

## PASTOR'S PATCH



The Meteorological Office in Exeter provides a world-leading global weather forecast service for many providers. The building itself contains a massive computer system which fills a whole room which is staffed 24/7 by a large number of staff, liaising with people and offices in numerous countries which are also gathering local data to feed into the overall service. It is a constant process of running calculations, producing computer simulations that lead to producing predictions and forecasts of the weather for up to 10 days ahead. Sadly, given all the expertise and science they still can't predict weather accurately!

Jesus says – *‘The wind blows wherever it pleases.  
You hear its sound, but you cannot tell  
where it comes from or where it is going.  
So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.’*  
John chapter 3 verse 8

Jesus says that Holy Spirit is unseen, unpredictable, and most often observed in retrospect. But sometimes sensed in the heart by those who seek Him. It's why He went to the cross despite protest of disciples. They didn't understand, yet Jesus was led by God's Spirit to go to His death and resurrection. Only later, would that be fully understood.

Similarly the apostle Paul knew, led by Holy Spirit, that he needed to go on trial in Rome. Other disciples couldn't understand it, and tried to dissuade him, but with the vantage point of history we know how many lives were changed to know Jesus as a result and how the gospel spread.

If we are to be Holy Spirit led today, then we need to be open to what may appear illogical promptings, sometimes misunderstandings from others. But when we are obedient to Holy Spirit, God will always continue building his Kingdom and bring His blessing.

*Lord, lead me by Your Spirit to live for you today.*