

## Reaching Out!

Isaiah Ch.6 v8

<sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

Here we are already at the start of February in what promises to be an exciting year for us all. For me personally it will be a year of change with the opportunity to go to a Bishops Advisory Panel in March to find out where God will lead me next on this vocation discernment journey I am on. I firmly believe this is going to be a challenging year for each of us both individually and as a church.

One of the things I believe is that this year will be a year of mission for our church. I see the Isaiah scripture and recognise that we all need to respond that way when he calls. Do we know where God will lead us to and who will be called to go? No, but we must be ready to act when he does.

God has blessed our fellowship in many ways over the last few years and we need to take those blessings and use them to further His kingdom in our community by reaching those that do not know him yet! One of the things that struck me recently is that our role is to tell people about Jesus love and the truth of his gospel and then it is God, through the Holy Spirit, that takes those sown seeds and draws them to himself.

So how, is the big question? It occurred to me that, certainly for me, our sphere of relationship as Christians is mostly with other Christians! We need to find and build relationally with people who don't know Jesus. Ours is a relational faith and that will be the starting point in reaching people with the gospel.

So the challenge is to build a relationship with at least one person, family, friend, stranger, who does not know Jesus yet and share the truth of the gospel with them so that God can work in that person's life and draw them to Himself.

Just remember that he walks with us in this so rely on Him,

Blessings, Geoff