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## Editorial Notes

At an extraordinary APCM in the mission church recently, Edwin Reeve was elected churchwarden for our Street churches. His contact details can be found on the front inside cover of this magazine. We are delighted that he is taking on the role and we wish him all the best and will support him as he takes up his duties and throughout his time as Churchwarden.

For those who don't know him, he is pictured on the front cover, along with his wife Angela who is making friends with a horse during the 'Coronation Walk' (see page 7).

On the back cover our Bishop Michael is seen sitting next to our new King Charles the third during the Coronation (picture from Manna), see the Bishop's letter on page 4.

The two magnificent Coronation displays were at Compton Dundon and were photos received from Pat King.

Ana's centre picture gives an idea as to the great number of people who attended the 'Coronation Tea' in Walton village hall.

Bottom left is Bev Perry from Walton showing off her award for ringing, (see page 22).

Lastly the Coronation walkers are seen posing under Maygog, the last remaining tree (Gog was killed by fire a while back) of the duo known as 'The Oaks of Avalon'. Roger.

# Rectors Letter

Dear Friends,

“Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know” Jeremiah chapter 33 verse 3.

Recently I spent a few days away on retreat – whilst this was an opportunity to ‘rest’ and step back from normal routines, it was not a holiday!

Thank you for allowing me to take a few days away from the parish for such a space to spend time with God alone in the quiet and stillness of the Devon countryside.

Whenever I go on retreat, whilst not seeking to put pressure on myself, I like to be able to do the following: read, walk, eat, pray, sleep & journal and I am pleased that I managed all of these over my few days away.

One book I read during my time away (that has been sitting on my shelf for a number of months ‘waiting to be read’) was entitled ‘how to hear God’ by Pete Grieg. This subject is something I, and I suspect many others of you wrestle with and it was good to read the author’s honest and powerful teaching as well as engaging more deeply in Scripture as one way of seeking to discern what God might be saying to me at this time. The author reminded me that we can hear God in many ways: through the bible, through Jesus, the Holy Spirit, through his whisper both in dreams and out in the community, creation and culture. Part of this process of hearing God is being prepared to allow ourselves to be attuned and to give God the space for his voice to be heard. Perhaps God’s voice in the bible may be easier to discern than the still small whisper that we could so easily miss in our daily lives if we are not listening.



# **Bishop's Letter**

## **A commitment to serve**

'Your Majesty, as children of the kingdom of God we welcome you in the name of the King of kings'. In reply to these opening words at his Coronation, King Charles III responded 'In his name and after his example I come not to be served but to serve.' This short exchange summed up what the service was about and what it intended to convey.

The King's commitment to service is not in any doubt. To give just a few examples, he has engaged with our most challenged communities far more than any politician, he called on us to care for the environment years before it became popular to do so and, of course, founded The Prince's Trust, which supports our most challenged younger people in so many ways.

He becomes king of a new era, the Carolean era. Our times see us face some big challenges. Our question is how to address them. I was immensely struck by all the agencies and charities present in the Abbey for the King's Coronation. Their participation spoke of the ways in which we're going to need to act differently in the years ahead to address the issues that confront us. Because it's all too evident that the power of government, be that local or national, to respond to the problems we see is less now than it was when the late Queen began her reign. Our challenge in this era is of how we're going to come together, in service, to address the different challenges that lie before us, be that the climate, how we tackle poverty, how we respond to a troubled international situation. All of us will have a part to play.

Where to find the resource to act in the way that's going to be needed? As I stood beside the King at the Coronation what inspired me was to see the way he drew so much strength, purpose and resolve and assurance from his Christian faith for the service he's called to give. And in that we can follow him too.

Bishop Michael

## **Common Cup**

You may have read in Lifeline or heard in church that from the first Sunday in June at all of our Communion Services and thereafter, we shall be returning to using the Common Cup.

It seems a long time ago since we ceased offering communion using wafers and the shared chalice separately (over 3 years) at the start of Covid 19. I know for some of you the absence of the Common Cup has not been easy.

What this means in practice is that communion by intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine) will no longer be available from the first Sunday in June.

