"But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead." - Philippians 3:13

Holy Lord, Thank You for grace. Please help me move beyond the hurdles that trip me up and give me the strength and wisdom to look up and see the hope I run toward in Christ.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

2 Thessalonians 3:16 gives us a prayer for those leaving

"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.





## July 2018

## Farewells and New beginnings

Last Sunday saw us say our official goodbyes to Gary and Pru.

Earlier on Sunday afternoon Pru took her last service at a residential home on Sheppey, a not uneventful time including finding the hymn books locked in a room for which no key was currently available.

Despite a few hitches we had a good time of worship. Thank you Pru for making special journeys over to Sheppey to do this.

Gary may find himself presented with a hat when he joins his new District. Notts and Derby district have just brought out a new hat. The outgoing President of conference (Nand D District Chair) presented the incoming President with one as she took over.

We pray for both of them that their new posts will bring them as much joy as they have had in North Kent.



A prayer attributed to St Teresa of Avila and St Thérèse of Lisieux: May today there be peace within.

May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.

May you be confident knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.

It is there for each and every one of us.

Father, You are full of grace and complete forgiveness. Help me to walk forward from this day. Thank you that right now I can enter into a new dawn, a fresh start, and a new freedom.

You turn the pages of my life and wash each day clean. Help me to feel that I can learn from the past in your safe arms and move on. Thank you that I can write a new story on a fresh page. With you I find vision and hope again.

Thank you for the price that you paid that I always have a chance to begin again with you.

Amen.

(a prayer for a new start from www.lords-prayerwords.com)