

Our recommended reads

There are a lot of great books out there; books to help you pray better and read the Bible more often; books to help you slow down, discover new gifts or think about God in new ways. These are just a few that Matt, our Senior Minister, has found helpful.

Light and easy

1

The Prodigal God - Tim Keller

Matt says: Probably the best book I have read on the Gospel. A detailed examination of the parable of the prodigal son. Short, easy to read and amazing description of the grace of God.

2

How to Pray - Pete Greig

Matt says: This book is brilliant, probably the best thing I have read on prayer. It's very down to earth and easy to follow.

3

Total Forgiveness - RT Kendall

Matt says: A great summary of how we all need to prioritise and experience forgiveness. Again, fairly short and easy to read.

4

Heaven - Randy Alcorn

Matt says: Heaven might not be what you think...This book is a good, accessible (but longish) read by someone who has done their homework on the subject.

5

The Cross of Christ - John Stott

Matt says: A really great book on what Jesus accomplished on the cross - a subject every Christian should grapple with.

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An Unhurried Life - Alan Fadling

Matt says: This ties in with some of the sabbath stuff we have engaged with recently as a church, but is more about living at a pace that is in line with God.

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The Holy Spirit & Spiritual Gifts - Max Turner

Matt says: Quite a meaty, academic read and a few decades old, but it is **the** book on charismatic gifts. Turner is very positive but also scripturally rigorous in his search to understand the nature and use of spiritual gifts.

8

Walking with God Through Pain & Suffering - Tim Keller

Matt says: The best thing you will read on suffering. It's not super long but it is so profoundly deep it took me a while to get through as I kept stopping to think.

9

Renovation of the Heart - Dallas Willard

Matt says: One of the great books on spiritual formation (or how exactly we become like Jesus in daily life). Willard is probably the best thinker on this of the last few decades.