That said, for any who would prefer not to receive the chalice, simply receiving communion in one kind (i.e. the bread) is a completely valid way of taking communion. Can I encourage us all to be sensible - if you have a cold or cough, you may wish to refrain from receiving the chalice until you are well. My hope and prayer is that this will be a gift to all; if you have any concerns or comments, please talk to one of the clergy. Thank you.

Ana Lawrence.

## **Offering a break this summer**

Following the success of our two day 'holiday at home' last year, we are considering offering something similar (but with a different name) this August. I'd love to hear from people who would be interested in getting involved in this be it through offering an activity, preparing and serving refreshments, being a welcoming presence or something else.

Please contact me as we begin to plan.

Ana Lawrence

## Walton Matters

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father". So that you are no longer a slave, but God's child, and since you are his child, you are his heir.

Galatians 4. V's 4-7. N.I.V.

What an amazing Coronation weekend we all had with magnificent music, precision and laughter. History from long past brought alive again for us all to enjoy and meditate on. God save the King.

We had an amazing celebration in the village hall Sunday afternoon with excellent food and wonderful companionship and conversation. Thank you so much to so many for all the hard work put in to make it run smoothly, from setting up, cooking, serving, welcoming and cleaning up. We have received lots of thanks so we can know it was a successful afternoon. I for one was so tired when I got home, I simply had to watch the ceremony over again before enjoying the evening concert. A wonderful weekend.

Our next event is the Churchyard fun day on the 10th June. This will be run on the same format as last year with family tickets £5 and individuals at £2. All games and activities will be free but there will be an opportunity for buying plants and of course, something from the BBQ and tea or coffee. (Cake of course) We could do with help running the BBQ so if there is anyone out there with the skills, we would be very grateful if you could let us know.

The garage sale booked for July is cancelled due to a clash of dates with the WI event in the village hall. We will lend our support to them instead.

We have lost a very valuable volunteer in the churchyard. Geoff has done an amazing job in the old churchyard and he will be missed but we hope he will be happy in his new home. When he moved, he of course, took his gardening tools with him. We wonder if anyone has any garden tools that they no longer need and would be willing to let Walton Church have them?

Flower rota.

3rd June. Kath Sully.

17th June. Hilda Grint.

1st July. Jane Wilcox.

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## The Coronation Walk

Thank you Tim for another fine walk, with some good viewpoints including Wells Cathedral (if you had binoculars or a long lens camera!)



And points of interest, including Gog and Magog and many sightings of the Tor. Finishing with a visit to the café. Roger.

## **The Bible for everyday life – a one day interactive journey**

Join us, for a one day interactive journey through the Bible, on Saturday, 1st July in the Mission Church.

Open to all, the day will focus, through discussion, creative activities etc., on how we can apply the 'big story' of the Bible to our everyday lives as Christians.

There will be a nominal charge for 'The Bible for everyday life', which will include refreshments and a simple lunch. More details and links to allow you to purchase tickets to follow shortly.

Ana Lawrence

## **A growing church, cars and being good neighbours**

Hopefully, that headline has caught your interest!

The good news is that numbers at all our churches are increasing and, when we have our occasional joint services or special events our churches are now wonderfully full. Long may that continue!

However, all but one of our churches have no dedicated car park and with more people coming along it can be difficult to find somewhere to leave the car for those attending. As we seek to be good neighbours both to the rest of the church family and to those who live around us in Street, Walton and Compton Dundon can I ask you to consider the following.

1. Walk or cycle to church if you possibly can. If you can't, how about car sharing with another member of the church family who lives near to you?

2. Please think about leaving car parking spaces nearest to the church free for those who have limited mobility.
3. When parking in neighbouring roads, please be considerate of those that live there by not blocking driveways, parking on corners or opposite junctions etc. There are safe places to park near to each of our churches which don't have a car park, although it may involve a little walk. Please ask a member of the church you are planning to attend if you're not sure where the best place to put your car might be.

Thank you so much for your understanding. We want to be good neighbours both to each other and to those who live around our churches. Ana Lawrence

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## **Children's Hospice South West**

To all those of you who have left used postage stamps in the foyer of the Mission Church over the last 2/3 years, the Children's Hospice South West would like to 'thank you'. I dropped them off at the Reception of Charlton Farm on Friday and received a 'thank you' card yesterday and this is displayed on the Mission church notice board.

