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Minister's Weekly Letter: Trying Something New

Dear Friends,

This week, I've been thinking about the excitement—and the challenge—of trying something new. As creatures of habit, we often find comfort in the familiar. Whether it's sitting in the same pew on a Sunday or choosing the same meal at our favourite restaurant, we naturally gravitate towards what we know.

But sometimes, God calls us to step out of our comfort zones, to try something different, and to discover the blessings that come with embracing the unknown. For me, that "something new" this week is Café Church. It's an opportunity to gather in a relaxed setting, to share conversation over coffee and tea, and to explore our faith in a fresh, interactive way. It's a little different from what we might be used to, and I'll admit, I feel both anticipation and a touch of nervousness.

Will it feel right? Will it connect with people? Will it bear fruit?

But then I remember the stories from Scripture that encourage us to step out in faith. Take Peter, for example. He was a fisherman who spent his days casting nets, yet when Jesus called him to leave it all behind and follow Him, Peter tried something completely new. He exchanged his fishing nets for a life of discipleship, stepping into an adventure he couldn't have imagined.

Trying new things, whether big or small, is an act of trust. It's about believing that God is at work, even when we're unsure of what lies ahead. And when we open ourselves up to new experiences, we often find God in unexpected places—in a conversation we didn't expect to have, in a new way of worship, or in the simple act of saying, "I'm willing to give this a try."

So, I encourage you this week to consider something new. Maybe it's joining us for Café Church. Maybe it's reading a different part of the Bible, praying in a different way, or even reaching out to someone you don't usually talk to. Whatever it is, remember that God walks with us as we step into the unknown. Let's keep stepping forward together in faith, trusting that God will meet us there.

With every blessing,

Rev Jade

