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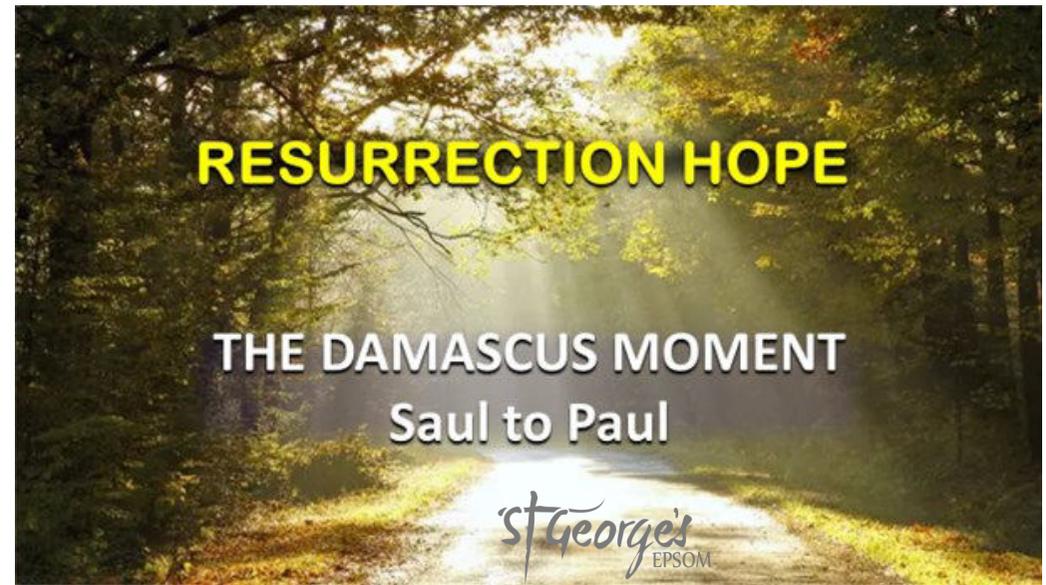
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Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good
deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”*

Jesus Christ - Matthew 5

For each succeeding generation of Christians, I would maintain that there is one enduring and ever-present challenge. **How do we aspire to live out this call of Jesus Christ (to all His followers), to be the salt and light of God’s kingdom love and way in the world?**

The culture in which we live, and move, and have our being changes constantly, and due to the astonishing speed of technological changes ‘culture’ is changing more rapidly and significantly than perhaps at any other time in history. But for us as the Church and body of Christ, whatever these culture changes are, our **‘mission purpose’** never really changes. **“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”**

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Peace and grace,

Rev. Josh Jones and the Leadership Team

St George’s 2022 AGM - Save the Date
Wednesday, 18th May at 7.30pm in the church.



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