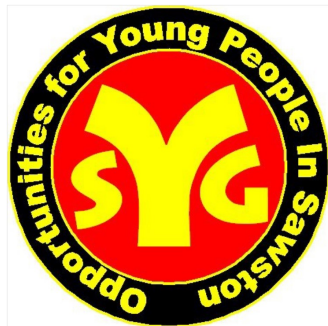




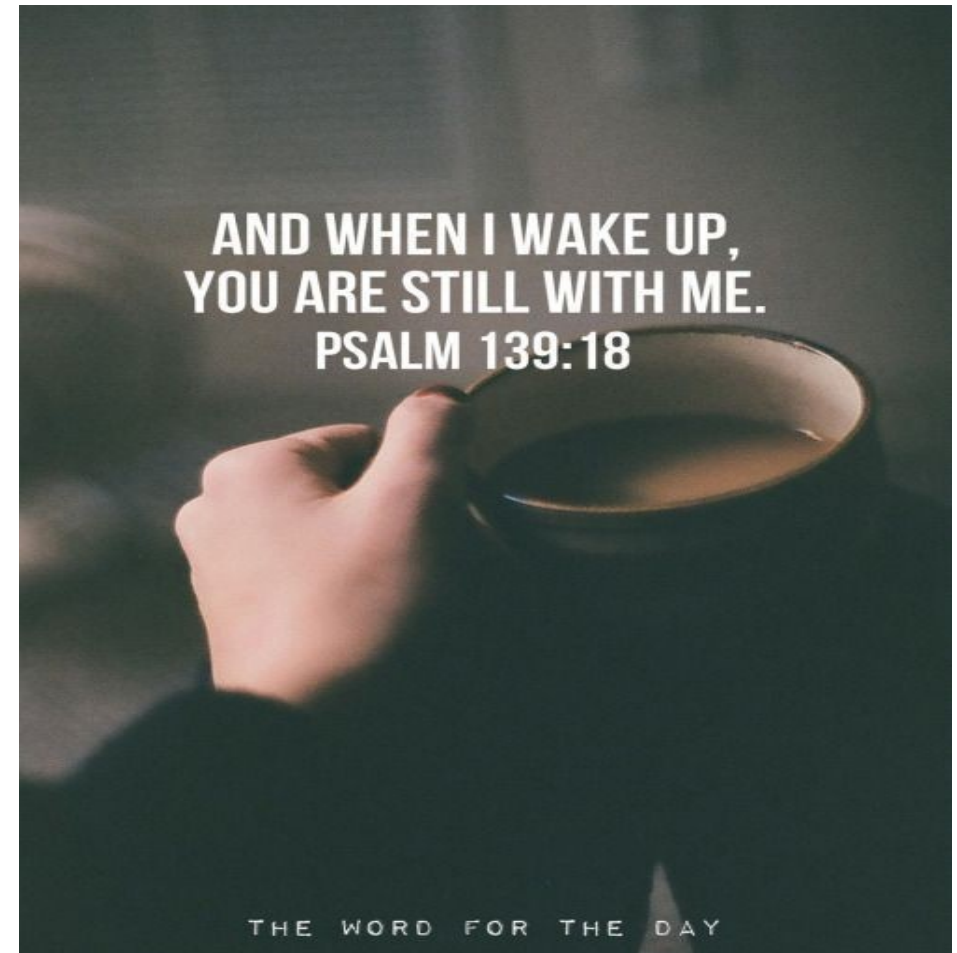
What Does Being a Missional Church Mean?

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



Open Door SPRING TERM 2019



Praying with the Psalms

Reaching out to God

As we enter 2019 as the Open Door family and as part of St Mary's family I pray that we will find in the book of Psalms a longing for God and His Son. This will involve us in some hard work, praying is not magic, it is part shared experience. It is part waiting, listening, it is seeking to be obedient. It is often puzzlement, frustration, just too much trouble in a busy day!

I will have to work hard at this series, I do not find the Psalms naturally speak to me, even though I read them twice a day at least. However, I think they are a treasure trove of human experience and of conversation with God and that interests me and makes me curious to know more.

In our regular worship, we do not use the psalms beyond one song taken from the 23rd Psalm. I think that is a mistake and we need to correct it if we can. Anglican worship down the centuries has involved the Psalms, they have been learnt internalised dwelt upon, are we so much wiser that we can cast them aside?

Well let's see how we get on together as we explore just ten of the 150 Psalms, but we need to do this together committing to read and reflect upon the Psalm before we come on Sundays and again afterwards.

It maybe that we set prayer space as a regular feature of our worship, sharing together our thoughts about the last Psalm we looked at and seeking to open our hearts to God.

I would recommend Tom Wright's book "Finding God in the Psalms Sing, pray, live" SPCK, but there are many other books you might try, Walter Brueggemann "Praying the Psalms, engaging scripture and the life of the Spirit" Cascade Books is one.

So, as we enter 2019 let's explore, with longing in our hearts to be Gods people in our homes in our workplace and in our community.

Israel's Prayer book

Praying with the Psalms.

6 th Jan	Epiphany special
13 th Jan	Psalms: an introduction Psalm 23 HC
20 th Jan	Psalms 1: Psalm 86 Relying on God
27 th Jan	Psalms 2: Psalm 63 Longing for God
3 rd Feb	(AP Away) To be arranged
10 th Feb	(AP Away) To be arranged
17 th Feb	(AP at Babraham) Speaker from the Leprosy Mission at 9.15am and at Open Door
24 th Feb	Psalms 3: Psalm 62 Trusting God HC
3 rd March	Psalms 4: Psalm 57 In times of trouble
10 th March	Psalms 5: Psalm 65 Giving thanks HC
17 th March	AP at Babraham Psalms 6: Psalm 102 When life goes wrong
24 th March	Psalms 7: Psalm 4 When God seems to have shut up shop!
31 st March	Mothering Sunday Special
7 th April	Psalms 8: Psalm 130 A song of hope
14 th April	Palm Sunday all together worship 10.30
21 st April	Easter Day all together worship HC 10.30
28 th April	Psalms 9: close of the series Psalm 66 A song of joy

All services start at 10.45 unless otherwise stated

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

HC = Holy Communion