



GOOD NEWS CENTRE

FEEDING BODY AND SOUL



Dear Friends,

In the book of Ecclesiastes, the Bible talks about changing seasons and how there is a time for everything. At the Good News Centre, we have been through a few very difficult years and whilst God has sustained us through these times we feel the time has come to close the doors.

42 years ago, the GNC was started by a group of Christians from churches in the local area and the vision was to spread the message of Jesus through Christian literature. As the years have gone by the shift has gradually moved from mainly Bookshop to mainly Coffee House and with more people buying books online, the overall business has become financially unviable, despite many efforts to sustain it.

Further, the trustees believe it is no longer fulfilling its original and primary purpose, as in this quote from the 40th anniversary booklet: "The original concept was to have a Christian bookshop in the town centre which would be to the glory of God and give everybody access to the wide and attractive range of Christian books and materials which were available." So, sadly, we will be closing the doors for good on December 24th. In making this decision, the trustees of the Centre only do so after exploring many avenues to remain open. We do so with sadness, but we believe God is clearly leading us in this way so that the premises (which are owned by the trust) can be used for Christian ministry in a different way in the future.

In the run up to Christmas we are able to do special orders for any books that people wish to purchase, alongside our existing stock and Christmas gifts, cards and calendars. We also have a huge selection of second-hand books, some of which are in immaculate condition and all are at very reasonable prices.

In the Coffee House we are pulling out all the stops to make this final Christmas a memorable one. We are doing Christmas lunches and evening dinners, with all the trimmings, throughout December:

Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes 12.30 – 2.30pm - £20 pp

Thursday Evenings 6.30 – 9.00pm - £25 pp

Pre-booking with a £5 deposit per person essential.

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the Heavens." Ecclesiastes 3:1

Points for Prayer and Praise:

Give thanks and praise for the 42 years we have served the Lord in this place.

Give thanks for the staff and volunteers over the years and their commitment to the Centre.

Please pray for staff and volunteers who serve the Lord at the Good News Centre, as they adjust to life without it.

Please pray for a special Christmas time and a peaceful atmosphere at the Centre.

Please pray for the Trustees as they seek to wind up the business in a God-honouring manner.

Please pray for wisdom for the Trustees as they consider various options for the use of the premises for Christian ministry in the future.

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