It was two sizeable packages and the ladies were extremely pleased, in fact, the Receptionist was preparing to send some off to sell so I couldn't have chosen a better time to deliver them.

Very many thanks. Please continue to save, remembering to leave a border of 2cms around all four sides of each stamp.

Carolyn Dulborough, 01458 443255.

# My Faith Journey

Being a wartime baby with my father away most of the time with the fire service, my mother moved in with her parents. Her father was a deacon in the Baptist Church so every Sunday the family, including dad when at home, went to morning and evening services at Nebo Baptist Chapel in Ebbw Vale, a typical Welsh Baptist Chapel. By the time I was four, Sunday also included afternoon Sunday school. When I was twelve, I had joined the Youth Guild which ran on Wednesday evenings so Chapel became a large part of my life and my faith grew accordingly.

When I was thirteen, we moved to Blackpool to help my aunt and uncle to run their boarding house, aunty having arthritis and uncle angina. What a difference in places to live! I started going to the Baptist Chapel there which was a walk along the promenade. I hated the smell of onions cooking mixed with the smell of candy floss. So, it wasn't long before I changed to an Anglican Church where a number of friends from my new school went for the weekly youth club.

After getting married at twenty-one, having a son and moving to Huddersfield for work all of my time was taken up with family and providing for them. We had a bit of a nomadic life for a time taking in Blackpool again and finishing up in a village outside Stockport. Here I first became a Cub-Scout leader for a few years and then a Scout leader when no one else would fill this position. The Scout Group was affiliated to the local Methodist and Anglican Churches with Church parades to attend which reawakened my faith.

After seventeen years of turbulent marriage, we decided to separate and I moved to Basingstoke where the head office of the company I was working for was situated. I met Sylvia who was also divorced, we hit it off and became soul mates. We started to go to

Church and were readily accepted. When my divorce was imminent after four years of separation, we asked the vicar if he would marry us to which he agreed, with a special dispensation from the Bishop and after we had both been confirmed and I had been baptised.

We lived in Basingstoke for a year after marrying then moved to a small town north of Basingstoke but stayed members of the same church until after three years there was a change of vicar. We decided to change to the local church where we both became deeply involved with helping out where ever we could in the three churches of the parish. Sylvia took on the job of treasurer and when I stopped travelling Europe for work, I joined the PCC and later became fees, envelope and Gift Aid officer, taking on the running of the Parish Giving scheme when the Church joined. During this time our faith in God was deepened greatly. When I was diagnosed with cancer in 2012, had an op to remove the tumour but it was found, after x-ray, that the cancer had not been completely removed. The nurse who told me said that she had never known anyone to take it with so little emotion, I should have told her that it was because I put my faith in God to guide me as he wished.

This trust, after much prayer, led me to having a radical op at a different hospital to rid me of the cancer and thanks to God and the surgical team it was a complete success with no sign of return after ten years.

It was with many regrets we decided to move to Street to be nearer to family. We joined the Street Churches and were welcomed at both the Parish and Mission Churches and continue to enjoy the fellowship and deepening of faith received in our church life here. Wishing God's blessings to all.

David Yemm

## **STANDING ORDERS AND GIFT AID, TWO WAYS TO MAKE YOUR GIVING GO FURTHER**

Everyone loves a bargain, don't they? In these tough financial times it would be great if we could make our giving to our parish go even further? Well, the answer is, that you can. Below are two simple ways to substantially increase the value of your gift to your church which cost nothing! Many of you are already using standing orders or have already gift aided your donations, but for those of you who are still unsure, please read on!

### **STANDING ORDERS**

Standing orders are a simple instruction to your bank to pay a set amount, regularly to the church. You decide how much, how often the money is paid and can cancel and amend the standing order at any time.

The benefits to the church

- Knowing we have a regular income coming in each month or week helps us to plan our finances with more confidence.
- it is far simpler, safer and cheaper for money to be paid directly from your bank to the church bank account than to count and bank cash (which is getting harder with current bank branch closures).

