



RBC Newsletter

May 2025

Dear Church Family,

Our Annual General Meeting took place on April 28th. During this meeting we reviewed all we had done as a church during 2024, and again marvelled at the fact that, for a relatively small church made up of largely older people, God has enabled us to carry out a lot of mission and ministry!

This year's AGM brought a number of changes to our church leadership team.

- Geoff Austin stepped down from being Church Secretary and Trustee after well over 30 years of service. Geoff and his wife Mary were presented with a gift and a bouquet thanking them for their long service.
- Paul and Penny Kingham also stepped down from the roles of Treasurer and Financial Lead after 5 years of service in these roles. They too were presented with a gift of appreciation for the wonderful work they have carried out. Penny will be continuing to serve as a Trustee.
- Sally Moore who has been part of the Finance Team for some years, was elected as a new Trustee, and also as our new Treasurer.
- Marguerite Kenward, already a Trustee, was elected to be our new Church Secretary.

Please pray for these two ladies as they take on and settle into these two roles, which are both very important to the smooth running of church life.

The final change marked at our Church Meeting following the AGM, is that Bob Harper has stepped down from leading Foodbank after 5 years as Manager. Again the church fellowship presented Bob with a gift to show our appreciation of the wonderful work he has carried out in the role, transforming the running of Foodbank into a much more streamlined and effective organisation, whilst also maintaining the compassionate and caring interaction with clients.

So begins what feels to me like a new season in the life of the church. I am reminded of God's words in Isaiah " *Behold, I am doing a new thing!*" As we move on further into 2025, we pray once again for His guidance and equipping for all of us, that we might fulfil God's purposes for RBC, and see Him do great things in and through us.

Dates for your diary this month are as follows:-

The monthly **Saturday Prayers Zoom meeting** will take place at **9am on Saturday 3rd May**. Zoom details will be sent out in the usual way.

Our **Encountering God** evening will take place on **Tuesday 6th May at 7.30pm**. All are welcome to this lovely informal time of praise and prayer, and as usual, to prioritise attendance at this midweek gathering, we will have no house-groups this week.

On **Saturday 10th May** there will be a “**Ladies Breakfast**” event at **9am**. After the meal, **Marguerite Kenward** will be **speaking** about her work as a palliative care nurse, and how this brought her to faith. Ladies, do add your name to the list of those attending, and please do bring along any friends who may find this talk helpful.

Engage for men and **Connect** for ladies (our pub fellowship meals) are planned for **Thursday 15th May**, with the Ladies going to the King’s Head at Udimore, and the men going to the Robin Hood at Icklesham. Ladies, please speak to Penny Kingham, and men to Ian Gill, to book your place. Please do feel free to also book places for friends who may like to join you.

Our next **Messy Church** takes place on **Saturday 24th May**. Please pray for the team who organise it; for all the volunteers who help, and most importantly for a good number of families to attend, to hear and understand the Bible story, and enjoy doing the craft activities together.

Hoping to see you at some or all of the above events.

As you serve Him here, and out in the world,
May the Lord continue to bless each and every one of you,
and to use us all for His glory.
Your Pastor & sister in Christ,
Fiona