

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL CARE

The Gateway Elim Church has been enriched by the ministry gifting to encourage and develop the people of God. Pastoral care is vital to us because we want to be there for you. Your first point of contact is your Life Group leader; however, via the Church office or on personal numbers upon request, the team is available.

- Pastors Marty & Rebeca
- David & Denise
- Phil & Vera
- Alistair & Nadine
- Pastor Don & Doreen
- Pastor Jim & Margery
- Pastor Andrew

We are here to serve you.



Life groups form an important part of Church life at Gateway.



Speak with David or Denise Nicholas to find out more.

CARERS' SUPPORT

Carers

If you have any issues you would like to discuss, need help, advice, assistance with completion of Benefit forms and Appeals or support at Tribunals please contact David and Denise through the Church Office (01454 322616 option 0) and we will do our best to help you.

We are also available to pray with you and "just to listen" and will respect your privacy.

David and Denise



See programme for full details of what's on.



Prime Time
...an opportunity for all over 50s to spend quality time together

Every other Tuesday at 2:00pm
Speak to Don or Doreen for more details



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To the Gateway family

I've been reading about roots! What can I say, it seems to be a bit of a theme, from January, talking about blackthorn sticks, February, talking about vines and pruning and now into March and we're onto roots.

I read this on a horticultural website (www.maximumyield.com)

The root system of a plant is where essential nutrients are absorbed and distributed to the rest of the plant. As a plant grows and develops, so does the root mass. Indoor horticulturists who focus their energy on promoting and maintaining a healthy root system are more likely to have less problems and larger yields each garden cycle.....Common sense will tell you that a plant with a strong and healthy root structure is more likely to have strong and healthy stems, leaves, and flowers. Simply put, healthy roots will equate to more bountiful harvests.

Roots aren't only important for absorption of nutrients but also for anchorage, holding the plant or tree secure when winds or storms arise.

We can summarise by saying that the fruit and beauty of the tree or plant is directly related to that which isn't seen, namely the roots.

This is exactly what God is saying in His word in Psalm 1:1-3 "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper."

Where the roots are going deep into God's word and being sustained by the water of His Spirit, the Christian brings forth fruit in season, leaves don't wither and their lives are prosperous! What a promise.

What goes on, unseen, fundamentally is seen!

As I was reading about roots, I discovered that some roots even go down 60 meters (that's phenomenal), they basically go deep because that's the way they've been made. It says that God has put within man, eternity.... In other words God has put something within man to cause him to seek. When we seek after God, it actually causes us to seek all the more..... deep calling unto deep!

I would encourage you to put down deep roots, be committed to your relationship with God, spend time reading the bible, spend time seeking Him; this is all food for your root system. And as you are faithful and press in He will reward your life openly before man. Don't grow weary, His promises always are fulfilled in due season.

Matthew 6:6 "But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

Much blessings

Pastors Marty & Rebeca