

Thought for the Month

September 2021

Fresh Starts

'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?'

John 14.5

September is a transitional time of year. As I am writing this we are enjoying a late (belated, almost) taste of summer sunshine. As the month wears on and the sun sinks lower in the sky, nature will turn increasingly autumnal as it settles down for its winter slumber. As it does so, our thoughts too may start to look towards the end of the year, and all that comes with that.

But in other ways, September is also a time of new beginnings as people return to their daily routines, hopefully refreshed by a summer break. For young people a new academic year may entail a change of school and opportunities to make new friends and study new subjects. Others will begin university courses and experience greater independence for the first time. Daunting steps into the unknown for many of them, but opportunities to grow and develop.

Having said goodbye to Gwyneth and Geoff last month, September marks the start of a period of change for us at Holy Trinity as well. It may seem daunting as we navigate the church year without a vicar to guide us.

Jesus constantly challenged his disciples to step into the unknown in the service of God, calling them to follow him, to heal the sick, to go out and share the good news. That's our call too, so whilst the vacancy is an opportunity to take stock of where we are today, we too need to open ourselves to the exciting opportunities God is calling us to explore right here in Longlevens. If we keep ourselves open to his prompting and faithful in prayer, we can be sure that he will provide the support we need.

Daunting times ahead for so many of us, certainly, but also the next step on our journey with Christ.

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Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

John 14.6