

Ruth Writes



“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths.” Proverbs 3: 5-6

When we're faced with significant decisions in our lives, it's easy to become overwhelmed by a sense of fear or anxiety. Without any visible signposts indicating which direction to take, we can sometimes feel paralysed by an inability to move forward.

But, God doesn't ask us to figure out which direction to take all on our own. As Christians, we're not expected to rely on our own wisdom, or to depend on our own understanding of situations. In Proverbs 3:5-6, we're invited to put our trust wholly and completely in the Lord, at all times and under all circumstances, in the promise that he will direct our paths. Although we might not be able to see what's ahead, God asks us to follow him in faith and trust.

You may be aware that future funding for Parish Development in Mottram has been uncertain for some time. Over recent months I've prayed a great deal about the future of the PDW role and the impact of the financial uncertainty on myself and my family. So, it's been with a real sense of faith and trust in God's leading, albeit with much sadness, that I have made the difficult decision to leave the position of Parish Development Worker later this month. In the immediate future, I will resume my full time position with the BBC Philharmonic. With my daughters, Ana and Matilda, due to take A levels and GCSEs this year, we're entering a new and exciting season in our family life.

It has been a joy and a privilege (and yes, a challenge too at times!) to serve the Lord and his church in Mottram, as Parish Development Worker. I am grateful for your generous support as I have carried out the role, and for the love and friendship you have shown to us as a family over the last 13 years.

Mottram Church will continue to be in my heart and my prayers - particularly during the vacancy.

With love and blessings, *Ruth*