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# Newsletter




## Thought – “Change”

If you're like me you have noticed that the days are getting shorter, the weather is getting colder and the leaves on the trees are beginning to change colour. The season is changing from Summer to Autumn.

Just as the weather changes, we see changes throughout our lives. It may be a change of house, job, school or a change in our health. Maybe we experience a change in our family situation or even a change in our own thinking. Change is a normal part of life. It is natural and healthy. It is necessary for us to change so that we can adapt to the changing world around us.

So, if change is such a good thing, why does it feel so uncomfortable? Why are we so scared of it? Perhaps we like things the way they are. Perhaps we are afraid of not knowing what will happen next. Perhaps we feel out of control. All of these feelings are not uncommon in periods of change.

Are you going through a period of change? If so, you have a unique opportunity to draw near to God. He is the creator of the universe and He is in control of everything that happens. He made you and knows everything about you, even how many hairs are on your head! The Bible tells us that if we draw near to God he will draw near to us.

If you are afraid, God can help you to overcome your fear and to trust Him. You just need to ask. Even if you have never prayed before, God will hear you. You might say something like this:

*“God, I am facing a change at work and am feeling anxious. Please help me to trust you and not be afraid. Amen”.*

You might also like to read Psalm 46 from the Bible, here's how it starts: *“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea...”*

### 1 minute interview ... with Steve one of the Parent & Toddler group leaders

**Q:** What made you decide to become a Christian?

*“I didn't really decide! I was brought up in a Christian family so from an early age I've gone to church, prayed, read the Bible etc. So in that sense I've always been a Christian. I was taught to believe in God, but when I left home I realised that I needed to find things out for myself, so for the last 12 years that's what I've been doing - moving the knowledge from my head into my heart.”*

**Q:** Why do you come to the Bethel?

*“I started to go there as that's where my friends were going, but over time the reasons have developed and now include the strong family spirit that exists, there's lots of work to be done and lots of opportunities to do God's work, it is a good church for my children to grow up in, I've grown spiritually there and will continue to do so.”*

**Q:** What made you decide to start a Parent and Toddler group?

*“I believe that one role of a Church is to show God's love to those that live around it. I wanted to provide something that would be helpful to the community, and when we found out that there was a shortage of provision for parents and toddlers to meet up and play in Old Trafford it seemed the obvious thing to do. The response we have had so far suggests that we are providing something that was much needed.”*



## What's On?

(At Henrietta St. unless otherwise stated)

Sunday evening Services at 6:00 pm (unless otherwise stated)

DATE	SUBJECT
2-Oct	Countdown to God's Kingdom
9-Oct	Harvest Service
16-Oct	Taking stock ... at the Feast of Tabernacles
23-Oct	<i>Guest Speaker</i>
30-Oct	Sin and temptation. How do we deal with it?
6-Nov	Moses, the reluctant hero
13-Nov	<i>Guest Speaker</i>

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20-Nov	Who are the Christadelphians?
27-Nov	Countdown to God's Kingdom
4-Dec	Suffering in normal lives
11-Dec	“What are you looking for?”
18-Dec	Carol Service
25-Dec	Christmas Day Service (11:00)

### Regulars:

- Sunday
  - Breaking of Bread Service 10:30 a.m.
  - Sunday School 2:45 p.m. (From Kids aged 4, up to Adult Discussion Group)
  - Evening Service 6:00 p.m. (See above for details)
- Tuesday
  - Junior Youth club 6:45 p.m.
  - “The Bible Course” 7:15 p.m. at Chorlton Adult Education Centre.
- Thursday
  - “Playtime” Parent & Toddler group 10am-12pm
  - Bible Class 8:00 p.m.
- Friday
  - Senior Youth Club 7:30 p.m.