

FIRST WEEKEND IN OCTOBER

'Past put behind us, for the future take us'

At the start of October we will have a weekend of celebration and thankfulness for all that God has done. At the same time we will begin to look towards the future together. Everyone is included in this and everyone is invited to join in the process of exploring what God is calling us to do. Get the dates in your diary!

'Saints on the Move' Church Day Together

Saturday 1st October from 10am to 3pm

at Morley Retreat Conference Centre & Tea Rooms

Harvest Thanksgiving & Freedom Celebration

Sunday 2nd October at 10am

followed by lunch together

OCTOBER & BEYOND

'Give us courage to stand up and to stretch out our hand'

Through October and into November we will be building on what God has shown us on the 'Saints on the Move' church day. Together we will be learning to live with confidence as God's church in the world and discovering how we can make a difference. We trust and pray that God will show us, as a church, particular ways that we can bring his transformation to Ripley and beyond. Let's take courage together.

Preaching Series - 'CALLED TO...'

Week by week up to Sunday 6th November we will be focusing on who we believe God is calling us to be and what he is calling us to do as his church here in Ripley.

Homegroups

Resources linked to the preaching topics will be provided by the preachers for homegroup meetings each week.



SAINTS ON THE MOVE

All Saints, Ripley

'Stretch out your hand'

We believe that God has given us a special message and promise this year inspired by the story of the healing of the man with the withered hand in Luke 6:6-11. That message is that we are a church with a withered hand and God is saying, **"Stretch out your hand!"** When the man in the story stretched out his hand, restoration, strength and blessing flowed. We are trusting that this is God's promise to us as a church.

We want to take God's word seriously and don't want to miss out on what he longs to do in us and through us. As we have been praying, we sense that God is inviting us on a journey with him through the next few months. It's a journey with a clear purpose - to set us free from the things that are holding us back and the things that are sapping our faith, strength and hope, and to discover what God is calling us to do and how we can do it. You can find more details in this leaflet.

So, we invite you to join us as **'Saints on the Move'** as we embark on this journey together!

John, Rachel & Marian (July 2016)

PRAYER

We have written a prayer in response to God's word to us. Please use it as often as you can over the next few months. We are convinced that it will make a difference.

Also, please be praying however you can, that God will be free to work amongst us and that we will be prepared to be open to him in every way.

King of Glory, God of love,
captivate our hearts.
Revive your church.
Deepen our trust in Jesus.
Bring life where we are withered.
Give us courage to stand up
and to stretch out our hand
in faith and hope
that your kingdom would come
and your blessing flow
through Ripley and beyond,
in Jesus' mighty name.
Amen.



SUMMER - 'Deepen our trust in Jesus'

Through the Summer we encourage you to focus on fixing your eyes on Jesus as we aim to get to know him better and develop our trust in him.

Preaching Series - 'I AM statements of Jesus'

We will be thinking about who Jesus is and how and why we can have confidence in him.

Day by Day

Often our pace is different through the Summer and it's a great time to keep company with Jesus, to be conscious of his presence through work and rest and play. And if you've got some reading time, why not read through one of the Gospels asking the Holy Spirit to help you get to know Jesus better.

SEPTEMBER - 'Bring life where we are withered'

Through September we believe God is wanting to set us free from the things that are holding us back and that are sapping us of faith and strength. Things like fear, loss, disappointment, disillusionment, broken relationships, unforgiveness, resentment etc. We encourage you to be as open and honest as you can as we reach out to receive freedom and healing as a church from the God who loves us beyond measure.

Preaching Series - 'FREEDOM FROM...'

Inspired by the Bible, we will be focusing on different areas inviting God to speak to our particular needs for freedom and giving space to engage with God in different ways.

Focal Point

The large wooden cross will be set up at the front of church with baskets at the base. As God leads and blesses us in different ways, we can leave stones or written words or other things that represent what we need 'freedom from' at the foot of the cross.

Freedom Prayer Gatherings

We will have 2 evenings when we can get together from 7.30pm in the church:

- Tuesday 13th September
- Monday 26th September

Homegroups

All homegroups are encouraged to join in with the Prayer Gatherings. The preachers will provide resources for other homegroup meetings in September.

*'If the Son sets
you free, you will
be free indeed'*
John 8:36