The benefits to you

- Standing orders help you to plan your own giving.
- With less cash being used day to day, you do not have to remember to bring money to church. Some may feel some embarrassment about not putting money in the collection plate, but there is no need. You can, of course, still put

extra in if you want to, but with more people using standing orders you will not be alone in not using the plate for your giving.

(Some people have asked about the possibility of setting up direct debits rather than standing orders. Just to let you know that this option will be available before too long. Watch this space).

## **GIFT AID**

Gift Aid is a government scheme whereby the tax that you pay on your income can be refunded to any charity to whom you donate. This includes all our churches.

The benefits to the church

- Any donation that we can match to a Gift Aid declaration allows us to claim an extra 25% from the government at no cost to you. For example, if you gift aided a regular standing order of £100 per month, the value of your donation to your church would increase from £1,200 to £1,500.

The benefits to you

- Effectively this is extra free money that you can give to the church and, beyond filling in a form, there is nothing that you need to do apart from making sure that you pay enough tax, and we can identify your donations either through a standing order or our envelope scheme.

National research shows that roughly 1/4 of all people who are eligible to Gift Aid do not do so, losing UK charities hundreds of millions of pounds each year. We would love to see everyone who can using gift aid and below are a few common

misconceptions which might be stopping some of you from doing so:

- 'I don't give enough to make it worthwhile.' Claiming Gift Aid is simple for the church and every amount, however small you might think it is, makes a difference.
- 'HMRC will use the form to check up on me.' Gift Aid declaration simply ask you to confirm information that the tax office should already have.
- 'I can't Gift Aid because I'm retired.' Retirement does not stop you gift aiding, providing you still pay tax, which most retired people do (to their annoyance!). Tax is often deducted from pension payments at source so you may not notice.
- 'I don't want to give a long-term commitment.' This is not a requirement, you can gift aid either a one off, or a regular gift.

If you want to know more there is a really useful website at <https://www.swiftaid.co.uk/blog/defeating-the-myths-about-gift-aid/> or talk to your church Treasurer.

During June we will be talking more about this and making standing order and gift aid forms available in all our churches. However, if you want to talk about this, in confidence, please do talk to your church Treasurer who will be happy to provide you the forms and help you with the process.

Kevin Lawrence On behalf of the benefice stewardship team

# An introduction from our new Curate

Dear Friends.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as the new Curate for the Benefice. I have been married to Jon for twenty-four years. We have four children together aged from 23 to 10. Two of which are still living at home who I am sure you will meet very soon! We have a Basset Hound and a chihuahua who are part of the family. I absolutely love dogs and look forward to taking walks in the beautiful countryside with you. I enjoy being outdoors and that is how I connect deeper with God. In creation. I enjoy reading and country dancing and learning new things.

We currently live in Marston Magna. Sadly, I will not be living amongst you but will be commuting to the parishes.

At college I have specialised in Rural Ministry. I have always lived in Somerset in small villages, and I have a passion for maintaining rural life, tradition, and values. I enjoy history and looking at the folklore that has helped to mould the area we live and the things we do.

I enjoy the turn of the seasons and their individual beauty. Autumn is definitely my favourite time of the year! There is nothing better for me on a late summer's day, than watching the harvest come home, and attending community events that rural people do best!

I enjoy connecting with people and hearing their stories it is a great joy for me to serve my Curacy here with you and I look forward to meeting more of you in the summer.

Peace and Joy. Sister Rachel Pengelly

# Churchyard Events

You may have noticed that Street and Walton Churchyards have not been mown in recent weeks. This is part of the No Mow May policy of the local authority (and others). I hope you have enjoyed seeing the wild flowers that have had a chance to shine.

Caring for God's Acre works nationally to support groups and individuals to investigate, care for, and enjoy churchyards and burial grounds. With the Church of England and A Rocha they organise, and encourage communities to participate annually, in a Love Your Burial Ground/Churches Count on Nature 'week' which this year is from 3rd - 11th June. Two events celebrating our Churchyards fall within that week and a third is in July:



- At **Street Parish Church** (Holy Trinity) the Eco Church group are holding an Open Churchyard event on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June from 2pm**. There will be refreshments including cake.
- **Walton Parish Church** are holding a Churchyard Fun Day on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June** where the Eco Church group will have a stall amongst the many other activities.
- **Compton Dundon Parish** will be including their Churchyard in Compton Dundon Open Gardens on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 1 – 6pm**.

