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Dear Friends

I hope you're all well and enjoying these summer months. Below are some updates and points for prayer. Church life always looks a bit different at this time of year, student finish their academic year and go home for the holidays, visitors come and go, and lots of our regular activities pause. But it's been an encouraging season filled with the little joys we give thanks for.

Recent highlights...

- Come June, the students start to leave us as they finish their exams and go home. But to finish the year with them we host a Student 'Summer Staycation'. We spend three days together in fellowship and teaching, enjoying good food, good teaching, and good company. This year we took them on a deep dive into 'Covenants', exploring how covenant is the thread that holds the whole Bible together.
- The student girls came together for a reading day at the end of term. We read in advance 'Count it all Joy' by Helen Roseveare, and came together for the day to discuss it. The Lord was so kind and it was such an encouraging day. We only had a small group of girls but we had really rich discussion over what joy really is and how we understand the privilege we have to share in Christ's sufferings.
- Wonderfully, the Lord has provided a new deacon for us. Mark has been a part of our congregations for a few years now and was ordained as a deacon on Sunday 5th.
- We've just started a series going through the minor prophets in Adult Sunday School.



Mark's ordination on Sunday

It's been great to see people engaging with parts of scripture they're less familiar with and find new treasure in God's word.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for our students as they head home over the summer. They come from a whole range of backgrounds, so pray they would settle back into their home churches or find new ones quickly, pray that they'd love and honour their families well, and pray that they would bear the name of Christ well using their time to draw near to him and serve his kingdom.
- Please pray for Mark as he begins as a deacon. Pray for our deaconate going forward, that the Lord would unite them, and give them the wisdom, grace, and energy they need to serve the church.
- As I mentioned, many of our regular activities pause over the summer so please pray for our church life as we come into a quieter season. Pray that we'd have our eyes open for those who struggle without the same structure of formal organised activity, those at risk of feeling isolated or drifting. Pray that the Lord would give us a passion for hospitality, that homes would be open, and we'd remember God's purpose for church family.
- Finally, please continue to remember Jonty and his family in your prayers. They are now in their final month of their sabbatical, so pray for good quality rest for them in these final weeks and for the Spirit to be stirring and renewing in them a passion for ministry and for the church they've been given.

We're grateful always for your prayers,

Yours,

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