

Wind Down

Even the most mundane things in life seem to have a renewed beauty about them in the summer. For example, I'm not a huge fan of cars. I actually find driving them pretty tiring and feel drained when I arrive wherever I am going. On a good summer's day though, when I'm able to wind down the window and don't have the extra strain of seeing through a wall of rain water, it's just better.

So, before September comes and we have to get working hard on the challenges that face us as a church, I want to encourage you all to wind the window down. For a brief time the meetings will stop falling out the sky like rain, Sunday afternoons and evenings will be free for a whole month, and we can just coast for a bit (unless you're going to live in a field for a week or create a really special holiday!).

Look around, walk through your neighbourhood more slowly than usual, look at your own life for a moment, and pause each day, if you can, and ask God into it all in a new way.

Last Easter, "Spring Harvest" had Ephesians 3:12-21 as the theme text and I think it's a great passage to reflect on over the summer. I suggest you read it a few times, perhaps a few times a week! For now, I draw your attention to a part of Paul's prayer at verse 16:

"I pray that, out of His glorious riches, He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being."

I really pray that for us all, through the summer, we become stronger in Christ as He renews us in the power of His Spirit.

Have a truly blessed summer.

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