Come to any (or all) events to see how we are helping to take care of the Churchyards in a wildlife friendly way whilst they continue to be a pleasant place for visiting graves and contemplation. Find out about the trees and plants and how you can report your own wildlife sightings.

Sue Ripley (Street Parish) for Eco Church group

## Afternoon Teas and Bees

On arriving at the Mission Church for a talk about bee keeping, we were greeted by Jeff and Carol Brewer dressed in what looked like forensic science outfits complete with blue latex gloves and hoods. It was rather a warm day to be dressed in such outfits and they said that on summer days it could be very hot indeed inside their suits. Jeff brought with him examples of the equipment that is used to look after the bees and collect the honey. He explained that in a hive there is one queen bee, some drones and lots of worker bees. The drones are always male and the workers are female. Once the drones have done their work by fertilising the queen bee, they are no longer useful and are excommunicated from the hive. The worker bees then go on to produce lots of lovely honey. We were able to taste a sample of the honey which Jeff and Carol have collected and it was indeed delicious. Also on display were bars of beeswax and candles which they had made. Carol told me that the wax is used in making cosmetics. Jeff had brought with him some examples (now deceased) of the three types of honey bee, queen, worker and drone and a large magnifying glass so we could see the detail in the makeup of each one and how they differ. Later we were treated to a selection of cakes and biscuits with cups of tea or coffee, which we enjoyed whilst having a good natter. Glynys Ruddle.

Afternoon Teas and Time

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June

2-30pm

Mission Church Street

Ed Reeve will lead us for a short reflection on TIME  
followed by tea, cake, biscuits and  
a chance to talk amongst ourselves.

Everyone is Welcome to come along.

## **WATCH - *What if we don't?***

This column kicked off monthly. Now it's just occasional. The reason I'm writing this one is that last week I met up briefly with the man who inspired me to start it in the first place. His name is Faraj and he's Egyptian but now lives in Australia where he's priest-in-charge of a church in Melbourne and a resulting church plant 50 miles away in Geelong. Both churches have services in Arabic and are thriving with congregations of new arrivals from the Middle East, many from a previously Muslim background. Around 20 years ago Faraj was at Bristol University doing an MEd in deaf education then a PhD. Several times he came and spoke at the Mission Church. The last time he preached on Mark 13. He ended his talk with verses 36-37, where Jesus says:

**“Wake up! Watch for my return. Don't let me find you asleep. I'm saying this to you, and I'm saying it to all.”**

Jesus was earlier talking about the terrible persecution of his followers that will precede his return: persecution so bad that if God our Father did not shorten it not a single Christian would survive. In our Communion services we declare “Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!” His second coming will not be in obscurity to a small village at night in a stable. No! He will come in glory in the clouds and everyone in the whole world will see him. For unbelievers the sight of him will cause deep anguish and terror. Those who have been awake and preparing will welcome his glorious return to judge the wicked and reign in righteousness.

***Are we preparing ourselves individually and corporately for this momentous event?***

We live in an uncertain and unstable world. Persecution of Christ's followers is intensifying. In China, North Korea, Iran, Afghanistan. Genocidal violence against Christians in Africa is increasing, from Mozambique to Nigeria. It is estimated that by 2030 China will overtake the US in military power - that'll just 7 years from now.

The current obsession with gender and same sex marriage in churches clearly indicates that we are woefully ignorant both of the clear teaching of the Bible - God's word - and in discerning the times in which we live. Again and again in the NT we are exhorted with "He that has ears to hear let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches." This is referring to the Holy Spirit of God - **not** the spirit of secular society.

What should you or I be doing? Should we be tolerant if our leaders are deviating from the revealed word of God in the Bible, which was described "as the most precious thing this world affords" in the Coronation service only the other day. I believe we should make our views known now - very soon it will be too late. The alarm has sounded - we need to wake up and wise up: fast.

***Bernard Sinclair***

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## **Intercessions Training**

The prayers of intercession are a valuable part of our Sunday and Midweek worship as we lift the needs of the world, the church, the community and people to God in intercessory prayer.

