



King's Cross Methodist Church

27<sup>th</sup> September 2026

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## "The Word in the World" Devotional Sharing

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Not long ago during the World Cup, many compelling stories emerged that gave us food for thought. One that touched me deeply was about a goalkeeper nicknamed "Vozinha." I believe very few people had heard of him before this. He comes from Cape Verde, an African nation that many might not even be able to locate on a map.

Yet, this unsung player from a lesser-known nation accomplished something extraordinary on football's biggest stage.

At 40 years old, he made his World Cup debut. Facing the reigning European champions, Spain, he withstood a relentless barrage of 27 shots, holding the line to secure a 0–0 draw. With his own two hands, he earned his country's very first point in World Cup history.

Viewed through the lens of Christian discipleship, his story reads like a living textbook. In an era obsessed with overnight success, the world's logic tells us to pursue speed, power, and high-profile triumphs. But Vozinha's debut at age 40 shatters that worldly mindset.

### 1. Faithful in Obscurity

The first lesson in discipleship is faithfulness that endures isolation. Throughout the fifteen long years between ages 25 and 40, Vozinha had no lucrative contracts, no spotlight, and a market value that hovered around just €50,000. He drifted through obscure lower leagues, performing the same repetitive, unglamorous diving drills day after day. Isn't this precisely what Jesus meant by being "faithful in the smallest things"?

Often, as we follow the Lord, we long to do great, ground-breaking things, yet we lose patience in the quiet, mundane, and seemingly unfruitful areas of service. But a true disciple is someone who guards the goal faithfully in the wilderness, even when there is no audience watching.

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## **2. The Cost of the Cross**

**The second lesson is the cost of taking up the cross and letting go of the world. When the final whistle blew, he wept. During those long years away from home, his grandparents had passed away, and his mother could not be there to watch him play. The shaping of a disciple's life inevitably involves sacrifice, quiet endurance, and painful adjustments.**

**At times, we see people around us living comfortable and stable lives, while those who follow the Lord labor tirelessly in hidden, demanding fields. Yet Jesus forewarned us that whoever follows Him must take up their cross daily. Those hardships in life are the very means by which the Lord refines His disciples—teaching us to stop relying on the world and to lean solely on Him.**

## **3. Grace Made Perfect in Weakness**

**The final lesson is allowing our weaknesses to become instruments that manifest God's glory. As a child, he was teased with the nickname "Vozinha"—Portuguese for "little grandma"—which became a painful scar. Yet, through years of refinement, he grew to a point where he wore that very nickname on the back of his jersey, displaying it openly to the world.**

**A mature disciple no longer needs to project an illusion of perfection. We recognize that whenever we own our weakness, the power of Christ rests upon us all the more fully.**

**In the eyes of the world, many followers of Christ may appear ordinary. Our resources may seem scarce, and our callings so small that few ever take notice. Yet the Lord never pressures us to race against the world's clock.**

**He only cares about this: when the "Spains" of life arrive—when immense trials and pressures mount against us—are we standing firm in the position He assigned to us? Have we put on our gloves, resolved to guard that modest, little goalpost entrusted to our care?**

**Some light may arrive late in the day. But as long as it shines from a life of obedience, it is bright enough to illuminate all those who once labored unnoticed in the dark.**



