

Thames Pathway – Lynn and I took a few days over the Easter holidays to do a bit of walking along the Thames River using Oxford as our base. It was a time of rest and pilgrimage as we walked together, prayed together and listened for God's leading and direction for our lives. It is something we want to build into our lives on a more regular basis.



In May we helped to organise the Week of Prayer for Tunbridge Wells which drew churches together from across the town to pray for God's Kingdom to come in Tunbridge Wells as in heaven. We had a great time of Pentecost praise and prayer in our local park to draw the week to a close. It was great to worship and pray with Christians from across the town. Please pray for wisdom as we seek to engage more churches gathering together to pray for the transformation of our town.

Phil and Emma had a great time on their honeymoon in Belize. Naomi led a team that ministered to over 400 11-14 year olds at a conference back in April. Dan has now finished school for the year and will begin his final year in September. Lynn continues to work for a children's orphanage in Kenya and support a Syrian refugee lady.



We have much more to share with you, but will do so at a later time. Thank you so much for your faithful support of the ministry here in the UK. We are blessed by your faithfulness.

Love from The Allens (Cliff, Lynn, Naomi, Phil & Dan)

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Dear Friends



Wow, what an amazing few months we've had. Weddings have been prominent. The royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle in May was beautiful and the address by Bishop Curry from the US was well received and lit a fire of passion for the love of God to be seen and known in people's lives.

We had our own our own 'royal' wedding in June as our son Philip married his princess Emma. We enjoyed a great meal with the wedding party a week

before the big day and the run up to the big day ran smoothly with our Church ready to receive 100+ guests and the village hall where the reception was held looking beautiful for the big event. The day was amazing in every way and we believe bore testimony to the love and grace of our Lord Jesus.

Besides the weather being glorious, the bride looking gorgeous, and everything running to plan, I was blessed to lead the



ceremony and share the message of God's love to those present. Many, who had no faith, said afterwards what a moving and powerful service it was.



Baptisms

We've been blessed by celebrating several baptisms in recent months. In early May, 10 of us went out into our community to 'prayer-walk', just walk around our community with our eyes open, asking God what He wanted us to be praying about. One of the teams, met up with Kelsey, a girl who had formerly come to our church and through a discussion with her invited her to commit her life to Jesus through baptism, which was something she had been praying about. We baptised Kelsey a couple of days before she emigrated back to Canada, her home country. We have been encouraging her via social media and are praising God she has found a church and is continuing on in her journey of faith.



Amy is the sister of Dan who, with his wife Lorenza, have been attending in recent months. Amy was visiting from London and was challenged within our worship service, through the testimony of others and through the sermon that day that she needed to publicly declare her allegiance to Jesus. Dan had the privilege to baptise his sister the same day as Kelsey. We are continuing to work with her to get her settled into a church near her home in London. She lives not too far from Phil & Emma so are hoping they might be able to encourage her along to the church they are attending.



In August of last year we celebrated the baptisms of 2 South African girls, Nassia and Renna, and in June this year we had the joy and delight of baptising their Mum, Kalypso. She is a whirlwind of activity and has been instrumental in bringing many along to church at various times. Nearly 70 people packed in to hear her powerful testimony and witness her baptism. It was a special day for Jack, who is also South African and who has been praying for Kalypso and witnessing to her over the last 10+ years. He never gave up and continued to provide a solid and faithful Christian witness to her and her family and also provided housing for them when they first moved to the UK. He had the great pleasure of baptising her.

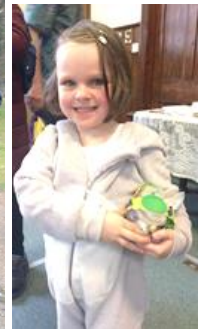


Clare rang me out of the blue in May saying she had been convicted by God of her need to be baptised. Clare had never been to our church to worship, or to any church for that matter, but had been to our Soup Bowl in the past, so found my number and rang me. After meeting her for a few sessions it became clear that God was at work in her life, helping her to overcome addictions and getting her life sorted out. Please pray for Clare as she

begins this journey of faith and for our congregation to nurture her in her new found faith. We are praising God for all He is doing in our midst.

Looking Back...

Going way back to April, we had a great Easter time. On Good Friday, we gathered with about 150 Christians in our town centre from many different Churches for a time of worship and prayer for our town, proclaiming Christ is Risen! We also had our early morning service in the local park which is a special time to share together. This was followed by our Easter Celebration which concluded with an Easter Egg hunt for our children.



Bits & Pieces... We attended the funeral of Neville Shaw, who was the minister at the church in London, where Lynn and I first began in ministry. We were able to meet up with a few people who had been in our youth group back in the late 1980's. Rosie, picture with Lynn, was one of the wild ones we had in our care. Such a joy to see her and hear of her faith in Jesus.