October to December 2026

# ROCK CHURCH NEWSLETTER

## Pastor's thoughts

As we enter Autumn full of hope and expectation, a new academic year has started and yet, in the natural, the year of 2026 draws to a close. The clocks will change on the last Sunday in October and our days will get progressively shorter.

We have the joys of Evangelism and the Franklin Graham "Love Manchester" Tour coupled with a baptism service here at the Rock Church on October 11th, as well as several baby dedication services and indeed the Intrepid Conference in Walsall which I would love you to consider coming to.

We have had several new ministries start at the Rock Church over recent months which is fantastic.

I'm especially thrilled that we are hosting a new service - **Wednesday Night Church** - which will start from October 14th and will run until Dec 9th.

A great opportunity for a midweek fill-up of worship, prayer and word. Do all you can to join us for 1 hour. 7.30pm-8.30pm. We want to see Jesus glorified and lifted high.

**Question** - Have you heard these quotes which were intended to inspire people in tough situations?

***"A smooth sea never made a skilled sailor."***

They sound very meaningful and inspiring but the obvious question that follows is, how do they work in practice? If you can't see a connection between them and your everyday life, then they're kind of frustrating at best.

It's like someone saying you must see the amazing view from the summit of a completely inaccessible mountain...

There is a Bible verse (Philippians 4:19) where the apostle Paul seems to have slipped into motivational speaker mode when he says -

***"God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."***

It's a quote that has been a source of comfort and hope



to Christians over thousands of years because it promises that whatever our needs, God will meet them from His riches found in Jesus Christ.

It's very meaningful but how does it work in practice?

Sometimes the answer is when God directly and unexpectedly intervenes in our everyday lives to meet a material, physical or spiritual need with a transformative outcome. That's something that many of us have experienced on several occasions. Paul was looking back to a time in his life when he was under great pressure and in real danger. Physically exhausted, spiritually demoralised, alone, and feeling abandoned, he was at one of his lowest points. Yet, amid his troubles, he says that someone stood by and helped him – the Christians in Philippi to whom he was writing!

They had consistently supported him in practical, financial, personal and prayerful ways on many occasions during that time, and continued to whilst he was in prison in Rome.

Rock Church, I am so encouraged that this is what so many of you do on a regular basis to bless both individuals and indeed the community that we serve. A huge thanks to each one of you.

**"Keep on keeping on!"**

Blessings
Oliver

# NEW MINISTRIES

As alluded to we have had the joy of seeing several new ministries start recently:

- Rock Tots – Friday mornings
- Reach Out Thursday – lunch time in the Coffee House
- Wednesday Night Church – Starts Oct 14th 7.30-8.30pm
- Rock Breakfast – On the 1st Sunday of the month 9.30am join us at the Coffee House for butties or a teacake before our service at 11am
- The Rock Coffee House is open every Friday 9.30am-1.30pm.
- Light Party – Oct 30th (Ages 5-11)









# ROCK CHURCH WEEKLY ACTIVITES

Sunday - Rock Church service

Monday - Closed

Tuesday - Bible Study am. / Prayer Meeting 7.30pm on zoom

Wednesday - Wednesday Night Church 7.30pm

Thursday - Rock Coffee House am. / Worship Group pm.

Friday - Rock Tots am. / Rock Coffee House am. / Rock Youth 6.30-8.00pm.

# BIBLE STUDIES

Here are the dates for bible studies up to the end of the year:

- October: Monday 5th @ 6.30pm / Tuesday 6th @ 10am. / Tuesday 20th @10am.
- November: Tuesday 3rd @ 10am. /Tuesday 17th @ 10am.
- December: Tuesday 1st @ 10am. / Tuesday 15th @ 10am

## OCTOBER

- 3rd - God Loves Manchester Tour. Co-Op Arena
- 11th - Baptism Sunday. Great invite event
- 18th - Baby Stevie's Dedication Service
- 25th - Gordon Tose – guest preacher
- 30th - Light Party (ages 5-11) 6.30-7.30pm

## NOVEMBER

- 8th - Baby JJ's Dedication service.
- 20th /21st - Intrepid Conference at Walsall. Guest speaker Jock James
- 22nd - Youth Takeover Service.
- 27th - Christmas Decs Put-up Friday. Cakes and hot chocolate. 7pm
- 29th - 1st Sunday of Advent

If you are wanting to attend Intrepid 26 and require transport, or if you can offer a lift to someone who is wanting to go, please see Vikki who is co-ordinating travel plans.












**Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse.** It is a hands-on way for you to bless children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, personal care items, school supplies, and fun gifts. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations.

Please see Hayley Bell for more details. We will be collecting boxes in November

# DECEMBER

- Date tbc - Java Joes Coffee Shop (BD4 8RH) Christmas outreach - with Global Church band. Guest Bobby Pointon. BCAFC star player.
- 11 th - Rock Youth Christmas Party
- 13th - Christmas Carols Choir /led by HCF band/worship team.
- 19th - Rock Church Christmas Meal. 6.45pm-9.30pm Tickets available from mid Oct
- 20 th - Evening Service 4pm. Carols by candlelight (please note no morning service)
- 27th - 1hr service of carols and Christmas celebration













# FORWARD NOTICES

We will start January with a sustained time of prayer and fasting.

In closing thanks for your patience as we have been having the new kitchen fitted in the church. It should be fully operational by mid-October.

# OTHER

Have you got an interest in joining a Rock group or volunteering?

- Bible study groups (Various)
- Rock Coffee Shop (Thurs/Fri)
- Conference Volunteering
- Evangelism Team (1st Tuesday of the month)
- Prayer Team/Ministry
- Welcome Team/ Car Park Duty
- Media/Desk Team
- Kidzone or Friday Night Youth
- Helps/ Building Maintenance
- Walking Goup

Please tick the various sign-up sheets in the "New to Church" brochure or speak to the leadership team

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