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**International Service**

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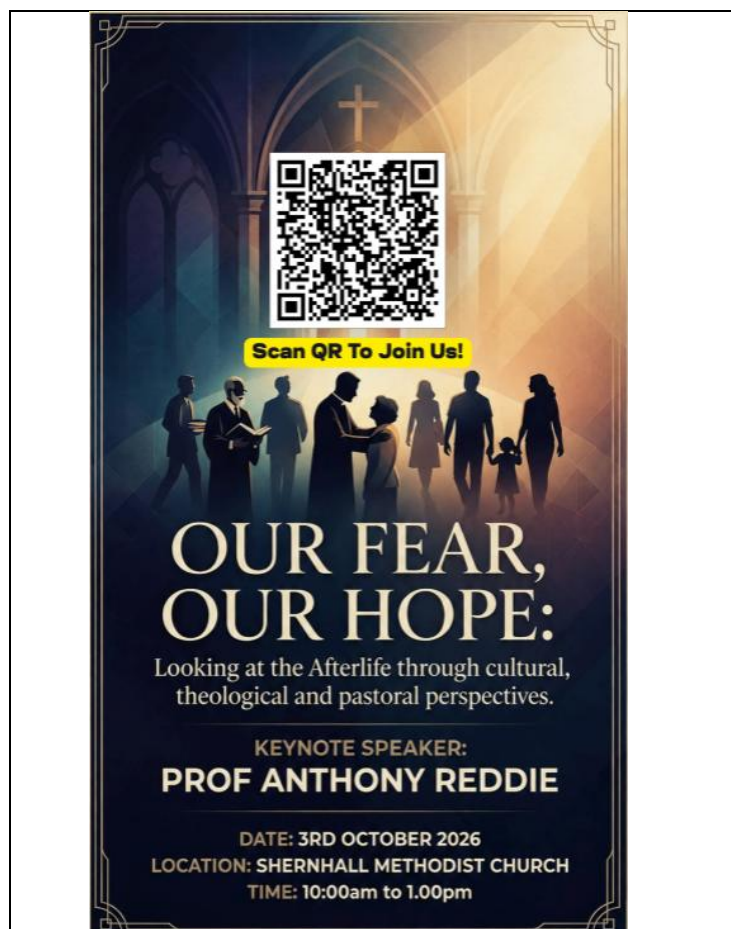
## **Church Family News Sharing**

1. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Sister Sharon Choi for her faithful service over the past year as the cover for our pastoral care staff member during her maternity leave. We are deeply grateful for her service and pray that she and her family will be blessed in the days ahead. Sister Sharon's term of service will end on 30<sup>th</sup> September. At the same time, we warmly welcome Sister Gloria Kong, our pastoral care staff member, back from maternity leave. She will resume her duties on 1<sup>st</sup> October. We pray that God will strengthen her both in her ministry and in caring for her young children.
2. The University Student Fellowship (CREW) will be holding a welcome event on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, featuring games, dumpling-making and bubble tea. If you know any university students studying in London, we warmly invite you / them to sign up and join us. For more details, please refer to the flyer (available at the Welcome Desk or on the last page under "Meetings & Activities"), visit our Instagram, or contact the Church Administrator.
3. **【Children's Choir Recruitment】** Finished Sunday School in the morning and wondering where to take your children in the afternoon? Why not stay and join the Children's Choir! Starting in October, the choir will meet on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, from 1:30 pm to 3 pm. Through learning the background stories behind hymns and worship songs, basic music theory, singing, and performance training, children will learn about worship and God's truth through music while enjoying a meaningful Sunday afternoon. All children who love singing are warmly invited to join! If you are interested, please contact the Church Administrator for more information and registration.
4. The Safeguarding Training course will be held on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> October, at 1:30 pm in the Small Chapel. No registration is required; please arrive on time. If you have any questions, please contact the Church Administrator.

