

Baptism Sunday 14th September 10am

with speaker Andrew Wilson, author of *If God, Then What*.

This is a great opportunity to invite a friend to church for the first time or someone who's not been for a while.



Alpha Course Introduction Sunday 21st September 7pm Prezzo Restaurant

Numbers are rising but there's still room for more. Bring a friend along for a relaxed evening with great food. Book at kingschurchlewes.org/alpha or through the Church Office.

Diary Dates

Sun 7 th Sept	7-30pm Monthly Prayer Evening focus on Alpha, Baptism Sunday, Albania & Lesotho with drinks from 7-15pm
Sun 14 th Sept	10am Baptism Sunday with Andrew Wilson
Sun 21 st Sept	7pm Alpha Course Introduction at Prezzo
Wed 24 th Sept	7-15pm Alpha Course Starts at King's Church
Mon 29 th Sept	6pm Women's Trip to IKEA speak to Leanne or Harriet if you're interested.
Tues 7 th Oct	7-45pm CAP Money Course at King's Church kingschurchlewes.org/capmoney
Sat 22 nd Nov	9-30am Exploring Membership Day 7-30pm Quiz Night

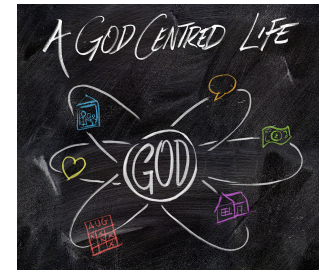
Sunday 7th September

CONNECT WITH THE MESSAGE

The Hard Path to Maturity

James 1:1-12

1) What's difficult in your life at the moment?



Read James 1:1-12

2) What did you find most helpful or challenging from Rich's message on Sunday?

Read Romans 8:28-39

3) What does v28 say God is doing in all the things that happen to us?

4) What kind of trials does the rest of this passage include in 'all things'?

5) How does this passage say we can be sure that God loves us, even though we experience suffering?

6) In what ways are you personally tempted to doubt God's love for you in difficult times?

7) How does this passage help you to keep trusting God in difficult times?

Read 1 Peter 1:6-9

8) What reason does this passage give for us encountering 'all kinds of trials'?

9) What reason does it give that we can rejoice when we suffer?

10) How can suffering strengthen & refine our faith?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read 1 Peter 4:12-19

- a) What specific kind of 'trial' is Peter referring to in this passage?
- b) In what ways are Christians participating in the sufferings of Christ in this type of trial?
- c) How does this participation give us a reason to rejoice in sufferings?
- d) Why do you think Christians are surprised when they suffer?
- e) Find and write down several verses from the New Testament that tell Christians they should expect to suffer in various ways?
- f) What does it mean for 'judgement to begin with the family of God'?
- g) How can suffering in this way strengthen our assurance of faith?
- h) What are we instructed to do in the face of this sort of suffering?
- i) How have you personally experienced this kind of trial?
How did you respond?
- j) How can this passage help you when you next face difficult times?

CONNECT IN PRAYER

Baptism Sunday

- Pray that Charlotte, Jamie, Hayley, Lou and Andy would be encouraged and strengthened in their faith.
- Pray God would use their testimonies and Andrew Wilson's message to speak to guests and bring people to know him.
- Pray some people might come on Alpha following on from the morning.

Lesotho

- Pray for peace and political stability in the light of the recent attempted military coup. Pray especially for the capital Maseru.
- Pray for Rehoboth Church and Pete and Jo West, concerned for their friends, family and Christian brothers and sisters in Maseru.

Albania

- Thank God for Rich and Al's fruitful visit to Korce and Living Water Church
- Pray for the growth of their children's ministry and other outreach.
- Pray for financial provision for the rent of their church building.