

## Pastor's Patch: Chosen



If you were anything like me, then it was an excruciating experience. As kids we would line up in the playground and two “captains” would choose their teams by calling out the names of those they considered to be good enough. Since I had virtually no athletic skill or hand/eye coordination I was always unlikely to be picked and likely to be the last one not in a team. Worse still I remember the times when captains would argue as to which side I would play on saying “no, YOU have him” (like I was actually a hinderance to whichever side had me).

Look in scripture and you’ll see much written about being “called”.

In 1 Corinthians Paul uses the word 13 times to say how he was “called” to be an apostle, the believers had been “called” to be God’s holy people, that few of them were significant before they were “called”, yet they were to realise that their position in life was a divine opportunity of how they could be used.

Peter wrote in a similar vein using the idea of being “chosen” by God, saying:

*“you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” 1 Peter 2:9-10*

That’s a mind-blowing idea, that despite our weaknesses the Lord has called and chosen us by name. He makes us into His people with a new royal status and unique privilege.

In the coming weeks we will be thinking, in line with our verse for the year, that the Holy Spirit has been given to us precisely so that we may be “Telling Others (about Jesus)”. We will see the outcast, downcast, and offcast all found the ability to tell others the joy of knowing Jesus personally.

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**6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026**

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AS WE CELEBRATE  
TOGETHER**

## **OUR LOCATION**

**UPTON VALE BAPTIST  
CHURCH**

## **DETAILS**

**STARTS 1:30PM  
CAKES & DRINKS**



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