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During this restful summer month of August all our ministries and activities are taking a break and will start up again in September. Given that there are no events to advertise, here is a reflection on 'rest' for August.

The discipline of tracing one single idea or theme through the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation is called Biblical Theology. Biblical Theology casts a light on a particular idea or theme, and helps us to see how it develops throughout the Scriptures. We could, for example, trace 'the temple', 'fatherhood', 'water', or any other biblical concept from Genesis to Revelation and see how these concepts find their fulfilment in Jesus Christ. Here is a short biblical theology of 'rest'.

The first mention of rest comes in Genesis 2:2 where we read that God rested on the seventh day from all the work he had done. Wow. What an incredible statement. What does this mean, and what are its implications? At the very moment of creation God embedding rest within the world. In fact, with the giving of the Law in Exodus and especially the fourth commandment rest becomes a part of how time itself is to be structured. Creation, both time and space, was made for rest – and God leads the way in enjoying rest. And the God who is "always working, ever at rest" (St. Augustine), wants his people to enjoy rest as well. As we trace the story of Israel, God's people, through the Old Testament, it could be one big story of 'rest'!

In slavery in Egypt the people receive no rest, until God works to bring them out of slavery. They enter the Promised Land, and finally find 'rest'. Joshua 21:44: "The LORD gave them rest on every side, just as he had sworn to their ancestors." The time of the Kings was a time both rest and unrest; King David enjoyed rest. 2 Samuel 7:1: "The king was settled in his palace and the LORD gave him rest from all his enemies around him." But very often Israel saw no rest, as they turned from the LORD they found themselves harassed by their enemies.

Ultimately the Old Testament leaves us longing for rest, but unable to find enduring rest. Until we see Jesus. The letter to the Hebrews explores the idea of rest perhaps more than any other book in the bible, and it reflects on what it means for Jesus to rest. In Hebrews 10 we read wearily of the never-ending sacrifices made "day after day" in the temple – but finally through Jesus' once and for all sacrifice on the cross Jesus sits down at right hand side of his Father in heaven. Because Jesus' work on the cross is done, and because he has entered the rest of his Father – we too can experience and enjoy his rest too!

Hebrews 4 reads, "There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God, for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his." Jesus invites us to enter his rest. A rest that we can enjoy for all eternity, but that can begin now! Trusting in Jesus' life, death and resurrection brings an end to our continual striving to be 'good enough', and instead allows us to rest in him.

May you enjoy time resting with him this month.

Isaac

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Day	Time	Service/Event	Venue
Wednesday 2nd	7:30pm	Music Group Practice	Cranfield Church
Thursday 3rd	7:30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	Cranfield Church
Sunday 6th	9:00am 10:30am	Holy Communion – 1662 Prayer Book Morning Service (followed by Prayer Meeting)	Salford Church Cranfield Church
Wednesday 9th	7:30pm	Music Group Practice	Cranfield Church
Thursday 10th	7:30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	Cranfield Church
Sunday 13th	9:00am 10:30am 3:00pm	Holy Communion – 1662 Prayer Book Morning Service (with Holy Communion) Hulcote and Salford Summer Garden Party	Hulcote Church Cranfield Church Maurice's Garden
Wednesday 16th	7:30pm	Music Group Practice	Cranfield Church
Thursday 17th	7:30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	Cranfield Church
Sunday 20th	9:00am 10:30am	Holy Communion - 1662 Prayer Book Morning Service (followed by Prayer Meeting)	Salford Church Cranfield Church
Wednesday 23rd	7:30pm	Music Group Practice	Cranfield Church
Thursday 24th	7:30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	Cranfield Church
Sunday 27th	9:00am 10:30am	Morning Prayer – 1662 Prayer Book Morning Service (with Holy Communion)	Hulcote Church Cranfield Church
Wednesday 30th	7:30pm	Music Group Practice	Cranfield Church
Thursday 31st	7:30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	Cranfield Church