

Pastor's Patch: Single



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“single cream or double?”

“single espresso or a double shot?”

It seldom seems that “single” is the preferable option in life. And a single life can seem to carry a lot of negative baggage in society too. In the UK, single-person households account for 29.5% of all homes, which means around 8.4 million people live alone. People may be single because they have never married (my Christian friend hates the word “spinster”, and rightly so), or because they are separated, divorced or widowed. Society seems to pity those who are single, suggesting that those who live alone may be unfulfilled or lacking in some way. Media pushes them to hit the Dating Apps and keep hunting down their perfect partner, equating being alone with loneliness.

However, our faith suggests the very opposite. Jesus himself was never married, and yet clearly led a fulfilled, fruitful life. The Apostle Paul was also single for his whole life and wrote an encouragement to others:

*I wish that all of you were as I am. But each of you has your own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that. Now to the unmarried and the widows I say: it is good for them to stay unmarried, as I do.
(1 Corinthians chapter 7 verses 7 & 8)*

He saw singleness as a “gift”, and something to be enjoyed and satisfying. It certainly can be a gift in that single people may not have marriage and family constraints, allowing them to have flexibility to invest more in friendships and supporting others.

As we continue our series of Holy Spirit gifts, I wanted to encourage all of those of the congregation who are single (for whatever reason) that you are valued and a gift to our fellowship. Don't ever see yourself as lacking, or as second-class members. Know the Lord's companionship and encouragement.

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KAWANGWARE SUMMER CONCERT



SUNDAY 19TH JULY 2026 AT 2.30PM
The Royal Lyceum Theatre, Torquay TQ2 5NQ
TICKETS £8.00-£15.00

All money raised from this concert will go towards the 'Kawangware Minibus Appeal', raising money for much needed transport for a school in one of the worst slums in Nairobi, Kenya.




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Martin Harris Music School presents a fundraising concert in aid of the Kawangware Humanitarian School Charity. Featuring the Unleashed Community Choir and students from across the Bay from: The Torquay Boys Grammar, Spires Academy and Churston Grammar School, this inspiring concert showcases the talent of tomorrow in an entertaining show of choir, solo song and piano.



LAUNCHING THE 'KAWANGWARE MINIBUS APPEAL'

Come and support our choir and young people as they raise money for much needed transport for the Kawangware Humanitarian Education Centre, a school for orphans and children with special needs in the middle of one of the worst slums in Nairobi, Kenya.




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Already, over 5,000 people have signed up

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