

## Pastor's News – Prologue from Oly

In May, as a family, we celebrated 14 years of being lead servants at The Rock Church. A sabbatical has long been in the planning, and this is a perfect time for us to take some time out as a family, over the summer period, as Quincy has now completed his degree at University of Notts, and both Estelle and Austin have finished college and school respectively.

The sabbatical was originally planned for Summer 2020 however Covid thwarted our plans somewhat!



We are going on an "Evans Family Holiday" and then from mid-July, Quincy moves to London to start his new job, soon followed by his sister Estelle in September 2025 who has been accepted into drama school to study (subject to her getting the appropriate grades needed).

Austin will then start college in September, so family life will look very different for us with only one of the kids living at home.

I want to encourage you to keep on keeping on! We give God thanks for each one of you that calls the Rock Church their spiritual home, and, as I have shared recently, I believe we are coming into a significant time as a church. One of spiritual renewal and growth and a deeper commitment to the Lord.

**What might this look like to you?**

I give thanks that we have such a gifted leadership team. You are in safe hands pastorally! Please see the list below of who you can contact in our absence.

In August, Lorraine and I and our fab team, will be taking our youth to Limitless Youth Festival in Staffordshire.

Other than that, Lorraine and I will be going to visit various Christian camps and undergoing leadership training opportunities and indeed a time to rest.

Huge personal thanks go to Pastor Jonny Skinner and all at HCF who have blessed us with gifted under-shepherds in Gordon & Marjorie Tose - who I know you will just love having around! They are both very special people, so do love on them as you do us! x

Please do sign up for the various Bible Studies that Gordon will lead in July. They are a precious couple whom I respect tremendously.

Gordon and our own Rock team will be leading and preaching at our various Rock Church services throughout July and August. Thank you for your love and care for us as a family over so many rich and precious years Rock Church.

Rich Blessings

Oly & Lorraine. xx

## Meet the Team

### Team

Gordon Tose - Lead  
Jen - Safeguard  
David - CIO - Safeguard  
Louise - Finance  
Fiona - Worship Lead/Coffee Shop  
Julie - Coffee Shop  
Gbenga/Mary - Prayer  
  
Welcome - Neil & Sheila  
Media - Vikki & Ian  
Hospitality - Carol/ Simon & Tracey  
Bible Studies - Jeni

### Pastoral Care

Dan - Youth 0-17  
(Team - Louise/Tracey/Sarah/Stuart/Paige/  
Dawn/Chris)  
  
Derren & Helena - Young Adults aged 18-39  
Gbenga & Vikki - Adults aged 40-65  
Ian & Mary - Seniors aged 65 +  
Pastoral Care Housebound - Ellen  
  
Elder Emeritus - David Empson  
Deacon Emeritus - Ellen Brooks

## Gordon & Marjorie Tose say Hi

Hello Rock Church.

Marjorie and I are so looking forward to spending July and August with you all. We first visited your church back in 2013 and have taken a keen interest in your journey with the Lord ever since.

For those of you who aren't familiar with us, we joined Huddersfield Christian Fellowship way back in 1988, so that's 37 years and counting, and have had the tremendous privilege of serving on the senior leadership team for 32 of those years, indeed we are still very much part of the team.

We have two sons, both of whom, together with their wives, are an integral part of the church and we are blessed to see our five grandkids growing up in the church in much the same way as our sons did. In fact, there's no better place to be than the House of God for families to grow together in the Lord.

While with you, one of the things we're especially excited about are the mid-week Bible studies throughout most of July. In total we are with you over nine weekends and our hope is that by the end of that time you will have benefitted in some way from us being with you as we know that we will have benefited from being with you guys. One thing's for sure, we'll certainly know each other a lot better and for our part we cannot wait.

Bless you,

Gordon & Marjorie



We meet to pray every Tuesday night at 7:30-8:00pm on Zoom. It's just 30 mins and it is a great time of powerful prayer and encouragement!

Please see Gbenga for further details of how to sign in. Please do also sign up to the various WhatsApp groups to keep informed.

## JULY



Weds Night Bible Study - "Kingdom Holiness"  
July 9th, 16th & 23rd

During these in-depth studies we're going to be looking into the subject of Holiness; which is so foundational to our relationship with God, and we would really encourage you to join us on these evenings.

In fact, if you have never been to one before do come and join us.

The evenings will start at 6:30pm with a 2-course meal, so do come straight from work. We will then start the study around 7:15pm and aim to close around 8:15pm.



Friday night at BCAFC - Bradford City - July 11th

All welcome to join various church leaders from around the Bradford district to come and pray and worship together.

## AUGUST



The Kidzone leaders will be getting a break during the month of August and as usual for the month we will be having 1hour services. If you are not on holiday, do make every effort to be around and support our own team.

We will have resources and crafts for our younger ones in gift bags at the back of church to keep them entertained whilst the sermon is being preached. Equally, you can take smaller ones into the back fellowship room and watch the service on TV.



Limitless Youth Camp – August 9th – 13th

Please do be praying for our youth as they go to Limitless Youth Festival 9th – 13th August. Please see Dan, Jen, Gbenga or Ian if you have any questions or want to go to camp.

Pray that we hear so many powerful testimonies of God at work.



Youth Takeover Service – August 31st

Come and hear all the positive updates and encouragements from Limitless camp and beyond.

## SEPTEMBER



Please do sign up for our Rock Church "Ignite Conference" that we are hosting in Bradford on Sep 26th - 28th.

The theme is "In His Steps" asking the question "What Would Jesus Do". We have Pastor Jesse Willis speaking on the Saturday and his theme is "Fire Fall" with Pastor Ian Evans leading our

thoughts for the weekend.

Do sign up to come, better still to volunteer, and do invite a friend.

My name is Jesse Willis and I'm married to my beautiful wife Hannah. We have two sons, David and Samuel. Me and Hannah are on the Pastoral Team at The Lighthouse Church in Manchester. We are passionate about seeing generations on fire and awakened to God.

### KEY DATES

- Sept 7th Return of Kidzone - Usual service times resume.
- Sept 14th Oly & Lorraine Return from Sabbatical!

## — Bible Study Groups —

Dates for the diary:

Tuesday 1st July – 10:00am.  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July – 6:30pm.  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – 10:00am.  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August – 6:30pm.  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August – 10:00am.  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August – 6:30pm.  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August – 10:00am.  
Monday 1st September – 6:30pm.  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – 10:00am.  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September – 6:30pm.  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September – 10:00am.

