

FROM OUR MINISTER

Dear Friends,



In only a year you have heard me say on several occasions that we need to make a priority of our own spiritual growth. There are many aspects to that, but a key one is engaging with the Bible. The Bible is the supreme way by which we know the mind of God, and so we must make it a priority. It isn't enough just to listen to the readings on Sunday morning. Not only do we need to read the Scriptures for ourselves (I would say preferably daily) we also need to explore them together. Currently, there isn't an opportunity for that in the regular life of our church so we're going to change that with a new Bible Study meeting that has emerged from discussions at the Pastoral Committee and the Leadership Team.

We have chosen a ten-part course from the Bible Society on Paul's Letter to the Romans to launch this. Here are some answers to questions I think you might want to ask:

It is not aimed at academic nerds, but at ordinary church members.

It is a mixture of short, accessible videos (including teaching and testimony) and conversation.

You will still benefit even if you can't come to all the sessions, because each one covers a distinct theme. I have listed the themes below.

There is no charge for participation or materials.

(The church has made a donation to the Bible Society for materials.)

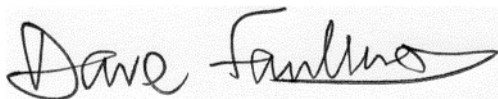
You don't need to register in order to come, although if you are thinking of attending it would be helpful to know for printing the resources.

Due to my wider responsibilities with my other three churches, I can only run this monthly, but we'll go with what we can do and make a virtue of that.

Here, then, is the timetable. Sessions will start at 2:30 pm and run no longer than 90 minutes. All dates are the second Thursday of each month:

14 th November 2024	Session 1	Gospel
12 th December 2024	Session 2	Sin
9 th January 2025	Session 3	Salvation
13 th February 2025	Session 4	Peace
13 th March 2025	Session 5	Freedom
10 th April 2025	Session 6	Hope
8 th May 2025	Session 7	Mystery
12 th June 2025	Session 8	Devotion
10 th July 2025	Session 9	Community
14 th August 2025	Session 10	Mission

I look forward to seeing you!

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Dave Faulkner