



Dear all,

How good are you at adapting to change around you?

On Sundays, our sermon series is exploring some of the different ways in which the early Church kept changing in response to the ever-changing circumstances they found themselves in.

Last Sunday, we reflected on Philip's mission to the Samaritans found in Acts 8. This was a seismic shift in the early church's understanding of who constituted the church. You see, up until this point, the emerging church's mission had been focused on the Jews, because Jesus was viewed as the Jewish Messiah. Now it appeared that the good news of Jesus Christ was also for the Samaritans, considered at best to be half-Jews by the Jews because of their chequered past.

But it doesn't stop there! As we continue our journey through Acts, we will learn about the ways in which the early church had to adapt to even bigger changes – changes that struck at the core identity of who they thought they were.

This level of change is never easy at any time, yet it is necessary if the church is to continue sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

One of the recent news items from the Archbishop of York that General Synod is about to discuss, is his vision for 10,000 new, predominantly lay-led churches in the next ten years. This means 'Church' as we know it will be done differently and will be a seismic shift in our understanding and practice. How will we respond to this?

With every blessing
Tim

Church News:

- **World Mission Partner Update**

[Click here](#) to read the latest news from the McClymonts working with OMF.

- **Short Questionnaire about St Mary's for an A Level Project**

One of our Young People is doing an A Level project focused on St Mary's Church Eaton Socon and its importance in creating a sense of place in Eaton Socon. If you're able, please [click this link](#) to complete a short questionnaire as soon as possible. Thanks.

- **Spaces to Remember, Reflect and Recover**

Do visit and make use of the Spaces as follows:

- Tuesdays (including Craft Space) & Wednesdays 10am-12noon
- Fridays (including Art Space) & Sundays 2pm-4pm

If you're able to help as an usher, please contact Alli by [clicking here](#).

- **Sunday Service**

This Sunday do join us for this at 10am for our morning Service either in person, on Facebook or YouTube! [Click here](#) to book your tickets for Sunday's Service and next week's Wednesday Service.

Under Aslan's paw,
Tim - Vicar, St Mary's Eaton Socon