

CHRYSTON PARISH CHURCH

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BEYOND THE WHY

Finding God when answers are not enough.

**What happens when life
no longer makes sense?**

A COMPANION FOR THE JOURNEY

18 OCT - 13 DEC 2026 | SUNDAYS 10.30AM



01 / BEFORE WE BEGIN

Understanding Job

More than a book about suffering

Job begins with a man of genuine faith. God Himself calls him '*blameless and upright*' (Job 1:8). Yet his secure world suddenly collapses. The opening chapters allow us to see a heavenly conversation that Job never hears. It raises a searching question: does Job honour God only because his life has been blessed?

After Job's cry of grief, much of the book unfolds through poetry and debate. His friends insist that suffering must be the result of wrongdoing. Their explanations sound confident, but they misunderstand Job and misrepresent God. Later Elihu speaks, and finally God answers Job from the whirlwind.

Job is not a neat explanation of why people suffer. It challenges what we assume about God's wisdom, justice and goodness, and invites us to bring our hardest questions before Him.

A HELPFUL READING HABIT

Ask **who is speaking**, what they believe about God, and whether the book confirms or challenges their words.

The journey ahead

Sundays at 10.30am • 18 October - 13 December 2026

18 OCT / JOB 1-2

1 When Everything Falls Apart

Can I trust God when everything falls apart?

25 OCT / JOB 3

2 Why Was I Born?

Can I tell God how much this hurts?

1 NOV / JOB 4-27

3 The Trouble with Easy Answers

What if the answers I am given are wrong?

15 NOV / JOB 28-31

4 Where Can Wisdom Be Found?

Where can I find wisdom when I cannot make sense of my life?

22 NOV / JOB 32-37

5 When We Think We Understand God

Could God be doing more than I can see?

29 NOV / JOB 38-39

6 Where Were You?

What happens when God finally speaks?

6 DEC / JOB 40-41

7 A God You Cannot Tame

Can I trust a God I cannot fully understand?

13 DEC / JOB 42

8 Now My Eyes See You

What if knowing God is greater than knowing why?

Reading Job for yourself

Start with Job 1–2. Read slowly.

Notice how Job is described, what the reader is told, and what Job himself does not know. You do not need to have all the answers before you begin.

THREE QUESTIONS TO CARRY

01 What am I learning about God?

02 What does Job teach me about suffering and faith?

03 Can I trust God when I don't understand what He is doing?



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