

Refined *in mind*

Approaching the journey towards your resumption of church life



Let this mind be in you

In Philippians chapter 2 verses 1-11 Paul sets out God's vision for a unity church community. Right at the centre of the passage we have the well-known verse, 'Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus'. It's a reminder that our attitude of heart and mind determines and directs how we act and react in the real circumstances of our lives.

As we approach our congregation's journey towards resumption of a fuller and fresh expression of church life, we need to do so with prayerfully prepared hearts tuned to the mind of Christ and refined in his image.

Be positive

As you prepare to play your part in your congregation's restart of a fuller and fresh expression of church life do so ready to make the most of the gradual easing of restrictions to grasp the opportunities of what each new freedom allows you to do.

That's not easy when we have been disappointed so often by the 'stop-start' nature of the last year, but just now let's try to encourage one another to approach the coming months with a positive frame of mind.

Prayer

Sovereign God,
who is in control of all things,
as we emerge from this prolonged period of restrictions,
help us to take confidence in you.
As I play my part in the fuller and fresh expression
of my congregation's life
in these days,
help me to be positive,
forward looking,
grateful for each new possibility,
energised by what you are doing,
and encouraging towards others.
In Jesus' Name.
Amen.