



## **RBC Newsletter**

**June 2026**

Dear Church Family,

We are so blessed in this town to enjoy such a strong working and worshipping relationship with the other denominations here. Last month at Pentecost, for example, we enjoyed a lovely celebration service at RBC with our brothers and sisters from the other churches in Rye. Pentecost is all about the birth of the world-wide church, when God poured out His Holy Spirit on believers gathered in Jerusalem, and the resulting events caused 3000 from many different countries to come to faith, be baptised and added to the new church.

God is still at work today by His Holy Spirit - drawing people to Himself, pointing them to the salvation they can receive through Jesus' sacrifice, and adding them to His church. We too are called to play our part in His mission by praying for those who don't know Jesus yet; sharing our faith when we have the opportunity; and inviting those who are interested to come to church or church events to meet other Christians, experience worship and hear the Gospel explained.

Later this year there will be a special opportunity to do this, as this autumn, Rye Churches Together are planning an ecumenical Alpha Course, to be held on Tuesday evenings at RBC beginning on 15<sup>th</sup> September. Alpha courses don't just happen – we need volunteers to help with refreshments, and with discussion groups, and we need people to invite and bring non-Christian friends along to hear the Gospel explained. Before this, however, we need you to pray for God to start preparing the ground and drawing people in – for Him to move in their lives by His Holy Spirit- to give them a holy curiosity – or a spiritual hunger and a desire to find out more about Jesus.

Please pray through the points in our Prayer Focus section, and together let's trust God to build His church here in Rye in all denominations.

### **Prayer Focus**

- **Ask God to place on your heart the names of two or three people who don't know Jesus yet, and pray for Him to bring them to faith.**
- **Pray for the planning and preparation of the Alpha Course.**
- **Pray about who you could invite to church and/or Alpha.**
- **Pray for God to build His church in Rye (RBC and the other Rye Churches) by bringing in new and younger people.**

**Some dates for your diaries:-**

Our **Encountering God** evening will take place on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 7.30pm**. All are welcome to this lovely informal time of praise and prayer, and as usual, we will have no house-groups that week. House-groups will re-start the following week.

The monthly **Saturday Prayers Zoom meeting** will take place at **9am on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June**. Zoom details will be sent out in the usual way.

**Engage/Connect** (our pub fellowship meals for men and ladies) will take place this month on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm**. Connect ladies will meet at the Robin Hood, Icklesham, and Engage men at the King's Head, Udimore. Please give your names to Ian or Penny if you would like to attend.

***Advance Notice for next month:***

***On Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate our Church Anniversary with an Anniversary Gift Day Service followed by a BBQ fellowship lunch.***

May the Lord continue to bless each and every one of you  
as you serve Him both in church, and out in the world.

Your Pastor & sister in Christ,

***Fiona***