is, and has been, up to both in our church and in our community.

We begin with a year of listening to God and each other



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This autumn we are going to look at two letters from Paul: one to a church he had never visited and one a very rare private letter from Paul to a friend about a runaway slave. The letter to the church at Colossae is the major focus but this other letter shows how belief in Christ was changing the way people thought and related to one another.

These are exciting studies and my aim and prayer is that they will profoundly increase the width and depth of our understanding of who Jesus is. This is foundational to our lives, and yet often gets lost in religion, or in misunderstandings about what Jesus asks of us.

The letter seems to have been written by Paul in about 62 AD while he was in prison. He has heard from his friend Epaphroditus that the church in the city of Colossae is being corrupted by a variety of false teaching about angels and their worship, about how to please God, about the need for rigorous self-denial.

Paul writes a straight-talking letter that is deeply concerned, but very loving and full of grace and wonder, grounded in what Christ has done on the cross. It is a letter that revolves around gratitude and grace. Could there be a more important call for us, a better role model, a better relationship? Paul thinks not and if we agree then we cannot be unchanged by this letter.

It is a challenge but is a "pearl of great price" left by the church for us to discover and follow.

A good book to look at and have as a companion to the series is by Mark Meynell "Colossians and Philemon for You", available from online retailers e.g. The Good Book Company or Eden.

You might also like to read the Message version of the letter, which I will often refer to.

Every blessing, Alan

All services start at 10.45 unless otherwise stated

HC = Holy Communion All together = joint service with 9.15 congregation

8th Sept Patronal service 10:30 all together HC

15th Sept Colossians: read-through and sharing first impressions

22nd Sept Colossians 1:1-14 Welcome to Colossae

29th Sept Colossians 1:15-29 Who is Christ?

6th Oct Colossians 1:15-29 a second look

13th Oct Harvest Festival 10:30 am all together HC and lunch

20th Oct Visiting speaker from the Church Army

27th Oct Colossians 2:6-22 Fully in Christ?

3rd Nov Colossians 3:1-17 The Christian's new clothes

10th Nov Remembrance Sunday

17th Nov Colossians 3:18 -4:1 Pleasing to the Lord

24th Nov Colossians 4 Christ the King

1st Dec Advent Sunday
The letter to Philemon: Slave to Brother

8th Dec Christingle Service 10:30 all together HC

15th Dec Advent thoughts: The Hope of Glory

22nd Dec Advent thoughts: The Hope of Glory

29th Dec Informal worship