



Vicar Dale's  
Walk to Freedom



## Welcome

**It's great to have you with us today.**

If you would like to find out more about what happens around the place, please stop by the welcome desk after the service.

**Hospitality,  
Healing  
and Hope.**



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## Message

In 1945 Dietrich Bonhoeffer was killed in a Nazi concentration camp. He is famous for many things, but his classic exploration of Christian community, titled *Life Together*, is one of the most life-changing books I've read. Its brevity does not diminish its richness.

Much has changed over the decades, yet *Life Together* is perhaps more relevant today than when it was written. Our culture values individualism above all else but in the Christian life *both* solitude and community are important. The Christian life is not just about me and God. It's about true community with other believers.

We are tempted to speak of the church with pessimism, disgust and dissatisfaction. We get fed up with its flaws, foibles and failures. While we may have legitimate critiques, Bonhoeffer pointedly reminds us that the ability to live in Christian community should not be taken for granted.

Despite its warts and imperfections, Christian community is a beautiful gift of God's grace. It should be a joy and cause for celebration. Our message today explores 3 aspects of it, enunciated by Jesus in Matthew 18:15-20.

- Phillip Donnell



**Today's Preacher:** Rev Phillip Donnell

**Readings:** Daniel 3:19-30 (NKJV), , Matthew 18:15-20.

**Prayer for the day**

**Service: p.404**

Gracious God, when two or three are gathered in your name you are there. Ever present with your family, the church. Give us grace and maturity when we are in conflict. Help us to listen, to forgive and to live together in mutual love. Through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

**Weekly Promise from God** by Rev Jenny Fulljames *'I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.'* John 5: 24

**Holy Trinity Kidz in Sunday School Rm 2, 10am during school term-time  
Parents Room available at the back of the auditorium during the service.**

## Notices...

### Thank You...

#### From Dale

Thank you everyone for the wonderful farewell services last Sunday. I am very sorry that, due to Covid 19 Level 2, not everyone could be there. This pandemic has certainly upended our world!

Also, thank you all very much for the very generous gift. I have no idea what I will get but I can guarantee that it won't be a record player. May God bless you all as you move together into the next era God has for HTT. PS I am pleased to have solved, in my last service as your vicar, the 'heightist' issues regarding the candles. Blessings and Love Dale  
(New e-mail : 5dale5williamson@gmail.com)

**The Wardens** would like to thank those who played a part in making Vicar Dale's farewell a memorable event. It was a wonderful farewell event in which many played a part. They would also like to acknowledge those who, by reason of the 100 person limit, were unable to attend and participate. Your graciousness and respect made a difficult situation much easier. For those who missed it, the event can be watched via a link from our website, FB page or the HTT YouTube channel.

#### **This Sat - 12 Sep, 2.30-6.30pm**

Seminar with Dr Rev Steve Taylor to prepare for parish consultation.

#### **This Sun - 13 Sep, 8am and 10am.**

Dr Rev Steve Taylor is preaching.

## **IMPORTANT DATE Sun 11 October**

Please save this very important date for the Parish consultation process.

### Next CAP course



Mondays 14, 21, & 28 Sep at 7pm.

### Library News

Borrowing time is one month. Please check your books at home and return any overdue HTT books to Library/Office. Thanks, Susan

**Welcome Hosting** – to register interest in doing one am or pm shift per wk, please tel. Bill 0274507436

**Our Contact Directory** – please make any amendments or e-mail office by Monday 7 Sep. Thanks

**Our Love** and prayers go out to Pat Law and Wendy and John Rose, and family for the passing of Jack. Funeral Wed 9 Sep. Please e-mail [wendyrosebud@icloud.com](mailto:wendyrosebud@icloud.com) for details.

### Others' News

**Women's Lifestyle Expo**, including our HTT stand, is on Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 October.

**St George's Art Exhibition** (Gate Pa) is on 9 & 10 October, see Noticeboard.

**St Peter's** Evensong today 4pm, 11 Victoria Rd, Mt Maung.

**New Wine Festival – Jan 21-25**

# Pick up a postcard – coming soon



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