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Up and down the country, if you happen to be at school, college or university, this time of the year is exam time. Last week I spent some time in our lovely school whilst the Year 6 children sat their SATS tests, and of course we all heaved a sigh of relief when they were over! For now, things can return to normal but in just a few weeks the term will end and those pupils will be finishing their time at Blakesley School and moving on to pastures new. For all those taking exams in the coming weeks – be they SATs, GCSEs, A Levels or university degrees – something new beckons, a new season of life is about to begin.

To embark on something different can be an anxious time, be it a job, relationship, extensive medical treatment, house relocation or new school or college. But in every season of life there is one constant – God. Throughout life our circumstances change - for better or for worse as the marriage service puts it – but the Bible assures us that God is always with us. As I write this, last week we celebrated Ascension Day and Jesus' final words in Matthew's Gospel to his disciples before he departed from them to heaven were; 'And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age' (Matthew 28:20).

So, to everyone who is wondering 'What next', we have to remember that God will be going ahead of us. He won't, of course, impose himself upon us, but if we step out in trust, hope and confidence he will be there to guide us and help us through whatever lies around the corner.

And very best wishes to anyone who is sitting tests or exams this academic term!

God bless

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