

Dear St. Andrews & All Saints family,

It's hard to believe it was 3 years ago last week that I started my role here. When I arrived I was a single (though engaged), Elim Pentecostal Minister, still recovering after 9 months back home from depression and burn-out. Now I'm married to Hannah, with a beautiful baby boy, heading off to do an MPhil at Ridley Hall, Cambridge, in order to train for Anglican Ordination; and perhaps more importantly, feeling rebuilt and steadier in my faith than ever before.

When I sat down with Dave a few weeks ago for a reflection on the last 3 years, whilst we found time to celebrate all that has happened with our wonderful young people and what God's done in this season, I found myself increasingly reflecting upon actually how blessed I have been by this church community, more than anything I've given out. I therefore wanted to take an opportunity to thank a few people in particular.

Obviously the staff team of Dave, Peter, Helen, Kirsty & Sarah (as well as Doug and Anita) have been a great support, as well as the Wardens, PCCs and wider leadership team; and I am deeply thankful to all of them. However, the beautiful thing in so many churches – but particularly our 2 – are the things which happen in the background, often by people who will never be named in this life for doing it. I'd like to thank some of those.

Firstly, Barry and Debbie Austin, who have cared for both Hannah and I; but particularly Barry, my mentor & my friend, who has met with me or called me, every couple of weeks since I arrived in Malvern (often forcing me to join him for dog walks to subtly help me lose weight), and whose support has been indescribable for me. They've already found a caravan site near Cherry Hinton...

Then Colin and Marion Robbins, our 'landlords' (friends), whose generous hospitality enabled us to save for and afford our wedding. They've not stopped being generous to us since, and we will miss deeply our life on the farm with the best neighbours we've ever had. I shall particularly miss Colin appearing on our doorstep on regular occasions, with tears in his eyes, to tell me something new God has done this week through Alpha, CAP or just his life. (I'll also miss the Golf on my day off...).

Paul and Diana Hunt have tended deeply to my soul. Paul through Spiritual Direction, which has truly changed my life and my faith beyond recognition. Diana, and her colleague Mike, have done prayer ministry with me, picking up themes from my Psychotherapy and just affirming in me the goodness of God.

Simon Macaulay (who'll say he's my right-hand man, but really I've been his), who has been the single most encouraging person I've known in my entire life, and who met me every couple of weeks for walks during the 3 Lockdowns; pretending it was for his benefit, when really it was for mine... And has shown me how to be a Christian leader of integrity, through leading his company throughout Covid.

But on top of that there's many others. Ellie and Simon (soon to both be Noble...), and all of Hannah's life group for providing us with food when Hannah had her foot operation, and

when Oliver arrived too. Mary Flynn for providing us with all the camping equipment we could ever need to take the young people to Soul Survivor (and lovingly tidying my office a couple of times). Andy Lymer for being an incredibly generous, encouraging and God-vision filled treasurer (though not generous enough to allow me to keep my first church pay cheque of £11,000 after a decimal point error). Peter and Margaret Buchanan for encouraging emails, and continually asking for prayer points. Heather Williamson for even more encouraging emails and continued prayer support. Derek Barnes for putting up with me getting to Risk Assessments late in the day, but always helping to make things happen. George, Levi & April for helping us with the Octagon youth along with James and Sarah (and Sandie & Helen just before Covid hit).

Bob & Angela, Mike & Peggy, Derham, Bev & Pauline, Peter & Jane, Janet Finch and many others who have always sought me out after services, over text or in the shops or park to ask how things are going with the youth – and also how am I doing, and how Hannah's doing.

And of course, perhaps most importantly, everyone who's ever helped out with our youth ministry, all our wonderful parents and our incredible young people – who have just been a dream to work with and be part of their journeys.

Whilst we are excited and joyful for what's ahead, it is with genuine sadness that we leave these two wonderful churches behind. Though we're certainly be with you all in the future state, I can't help but hope in this life time this is 'see you later' not 'goodbye;' but we shall leave that to God's plans and purposes.

God bless you all; below are some details should you want to stay in touch. Please do pray for us, as we continue to hold you in our prayers, and in our hearts.

Love
Eddy

P.s. a couple of people have asked about sending financial support during our time studying at Ridley. Whilst the Diocese is incredibly generous in offering a living allowance for our time, we're certainly open to receiving support during this season (though we're not asking for it). Andy Lymer's suggested I make a 'Stewardship' account, which is an organisation who provide support accounts for folks in ministry or ministry training, and can utilise Gift Aid for doing so.

If anybody is prompted to look at this, I've attached the information you would need on the next page.

If you want to keep in touch our new address is:

16 High Street, Cherry Hinton, CB1 9HZ

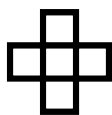
I'm also available on email at: m90eds@gmail.com – and if anybody is interested would happily send out updates on how we're doing, and requests for prayer.

