

A New Stage in our Lives

We are quite close to a change in our lives and our ministry after fourteen years in charge of the pastorate of three churches, one of which we planted (in Tucuman) twenty years ago. Now we have to take over the role of archdeacon and overseer of the urban area of the diocese, with the additional goal of inspiring a new vision of growth and developing at least three new churches.

Please pray for Techy and myself in this new role and for wisdom in relating to leaders and pastors so that we can help them to catch the vision of serving with new enthusiasm.

St Andrew's Church is doing well. It is growing and many new families are attending. Alpha for couples has been a blessing and now we are going to start an Alpha for parents.

I am still the pastor of St Paul's. It has been a battle against many things there. The Church was almost dying, but is now reawakening, and growing slowly. We want to heal all the wounds of the past. But the main goal is to evangelize the neighbourhood and to bring help to many families.



Please pray:

- For the team as they take over the pastoral responsibilities in St Andrew's and for the wisdom they will need for the leadership.
- For the Alpha courses for couples and parents.
- For the very difficult neighbourhood of Ceferino (alcohol and drug abuse and broken families).
- For the Parish Council of St Paul's - Aldo, Marta, Sara and Aroldo.
- For the ministry among teenagers and young people there.



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Dear friends,

I'm really pleased to write to you this month on behalf of those attending the North West Partnership training course. It has been such a pleasure to attend and we thank you for all your prayerful support. We are learning lots and if you ask one of us, I'm sure we'd love to tell you much more about it than I can write in this letter!

It's wonderful to be able to spend time with over 40 people, from churches across Carlisle and even from outside Carlisle, on a Wednesday evening and have fellowship together learning more from God's word.

Rachel Gleave, Fraser Clark, Bryony Woodbridge, Mary Clark and myself are attending the course and have almost finished the first term. One of the main parts of the course is a bible overview and in seven weeks we've already flown from Genesis all the way to 2 Samuel, seeing how it all fits together and understanding how everything is pointing to Jesus!

The other part to the course is learning how to break down bible passages to understand what God is saying and how to structure that into a talk. This term we've each done a talk on a section of 1 Thessalonians and it's been a real joy to see how other people have approached the passage and have a chance to learn from one another.

Overall, we've all been encouraged by the course and the bible handling tools it has given us but mostly encouraged by spending time in God's word!

I look forward to enjoying fellowship with you all over the festive period, celebrating the birth of Christ Jesus and chatting over many cups of coffee!

With love in Christ,

Trudi

Church Apprentice



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Thursday 1st	7.00pm	Christmas in the City - Training & Prayer	St Barnabas
Friday 2nd	9.15am	Mums' Bible Study	The Vicarage
Sunday 4th	9.15am	Morning Service with the Lord's Supper	St Peter's
	11.00am	Morning Service with the Lord's Supper	St John's
	4.00pm	4LIFE — with FROG groups	St Peter's
Monday 5th	2.00pm	Mothers' Union Knells Service	Knells House
	3.20pm	Quest Club	Houghton CE Primary
	8.00pm	Monday Home Group	8 Moorville Drive South
Tuesday 6th	10.30am	St Peter's Tots	St Peter's
	2.00pm	Women's House Fellowship	7 South Wakefield Close
Wednesday 7th	10.00am 7.45pm	Morning Home Group Home Groups	18 Sanderson Close Throughout the Parish
Saturday 10th	From 10am	Christmas in the City	City Centre
Sunday 11th	8.00am	The Lord's Supper	St John's
	9.45am	Family Carols	St Peter's
	11.00am	Family Carols	St John's
	4.00pm	4LIFE (all age service)	St Peter's
Monday 12th	12.30pm	Lunch Club—Christmas Dinner	St Peter's
Tuesday 13th	10.30am 2.00pm	St Peter's Tots Mothers' Union Christmas Service	St Peter's St John's

Wednesday 14th	7.45pm	Partnership	St Peter's
Thursday 15th	7.00pm	Impact—Christmas House Crawl	Meet at St John's
Sunday 18th	9.15am	Morning Service	St Peter's
	11.00am	Morning Service	St John's
	4.00pm	4LIFE— with FROG groups	St Peter's
	6.00pm	Nine Lessons and Carols	St John's
Monday 19th	7.30pm	NISCU Prayer Meeting	St Peter's
Saturday 24th Christmas Eve	4.00pm	Carols Round the Tree	St John's
	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight	St Peter's
Sunday 24th Christmas Day	9.15am	The Lord's Supper	St John's
	9.45am	Christmas Family Service	St John's
	10.15am	Christmas Family Service	St Peter's
Sunday 1st January	9.15am	Morning Service	St Peter's
	11.00am	Morning Service No afternoon service	St John's

Week of Prayer

Sunday 1st— Sunday 8th January 2017

As we did at the start of 2016, we will be setting aside the first week of the New Year to pray for 2017. The idea is that we make time to pray with others during the week. There will be opportunities to meet over a coffee at St John's and St Peter's — or we can simply get together with others in our homes or around the dinner table. Whatever way works! There will be a booklet we can use to help focus our prayers during the week.