The Road

Not Ashamed Creative Discipleship



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It doesn't look anything like this!

It's perhaps not good when the second issue of your new quarterly news letter comes out a month or so late!

I was hoping to be able to use this issue in part to update you on details like our new address, however the house hunt was proving very slow and difficult, so I decided I would start writing it anyway, then it happened and during the week beginning 9th May we will be moving from Mursley to our new home in Two Mile Ash (Milton Keynes)

Other things are also heading in the right direction, although slowly at the moment - read on to find out the latest!

Working

As I seek God in establishing Not Ashamed, I have also been looking for some part-time work to bring in income while that work builds up.

I seem to be developing what I believe is termed a 'Portfolio Career'. Youth work is back in action as I have signed up with a Care Agency as a Youth Specialist, this has involved helping provide cover in residential settings and looking after young people between care settings. It has been really interesting work and some good conversations with young people.

I have also had the opportunity to do some training through the Diocesan Youth Office and am now qualified as a Youth Mental Health First Aider.



Along with this is what seems to have

become affectionately known as 'Freelance Vicaring'. When my former post officially came to an end on 31st Jan as of 1st Feb I

had PTO (Permission To Officiate - basically a license from the Bishop to continue to minister as a priest). This has proved very handy as a local vicar has been signed off sick and so I have been able to help out in their Parish with weddings and funerals. I have also taken a couple of family services in another local church.

Perhaps the more out of the blue has been an agency worker for estate agents, initially I signed up to be a photographer (but still have a task to complete to be registerde for that) but as I write earlier this week I led a house veiwing. It is for agents who are either too busy or more comonly the internet based agents, they hire local agency staff to conduct viewings on their behalf.

It's a mixed bag but all very interesting.

Not Ashamed

to be honest it has been a bit of a slow start, as time has been taken up both trying to find a new home and finding some other work to help pay the bills. There are some things in the pipeline though, I am beginning



to work on some 'RE experience' workshops (not sure about the proper title for these yet). I will begin by producing something on the subject of Saints (something I know is a part of the curriculum) and also aim to produce something for Christmas and Easter. For all the teachers out there, what subjects would you find helpful to have someone come in and be able to teach for RE?

There are other ideas I am also working on but I would love to hear what resources would be helpful to you in your ministry and see if there is something I might be able to help with.

Things that are ready to go include the Enter the Story workshops and the Strange but True Evangelstic show - check out the website for more details. www.notashamed.co.uk

P-A-R-T

One thing we have begun to establish since issue



stands for: **Prayer** Accountability Reflection Team

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This is a small group that will be getting together with me to do those things, to pray together for the vision and ministry of Not Ashamed, to hold me accountable before God and His Vision, to reflect together on what is happening and what God might be saying, where he is leading.

The team is made up of both clergy and 'normal' people (not sure if that is normal as opposed to clergy or 'normal' as a loose term?). They are people I have got to know over the years all of whom I respect and value as people of God and I hope and pray that together we will walk this path of exploring and following God's call for my future ministry.

One of the positives to come out of these last couple of years is our discovery of new tools we can access on the internet. This means that although this group are spread across different parts of the country we are still able to meet and pray together.

Support

One of the other things that has been set up is a way for you to support this ministry financially. I would ask you to pray and ask God if he is calling you to support this work, I long to be able to support small rural schools and churches, but often these are the places with the tighter budgets, financial support I receive means I am able to support those who could not otherwise afford such events.

Support is done through an organisation called Stewardship, you can chose to give one off or

regularly, you can also do so anonymously if you would prefer.

You can find out more by visiting:

www.stewardship.org.uk/ partners/20400872



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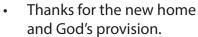
More on the house...

Two Mile Ash is in West Milton Keynes. We will be renting a 4 bed bungalow with a reasonable garden (so room for all the animals!)

We hope to have completed the move by the end of the week so from Friday 13th (good job we're not superstitious) our new address will be: 6 Thorncliffe

Two Mile Ash Milton Keynes MK8 8DT

Prayer Pionts Praise





- Continued development of vision.
- Establishing of the support group P-A-R-T.

Please

- Settling into new home particularly for Jonah and Charys as they both have exams starting within a few day of our move.
- Continued development of Not Ashamed, financial support and opportunities to share/ minister.
- The 5 Parishes as they look to the way forward and appointing a new Rector.

Blessing to you all - Rev Simo

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