

PCFC Focus

Colossians 1²⁷

...God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory...

How are people in and around Pocklington able to come to know Christ – people we know and care about being brought into God's kingdom by experiencing His mercy, kindness, and forgiveness?

The Good News of Jesus Christ is not meant to repel people, but to reveal the awfulness and consequences of sin - which separates everyone from a Holy God.

The true Gospel of Jesus Christ is not built upon religious dogma, man-made rules and rituals, or the burden of laws which threaten sanctions and punishment.

The real Good News of Jesus Christ is built upon God's love for humankind and administered by His grace through the tender, but powerful touch of the Holy Spirit.

As a family of Christians, my heart is that each one of us will display this grace and compassion, firstly towards each other, and also to those whom we know.

The only way we will be able to do this effectively is for our family, our neighbours, our friends, and work colleagues to see **Christ** in us!

If all they see is **us**, no matter how nice, attractive, or intelligent a person we may be, it will not be enough to convince people of either the reality and consequences of sin, or the wonderful hope of forgiveness, restoration, and transformation that the Lord Jesus offers.

Christ in you – Christ in me is the hope of glory for Pocklington and beyond, but people will only see this glory if we have been and are regularly spending time in the presence of Jesus.

Peter & John were '**recognized as people who had been with Jesus.**'

4 focuses for the church as people in whom God's glory resides:

Spend time with Jesus: Keep your relationship fresh, consistent, and vibrant...

Out of that precious time will naturally flow:

Prayer: For your family, friends etc. engage in spiritual warfare for their salvation.

Be Kind: Intentionally show God's love through kind deeds and words.

Be Bold: Speak up, gossip the gospel when you should, but be wise and quiet when you need to be; above all in all we do and say let the glorious light of Christ shine in and through you!