We are blessed with a number of people across our churches who make up our intercessory prayer teams and at the same time are looking to grow the numbers who feel called and equipped to lead the congregation in prayers of intercession.

We are offering a training session to anyone who is already on the rota leading intercessions and indeed to any others who may be interested in this ministry.

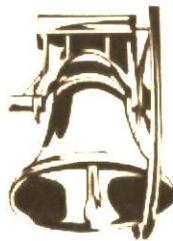
The training session will take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June from 7 – 9pm in the Mission Church, in Room 4 (upstairs). If you plan to come, please let the church office know, by phone or email.

Looking forward to meeting together. Ana Lawrence

# The Diocese Bellringers AGM

In May the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers (Glaston Branch) held their annual AGM in Street Parish Church.

The afternoon started with a service, led by our Rector Ana Lawrence, and during her talk she made reference to her failed attempt to ring the Mission Church Bell at her installation service.



The first hymn was Belfry Praise, (tune by John H Matthews and words by Henry Charles Wilder), verse 4 reading.....

The general conception is that when the ringing for a service is over, the ringers leave by the tower door, (some may), but judging by the singing at this service that is a misconception, it was a joy to hear.

The A.G.M meeting included presentations

to ringers who have achieved 50- or 60-years bell ringing, including Streets Captain Bev Perry whose photo appears on the back cover.

Finally...Tea! I discovered that Bellringers like their food too!!

Oh, and they did some ringing at various towers in the area, including Street and Wells cathedral.

We were pleased to be hosts at their 2023 AGM. Roger.

*Our lives like Bells, while changing  
An ordered course pursue;  
Through joys and sorrows ranging  
May all those lives ring true.  
May we, through Christ forgiven,  
Our faults and failures past,  
Attain our place in heaven,  
Called home to rest at last.*

## News from St Andrew's, Compton Dundon

Our annual Spring Clean took place at the end of April: thank you to everyone who worked hard to make the interior of our church spick and span!



In preparation for the Coronation weekend, bunting was hung above the church gate, along the path handrails and in the porch. A team of florists decorated inside the church to give it a regal feel with red, white and blue arrangements.

On Coronation Sunday St Andrew's was offered a stall at the Cricket Club Coronation Celebration. We sold jams and preserves, plants and cakes and raised over £150 for church funds. Thank you to those who donated, served and bought. The remaining plants are now on sale by the church porch and inside the church jam and preserves are available. Further donations of plants are most welcome as the sale will continue until mid-June. Pat

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## A summer's afternoon out in Compton Dundon

On Saturday 9 July, from 1 pm – 5pm, gardens in Compton Dundon as well as the churchyard will be open for you to enjoy while raising money for St Andrew's bell appeal. As well as enjoying what will undoubtedly be some spectacular gardens, refreshments, plant and book stalls will be available.

Parking is available in Compton Dundon village hall or outside the church and tickets can be obtained from members of St Andrew's, Price £5 (under 16s free)  
Put it in your diary today. Ana Lawrence

# Make Yourself at Home, Lord

“... ABIDE IN MY LOVE ...” JOHN 15:9 NKJV

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If our need for a relationship with God is so deep and constant, why do we fail to pursue it? One reason is, we're convinced He remembers all the bad we've done and is quick to judge us for how we're doing now. That's not so. Think of the qualities of a best friend: they accept you and make time for you; you always leave their presence feeling better. What you appreciate in a best friend is exactly what God offers you today. He wants to abide with you even more than you want to abide with Him. 'As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.' If we were really abiding in His love we'd come away feeling so cherished that we'd rush back to Him each day.

The word abiding means to 'be at home' in God's love; to be convinced of your acceptance as a member of His family in good standing; to be at peace there, to be fed and nurtured by His presence, to feel protected knowing it's the safest place on earth you'll ever be. Abiding is all about the most important relationship in your life. In abiding you seek, long for, thirst for, wait for, see, know, love, hear and respond to Him. Abiding means more of Him in your activities, thoughts and desires.

Too often in our rush to perform for God we simply fail to enjoy His company. Yet we were created to be incomplete with anything less. That's why David wrote, 'As the deer pants for the water brooks, so my soul pants for You, O God' (Psalm 42:1 NAS).

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