

Richard's Ramble: I travelled to London recently in the midst of the Extinction Rebellion demonstrations. I never actually saw any of the demonstrators, but one of my CTE colleagues was heading on to Trafalgar Square, where the main protests were happening, after our meeting. It got me to thinking about this whole issue and what my response should be.

As many of you know, I do have serious concerns over the environmental challenges we are facing. At the beginning of the year, I turned vegan (mostly) as a personal response to the exploitative farming methods which are contributing towards the crisis. Where I have a problem with the current protests is with the word 'rebellion'. As Christians, we are called to 'submit to those in authority' (Romans 13:1) but does this extend to when their negligence is bringing humanity to a precipice? Also, while our own government may implement changes (and it is doing), until the likes of China and India get on the same page, there is little that will change overall. So I find myself in a dilemma. Do I support the current protests – I certainly support their right to make their voice heard provided such protests are lawful – or is all of this really outside of the remit of the church?

As a creationist, I believe that we have been given the responsibility to steward the earth and that the current state of the world is a product of our greed and selfishness. Maybe my response should be to champion God's ultimate redemption which will only be brought about through Jesus Christ and his return? However you choose to respond to this situation, may God give you wisdom and bless you!

God bless, Richard



Advance notice for diaries.

We thought it would be good to have a special service near Christmas to remember family and friends who have died and will not be with us at Christmas. It is for everyone, please feel free to invite family, friends, colleagues, neighbours. The service will be gentle and then time will be given for lighting candles and/or placing a message on a tree for loved ones. There will be people available to listen, offer support and to pray if wanted. This will take place at the Memorial Hall on Sunday December 15th 6-7p.m.

Please contact Angie for further information. angies@beverleycommunitychurch.org

Life after life Event

As I was preparing for this event, I spent a lot of time reflecting upon all the many stories of God's amazing provision and His faithfulness to me and my family. This filled me with such joy. I can now understand the significance of why the Israelites kept on and on about God's provision for them as a people - lest we forget His goodness.

Sometimes, with the pace of our busy lives, we just get on with things...but my encouragement to each one of us is to keep looking back at what God has done, is doing and has promised to do for us in the future.

When I spend time thinking about what God has done for me, my heart is filled with gratitude, I am humbled, my faith is strengthened and I am spurred on - even more so when I take the opportunities to share this with others. The same is true when I hear other people's testimonies – they are such an encouragement.

So thank you to Laura and David for sharing your story of when you came to faith and thank you for sharing why the church is important to you. Thank you to Lucy for sharing the wonderful miracle of healing and life. Thank you to Andrew and to Steve for sharing the difficulties that you have experienced and how God has used these for His glory. Finally, thank you to Amanda for sharing her stories too.

Let's spur one another on in faith by sharing our stories of what God is doing.

Maxine

November at a glance		
Fri	1st	10.00 Ladies Bible Study 10.15 Men and Coffee 20.00 Purpose Driven Pint
Sat	2nd	22.00 Street Angels
Sun	3rd	10.30 BCC Service 18.00 Intercession 18.30 CT Prayer 19.15 CREW Youth Group
Mon	4th	10.00 Oranges and Lemons
Tues	5th	19.00 Homegroups
Wed	6th	19.30 Re-Discovery Course
Fri	8th	10.00 Ladies Bible Study 10.15 Men and Coffee
Sat	9th	22.00 Street Angels
Sun	10th	10.30 BCC Service 18.00 Intercession 19.15 CREW Youth Group
Mon	11th	10.00 Oranges and Lemons 20.00 Wider Leaders Meeting
Tues	12th	19.15 Prayer & Worship (Minster)
Wed	13th	19.30 CMA Meeting
Thu	14th	18.30 Meditation: Be Still and Know that I am God
Fri	15th	10.00 Ladies Bible Study 10.15 Men and Coffee 20.00 Purpose Driven Pint
Sat	16th	22.00 Street Angels
Sun	17th	10.30 BCC Service 18.00 Intercession 19.15 CREW Youth Group
Mon	18th	10.00 Oranges and Lemons
Tues	19th	19.00 Homegroups
Thu	21st	18.30 Bible Book Group
Fri	22nd	10.00 Ladies Bible Study 10.15 Men and Coffee
Sat	23rd	22.00 Street Angels
Sun	24th	10.30 BCC Service 18.00 Intercession 19.15 CREW Youth Group
Mon	25th	10.00 Oranges and Lemons
Tues	26th	19.00 Homegroups
Thu	28th	18.30 Angie's Not a Homegroup
Fri	29th	10.00 Ladies Bible Study 10.15 Men and Coffee 20.00 Purpose Driven Pint
Sat	30th	22.00 Street Angels

HOMEGROUPS

Angie's home group

Angie's Thursday evening is not a 'home group'. Obviously we roll differently. The first Tuesday in the month we meet with Tuesday home groups at the Minster rooms for prayer and worship. (7.15-9p.m, all welcome whether you belong a home group or not). The other weeks we meet on a Thursday. One Thursday is Bible book group and that is held at my house, we agree what we are going to read and then meet and discuss, there is a spare seat if anyone fancies coming along to this. Another Thursday has been meditation, taking time to meditate on Scripture and to rest in God's presence. This is open to anyone whether they belong to another home group or not. The other Thursday we meet at someone's home for a social evening and this one may contain cheese and wine...If you are interested in coming to any of the Thursdays please contact me to discuss first because I need to make sure there is space, but we are very welcoming. In the new year we may be running a course on a couple of the Thursdays, details will be advertised.

Love Angie x

Jon & Nina's home group

Our home group meets on Tuesday evenings during school term times. A typical evening is arrival at about 7.45pm for tea, coffee and biscuits and a time where we discuss the events of the last week. Some weeks we then have a time of worship and on others we go straight into our main topic of the evening. This half term we have been studying the book of James. Home group is concluded with a time of prayer and finishes at 9.30pm. Anyone who would like to join us is very welcome.

For any further information please contact either Nina or Jon.

Christine and Yvonne's home group

We meet Tuesday evenings @ 7pm at either of their homes. We enjoy a cuppa and chat and then Mike and Shirley lead us in a couple of worship songs to set the tone for a bible study of some kind. At the moment we are looking at 6 studies on Longing for God. Once a month (usually the first Tuesday) we support the praise and prayer meeting at the Minster Parish Hall. We try to have a meal together once a term.

Our home group meets on Tuesday evenings, usually at John & Mary Metcalfe's from 7.45 – 9.30 pm.

David and Marie's home group

We always start with coffee and cake (other drinks are available!) and time to catch up with each other. This is followed by a time of worship, prayer, bible study or discussion focussed on supporting each other in living out our faith. Recently we have been reflecting on Richard's message on Purpose, and discussing our favourite bible characters and how they inspire us.

Before Summer we had a great time together on our second camping weekend, at Flamborough Head – the weather was better this time. More exciting than this – this term we were overjoyed to witness the baptism of Mary – a very happy day!