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Location: Torre del Mar

Mission: Pastoral Ministry & Outreach

September saw a return of many familiar faces and after the summer exodus, it was good to see Legends almost filled again for a few weeks, as the seasonal ebb and flow of people continues.

September also saw us begin to look at the theme 'The Day of the Lord', tracing it from its Old Testament pre-exile use, through into the New Testament. We hope to finish with a look at Revelation in mid-October. It has been an interesting journey for some as they reflect on what Scripture says (and maybe more importantly, doesn't say) about this theme.

The month also saw us having to look again at our autumn programme. Commitments and events, over which we have little or no control, have brought about some change in what I had hoped to do. Nevertheless, there is a robust programme set for October through to December focusing on discipleship and understanding, although attendance at these events can never be taken for granted.

In mid-October, we plan to begin a six-week series called 'Introduction to the Bible', looking at genre and how to read Scripture. A bi-weekly, four session 'Introduction to the Book of Hebrews' will begin on 1 November, and we are due to start PCI eight-week Discipleship Essentials programme on 19th October in a new venue for us – a restaurant in the centre of town, which also gives us the opportunity to advertise.



As always, the ebb and flow of congregational life will impact, but I trust that the Lord will create a hunger to learn in the hearts of those who come and that it will be a time to learn, reflect, and grow amidst all the uncertainty that people here face.

Alongside all of this, my normal weekly contacts continue...



Photo: Church service on Sunday 17 September 2017

Prayer Points

- Pray for the planned events for October, that people will make the effort to attend and through learning, want to learn more.
- Pray for the opening to use a new restaurant in town, that our relationship with the owners will open up opportunities to speak directly to them about Jesus.
- Pray for my health as I deal with the stresses of congregational life, as well as keep things moving forward through the autumn.