

## The Lord is Still at Work

By now you will have heard the good news that Ellie, your new minister, is to take up her appointment on the 1 July 2020. That's only a few weeks away! The details of how to achieve a formal induction and celebration are still evolving, but these things will probably take a different shape to what we might have anticipated a few months ago. Nevertheless, we can rejoice that the Lord is at work and He will achieve His purposes.

Recently I studied Psalm 34 which was written by David after he had sunk very low and experienced great fear. Yet the Psalm is a call to joyful celebration. *"I will extol the Lord at all times"* come and join me in celebration says David. His testing experiences were such that he had only one person to trust – The Lord God.

It's the same for us in these unusual times. In responding to Covid-19, politicians fall over themselves in the rush to score points off each other. Scientists have their own agenda's and have little tangible data to make a reliable analysis. The news and media recycle bad news about the virus at the expense of reporting world events: things like a devastating cyclone in Asia, and riots in Hong Kong fail to hit the television news with much force.

In the midst of the shifting sands of the daily news stream, what can we stand on as firm ground? David invites us to *"Taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the person who takes refuge in Him"*. God is at work amongst His people and these difficult days will pass. Littleover Baptist Church has much to celebrate and much to look forward to. Keep praying and praising the Lord: Jesus died that the door to an eternal relationship with Him might be opened. In these days of gloomy storms, we still have good news to share! Let's keep pressing onward and encouraging one another on that journey.

Grace and peace to you all,

Tony Haley