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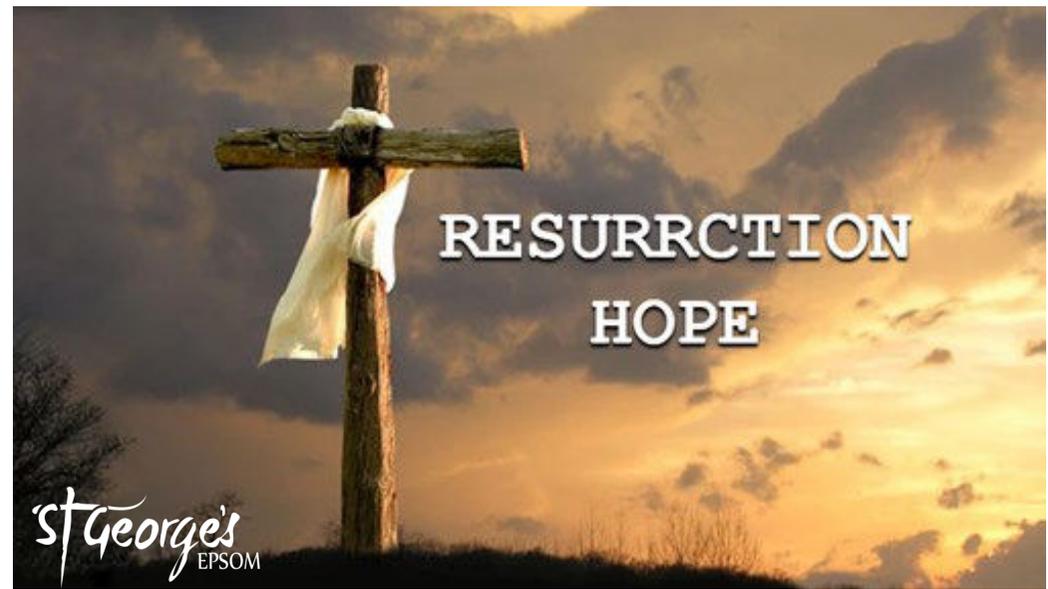
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The Journey of Return

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St George's, a place of encouragement and care for each other.

One of the core qualities that has been so evident throughout this challenging covid journey in our St George's community, has been St Paul's words (**above**) to the church of Thessalonica. I'm sure you have witnessed or received words and deeds of encouragement that has lifted you in your time of need. Taking the time to "**build each other up**" has always been for me a central and much under-estimated quality of what it means to be a Christian Community.

Holy scripture has so many verses about the need for a spirit of encouragement as a lifeblood for any relationship. If a relationship or Church community lacks the spirit of encouragement, we will always find a people who are not truly flourishing. As we continue to move forward to meet the coming challenges, let us at all times be a people, whose words to each other about each other, build each other up with a spirit of care and concern for each other's well-being.

AGM DATE IN DIARY

2022 will be an immense year for St George's as we emerge for the covid journey and it's been very uplifting to see all the new green shoots of God's good providence around our community in Christ. We still have the challenge of replacing the Church Hall Roof and the Church Roof to come but I can honestly say these challenges **excite me** and not daunt me. With God and faith, all things truly are possible, and I'm absolutely convinced that these new challenges will bring new possibilities and new opportunities that will take us even deeper into relationship with God and each other. Please make every endeavour to be at our AGM to celebrate together, all of this 'good news'.

Peace and grace,

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