



Week beginning June 28th

Preparing a People: God Will Provide

Opening Questions

- What thoughts have stayed with you from Sunday's message on this theme?
- Can you describe a time when you had to trust God deeply, perhaps when you were uncertain how the coming days or weeks would unfold?

Getting into the text

Read **Genesis 22:1-14** and **Matthew 10:40-42**

- What stands out in Abraham's response to God's command?
- What does Isaac ask, and how does Abraham respond?
- What promise is revealed in the end?
- Why do you think God tested Abraham?

- In the Matthew reading, when someone welcomed or provided for one of the disciples, who were they really welcoming?
- How would you describe the reward the welcomers might receive?

Applying the Bible to your life

- How easy do you find it to trust God as your provider? What holds you back? What might help you to grow in trust?
- What might God be asking you to surrender?
- When you offer welcome to someone or provide for them, how would it change your approach towards them if you thought you were also welcoming Jesus?

Something to pray about

David wrote, '**The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.**' (Psalm 23:1)

- Give thanks for all that God has provided for you.
- In a moment of silence offer to God those areas of your life where you need to surrender more fully to him.
- Pray for situations where you or St Philips need God to provide for you.