To start giving to you, your supporters should first open a Giving Account at www.stewardship.org.uk/support-cause. Once active, they need to email giving@stewardship.org.uk with the following information so that we can add your account to their 'favourite recipients list', which will allow them to set up their giving online:

- Your Name: Michael Edwards
- Your Stewardship Recipient Account number: 20381044
- They need to confirm in the email they're not a close relative of you or your spouse.

For supporters who prefer a paper option, we've attached a Support Form which you can print and they can complete and return to us by post. Alternatively, it can be emailed to us.

(The paper form is attached below)



Stewardship

Active generosity

I would like to open a giving account to support:
Bible Education at Ridley Hall
Student: Mike Edwards

To open a giving account for churches and charities visit stewardship.org.uk/giving-account-churches-and-charities

Your privacy is very important to us. For more information about how we handle and protect the information you provide us, visit stewardship.org.uk/transparency/privacy

A. About You

Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS, using BLACK INK.

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<small>*Denotes mandatory fields. This information may be shared with an external agency to carry out or perform a basic identification check in the interests of protecting charitable funds.</small>											

B. Your Giving

☐ 1. Regular giving

Please make the following monthly donations out of my giving account (Please complete the Direct Debit Instruction provided):

Partner Details (Name, Address, Charity Number etc.)	Amount	Send Gift Aid ¹	Start Month ²	Anonymous? ³						
1. Bible Education at Ridley Hall Student: Mike Edwards	£	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<table><tr><td>D</td><td>D</td><td>M</td><td>M</td><td>Y</td><td>Y</td></tr></table>	D	D	M	M	Y	Y	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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In addition to the above, I would like to add the following monthly amount to build a balance in my giving account to give later:	£
Total monthly top-up to be transferred from my bank account:	£

☐ 2. One-off giving

I would like to make a one-off gift for the support of:

Partner Details (Name, Address, Charity Number etc.)	Amount	Send Gift Aid ¹	Payment Method	Anonymous? ³
1. Bible Education at Ridley Hall Student: Mike Edwards	£	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Direct Debit <input type="checkbox"/> Cheque ⁴	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

C. Gift Aid Declaration



In order to Gift Aid your donation, please tick the box below to boost your giving by 25 pence for every £1 you give.

☐ I want to Gift Aid this donation and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to Stewardship (full name Stewardship Services (UKET) Limited). I am a UK tax payer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

For your gift to be eligible for Gift Aid, please provide your home address in SECTION A of this form. Please do not provide a business or care/ of address.

D. Connect with a world of active generosity

We'd love to tell you about the latest developments and offerings from Stewardship by email, SMS, phone and other electronic means.

We value your privacy and we'll always treat your personal details with the utmost care. You can change your consent preferences or unsubscribe at any time.

☐ Yes please. I'd like to hear about the latest developments and offerings from Stewardship.

☐ No thanks, I don't want to hear about the latest developments and offerings from Stewardship.

E. Terms of use

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2. All Gifts paid from your Giving Account to Partners are made at the discretion of Stewardship's trustees. Stewardship reserves the right to not make a Gift to a particular Partner. These situations are rare but as a Christian charity an example would be that we cannot give to a charity advancing another faith.
3. As Stewardship is a registered charity, neither a Giver nor any of their Close Relatives can derive any benefit from any Top-ups or any income deriving from the Top-ups that have been received by Stewardship.
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6. If you are eligible, to enable us to reclaim tax on your charitable giving, you will need to complete a Stewardship Gift Aid declaration. The tax reclaimed will then be added to your account.
7. To see full details of our Terms of Use, including definitions of terms used above, please refer to stewardship.org.uk/terms.

F. Your Confirmation and Declaration

I confirm that I have read, understood and agree to the Terms of Use listed on this form. I also confirm that the details I have provided on this form are correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:

Date:

To return by post, simply write: 'Freepost STEWARDSHIP' on the envelope. You don't need to include a stamp or any other address details. For further information or assistance, please contact our Giving Services Team on 020 8502 8560 or email giving@stewardship.org.uk

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2. Please contact us if you would like to set up your regular giving at an alternative frequency to monthly.
3. If you choose to make this gift anonymously we will not pass on your contact details (name, address and email) to the partner that you support. If you choose to share your contact details we will make this information securely available to your partner. Please note, this may include sharing your data outside of the EU if you choose to support a partner located outside of the EU.
4. Please make cheques (minimum £30.00) payable to 'Stewardship'.

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Name and full postal address of your bank or building society

Bank / Building Society:
Address:
Postcode:

Name(s) of account holder(s):

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Bank/building society number:

Branch sort code:

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Banks and Building Societies may not accept Direct Debit Instructions for some types of account

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Please pay Stewardship (Stewardship Services (UKET) Limited) Direct Debits from the account detailed in this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with Stewardship and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my bank/building society

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Print name(s):



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Your Stewardship account no.
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Your postcode:

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Please fill in as much as possible.

ONCE COMPLETED PLEASE RETURN TO:

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The Direct Debit Guarantee



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- If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit, Stewardship will notify you 5 working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed. If you request Stewardship to collect a payment, confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of the request
- If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit by Stewardship or your bank or building society you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your bank or building society
- If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when Stewardship asks you to
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