



Trying something new



Some people like to try new things – perhaps searching out new restaurants, dishes and flavours; perhaps exploring a new place, community and customs. For others, it is much easier to stay in our ‘comfort zone’: in our routine with our family and our friends.



However, we’re also aware that the world isn’t static. In election season, we see this on a large scale, where political parties are publishing manifestos and making promises about policies which may affect many of us. We also see it on a small scale. You may notice a different name at the bottom of the page this month, because Christopher and Margaret Hobbs have moved to Manchester. At St Thomas’ Church, this means lots of us are trying something new: visiting people, running toddler groups, practical tasks, Bible teaching...and writing the Godspot!

Risk of failure

Whenever we try something new, there’s always the chance that we won’t be very good at it. I have particularly painful memories of pedalling as hard as I could on my bike, gaining exhilarating speed as I sped down my neighbour’s sloping drive and ending up in a thorny rose bush. Some people fail publicly, for example, every season a football manager who was welcomed with great excitement at the beginning of the season is ousted, having failed to deliver the promised results. But others do succeed - we love to read stories of entrepreneurs who risked their livelihood to produce the ‘next big thing’.

Complete assurance

At St Thomas’, whether we succeed or fail at the new things we are trying, we know we do it in the complete assurance that God loves and cares for us. We are so grateful that Christopher and Margaret have taught us this faithfully from the Bible over many years.

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