



Mission Partnership Newsletter
July 2019

Dear Friends,

It's that time of the year when a large proportion of the population is consumed by exams. Schools, from year 2 SATS through to GCSEs, vocational qualifications and A-levels are fixated by them. Children and young people are swallowed up by them, hosts of parents rendered anxious. I cannot help thinking of the words of T.S. Eliot: "Where is the Life we have lost in living? Where is the wisdom we have lost in knowledge? Where is the knowledge we have lost in information? The cycles of Heaven in twenty centuries/ Bring us farther from God and nearer to the Dust." The wisdom which Eliot longs for suggests a different version of education than that suggested by the exam culture: one in which the real goals are about the development of good character, the ability to live well in a complex and challenging world which derive from nurturing faith in Christ, the wisdom of God.

It is that second approach which lies behind our aspiration to develop a Learning Hub. In expressing our values for the project, we said: "Wisdom is the foundational value for the project. A focus on wisdom encourages delight in coming to know God which makes imperative the requirement to nurture such discovery through prayer, scripture, tradition, reason and experience. It invites us to be open to the creative newness of the Holy Spirit, to wonder at creation and to value truth, beauty and goodness. Wisdom is a key element in leadership."



One of the key next steps is teasing out how that can be expressed in practice here in MK, which is why we need your help at the next Assembly to think through the possibilities and get your ideas for what would be most helpful and effective.

This Assembly will be our AGM, so there will be a small amount of business to conduct and, in particular, this is the occasion at which we elect new Trustees. If you are considering standing as a Trustee and want to know more, please be in touch with Alison Drury or myself and download a nomination form from the website.

We look forward to seeing you there so that together we can shape the future and see ***MK: a City Alive to God.***

Mission Partnership AGM Assembly
Wednesday July 10th
7.30 – 9.15 pm
Whaddon Way Church, Bletchley

Every Blessing,
John