

What's On—August 2024

Friday 2nd

MBC Café—open to all
10am—12pm

Sunday 4th

10.30am Communion Service
With Nick Drury

Monday 5th

MBC Café—open to all
10am—12pm

Sunday 11th

10.30am Morning Service
With Nick Drury

Monday 12th

MBC Café—open to all
10am—12pm

Friday 16th

MBC Café—open to all
10am—12pm

Sunday 18th

10.30am Morning Service
With Nick Drury

Monday 19th

MBC Café—open to all
10am—12pm

Tuesday 20th

J&J's stay and play
10am—2pm

Sunday 25th

10.30am Morning Service
With Graham Clarke

Monday 26th

MBC Café—open to all
10am—12pm

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Legacy matters...

Recently I've been thinking about legacy. The impact of a person; what they leave behind, what people remember, value and reminisce about the unique life lived. I've been prompted in my reflections by the retirement of two people, in the last week, who made an incredibly rich, meaningful and sacrificial contribution to the culture and ethos of my workplace.

It has got me thinking, what would I like people to remember me for? Which of my qualities, habits, achievements or actions would I hope to be recalled?

But is this the right way to approach legacy? Sometimes people can get a bit obsessed over making "legacy" their goal. It becomes an overriding concern, how others perceive and value their abilities, gifts, and contributions. A bit like "happiness", I'm unsure legacy is achieved by aiming directly for it. Most of us are not going to be defined by one crowning moment or achievement; winning Olympic Gold or climbing Everest. For many our legacies will be worked out through our day-to-day lives; our commitments to family relationships, to our vocations, to our faith and the slow formative impact of our choices over time.

Many young people today aspire to

become "influencers", usually measured by the number of followers they have on social media. I don't have any social media followers (!) and perhaps neither do you, but the fact is we are all "influencers". In our homes, friendships, workplaces, churches, villages and towns, we all have influence, we are all building a legacy, whether we realise it or not.

I think it's probable that most of our legacy will remain hidden until revealed at the day of Christ. As Christians we need to be prepared to leave such matters in God's hands. For now, let us work and pray faithfully in the places where we find ourselves, in the mundane and routine, in the obscure, in the local and familiar, following our Lord and Saviour.

I want to finish with a passage of scripture, written by Paul, full of good sense but culminating with his hope for his own legacy as his pastoral ministry draws to a close.

There must be no grumbling and disputing in anything you do. That way, nobody will be able to fault you, and you'll be pure and spotless children of God in the middle of a twisted and depraved generation.

You are to shine among them like lights in the world, clinging on to the word of life. That's what I will be proud of on the day of the Messiah. It will prove that I didn't run a useless race, or work to no purpose.

Philippians 2 v 14-16: (Translated by Tom Wright)

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Our Vision Statment:

Growing Together by loving God loving others & serving our community