5. **Chinese Congregation, Epsom Methodist Church** is generously standing with us in great support of King's Cross Methodist Church's redevelopment. While celebrating their own 30th Anniversary Thanksgiving Celebration, they have kindly dedicated the event as a fundraiser for our church redevelopment cause, held on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2026 at 4pm — timed at the start of the October half-term, making it a perfect family outing for parents and children alike. Join us at Epsom Methodist Church, 11–13 Ashley Rd, Epsom KT18 5AQ, for Hong Kong street food, game booths, and an arts & crafts charity sale — free entry, all are welcome. Please bring your family and friends to support this meaningful cause; for enquiries, contact the Church Administrator.
6. The church will hold a Baptism, Confirmation and Transfer of Membership United Service on 20<sup>th</sup> December. If you are interested in applying or would like further information, please contact the Church Administrator or Lay Worker by 8<sup>th</sup> November. Please note that the Baptism and Membership Classes will be held on the following Sundays: 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 29<sup>th</sup> November, 6<sup>th</sup> December & 13<sup>th</sup> December. Time: 12 noon – 1:30 pm.
7. Next year's Spring Conference (29<sup>th</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2027) will be organized by our church, with Professor Joseph Sung as the speaker. Please refer to the “Meetings & Events” section on the last few pages for the event poster. Registration details will be announced in due course. As there are many tasks and arrangements involved, we greatly need brothers and sisters to serve together in unity. If you feel led to help with the preparations, please contact the Church Administrator.
8. **【Appointment of Holy Communion Stewards】** At the Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September, the Council approved the appointment of six additional Holy Communion Stewards. They are Sister Lee and Sister Cheng, representatives of the International Service, and four Local Preachers (On Note): Sister Wong, Sister Kong, Sister Chiu and Sister Townson.
9. The Children's Sunday School Discipleship Team is launching the “Hands of Prayer” Ministry, with the hope of cultivating a culture of prayer and mutual care within the Children's Sunday School and the wider church community. The “Hands of Prayer” display is currently on the wall of Room L in the basement. Brothers and sisters are encouraged to place their hands on the corresponding handprints and pray according to the prayer points, lifting up the children, teachers, and teaching assistants in prayer.
10. **【Reusing Sunday Service Flowers】** To avoid waste and allow the Sunday Service flowers to become a blessing to others, the church flower arranging team will turn the flowers into bouquets after the Cantonese Service each week and give them to elderly church members and brothers and sisters who need pastoral visits. If you are planning to visit someone that week and would like a bouquet, please contact the Church Administrator in advance. *(Limited quantities are available on a first-come, first-served basis.)* The flower arranging team also welcomes brothers and sisters who are interested in learning flower arranging or how to wrap bouquets to sign up and participate.

- 11. A Message from Forest Circuit – a neighbouring circuit where Rev Kong Ching is now serving. We have the honour of welcoming Prof Anthony Reddie as our guest speaker on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. He will be leading an interactive seminar exploring the theological aspects of death and dying. This event has come about following discussions with local church members about myths and cultural understandings surrounding death and dying. The event is free. For registration, please refer to the “Meetings and Events” section on the last few pages.**
- 12. LiFEgame will be held from 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> December in Northampton. Those who register on or before 31<sup>st</sup> October can enjoy the Super Early Bird rate of £160 per person. If you have not attended before, you are strongly encouraged to join this life-changing journey. For enquiries or registration, please refer to the “Meetings and Events” section on the last few pages or visit: <http://lifegame.co.uk/join-lifegame/>**

## Meetings & Events



### Children's Choir — Now Recruiting!



#### Programme:

- Developing a heart for worship
- Learning the background and stories behind worship songs
- Singing and music theory training
- Training in singing and leading worship

#### Starting:

October (2nd and 4th Sundays of each month)

**Time:** 1:30pm–3:00pm

#### Who can join:

All children who love singing and are eager to learn and grow in worship are warmly welcome!

#### Enquiries & Registration:

Sister Candice Yuen from the Cantonese Congregation





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£180 - Early Bird Price (Promotion ends 30th Nov 2026)

£200 - Standard Price (Application Deadline 11th Dec 2026)

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# 一生何求

傳道書 — 從大衛的生平看所羅門的智慧  
Ecclesiastes — The Wisdom of Solomon  
through the Life of David



沈祖堯教授

講員 SPEAKER

29 MAR – 1 APR 2027

The Hayes Conference Centre  
Alfreton, DE55 1AU

### 費用 FEE

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| 成人 Adults       | £260     |
| 6-16歲 Ages 6-16 | £110     |
| 6歲以下 Under 6    | 免費 Free  |
| 日營 Day Camp     | £57/日day |

報名截止 DEADLINE  
31 Jan 2027



# Redevelopment Updates for King's Cross Methodist Church

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