



26th January 2020

Number – 1052

Riverside Weekly

A warm welcome to everyone joining us for worship this morning

11:00 Morning Worship — Revd Dr Stephen Wigley

Readings

1 Corinthians chapter 1 verses 10 to 18 page 158 in the New Testament

Matthew Chapter 4 verses 12 to 23 page 3 in the New Testament

Read by Janet and Elizabeth

Music provided by Peter

Words projected by Norman

Books were given out by Grace

Elias & Janet will be providing refreshments.

Jeanette Robinson is today's steward

Happy Birthday to:

Enid on Friday



Do join us for tea or coffee after the service this morning



Church Diary

Sunday 26th January

11:00 Morning Worship — Rev Dr Stephen Wigley

Monday 27th January

2:00 Open the Book at Ysgol Bryn Collen

Tuesday 28th January

10:00 till 11:30 Coffee at the Hall

10:30 Social Event planning at the Hall

Wednesday 29th January

10:00 Prayer Group meets in the vestry — do come and join us in praying.

7:30 Bible Study at Paul & Anna's — The Power of kindness study 2 from "There are no Ordinary people" (*see page 5 for more details*).

Church Gardening will be done as and when volunteers are available and weather suitable

Thursday 30th January

3:00 After-school Drop-In at the Memorial Hall

Sunday 2nd January

11:00 Morning Worship — Karen Turley-Rose

Coffee at the Hall

We have two more Tuesdays before regular coffee mornings start. We are serving coffee etc. from 10:00 till 11:30.

This will only be possible if there are enough volunteers to share the work.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020



Praying with Zimbabwe

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH



10~30 am

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Monday Home Group

The dates for our Group meetings at Yvonne's house leading up to Easter are;

January 20th,

February 3rd

February 17th,

March 2nd,

March 16th

March 30th.

Refreshments served from 2pm, study starts 2.30 -4pm.

New members always welcome.

For Teenagers

February 8th 2020!

**THE BIG CHURCH
DAY OUT!**

11:00-6:30

Ninja tag at SC2
Followed by sessions
food and fun in
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With
Special Guest
Barbara Glasson
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Social Events

There will be a meeting to plan some social events for the church for the coming year on Tuesday 28th January at 10.30am at the Memorial Hall. Please come along and share your ideas! We particularly need your help in planning this year's "Harvest Hoedown!"

Yvonne & Amanda

Wednesday Bible Study

We have started a new study

There are no Ordinary People — a study in 4 parts

Want to live an extraordinary life and faith?

Jeff Lucas uses the story of Barnabas as way to find God's calling

This DVD course shares a message of living how God intended

Following on from the success of the accompanying book, join Jeff Lucas in this four-session DVD as he discovers that in the midst of the ordinary we can all live extraordinary lives with God. Featuring on-screen questions at the end of each session, this DVD is suitable for both small groups and individuals.

Discover:

What we can learn from the life of Barnabas

Why encouragement is so important

How God works in the ordinary to bring about the extraordinary

What it means to be an everyday hero

If you want to learn and discuss how our lives can be encouraging to many people, come and learn from Barnabas – the encourager.

You are welcome to join us on alternate Wednesday evenings at Paul & Anna's, next study 29th January.

Readings

Matthew 4:12-23 From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' (v. 17)

Psalms 27

Background

Having been baptized (Matthew 3:13-17) and then tempted by the devil (Matthew 4:1-11), Jesus begins his public ministry with preaching, healing and the choosing of his first disciples. Matthew's Gospel links the start of Jesus' ministry with the ending, through imprisonment, of his cousin John's ministry (Matthew 14:3).

Matthew's Gospel explains Jesus' decision to base his ministry around Capernaum using words from the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 9:1-2). Jesus leaves the family home in Nazareth but remains in Galilee. "Galilee of the Gentiles/nations" (v. 15) captures the fact that although the area was Jewish it was close to non-Jewish territory and had a cosmopolitan population of assorted ethnicity and religion.

The "kingdom of heaven" (v. 17) is a shorthand way of expressing the long-held Jewish hope that God would anoint a leader who would establish an era of political and spiritual fulfilment where God's sovereignty would be exercised and acknowledged. By restating John's emphasis on repentance (see Matthew 3:2) Jesus declares that people must turn their lives around in order to experience the kingdom.

Jesus was to give 12 disciples a special role in being part of his ministry and carrying it forward after his death and resurrection. They are named in Matthew 10:2-4, but we do not know the circumstances by which many of them joined his group of followers. In this passage we read about four fishermen who were to have key significance. They would almost certainly have known

Jesus before this occasion on which he asked them to “Follow me” (v. 19), and they would have understood this as an invitation to become his companions and learners. The emphasis on leaving nets, boats and father underline that this was a life-changing moment for them.

To Ponder

What moments have been life-changing for you? In what sense did you have a choice? And in what ways, if any, was repentance a part of that change?

Do you consider yourself a disciple of Jesus? How would you explain to someone what it means to describe oneself in that way?

Jesus “made his home in Capernaum” (v. 13). What makes a home, and how might we contribute to reversing the doubling in homelessness that has arisen in the last few years?

Bible notes author—The Revd Dr Stephen Mosedale

The editor's jottings!

“Friday 6th March” — make a note of the date for the “World Day of Prayer”, prepared by the women from Zimbabwe — “Rise, take up your mat and walk” is the title — more details to come.



Norman

Stand On God's Word

'To depart and be with Christ ... is better by far.'

Philippians 1:23 NIV (2011 Edition)

WHEN DEATH takes someone you love. Satan will try to torment you with remorseful thoughts of what you did and didn't do for your loved one while they were still here. Don't listen to him! The Bible calls him 'the accuser' (see Revelation 12: 10). Instead, rejoice that your loved one was in right standing with you and with the Lord, and that you'll be reunited in heaven for all eternity.

Give yourself permission to grieve, and when the grieving period ends, stand on God's Word: 'Brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died' (1 Thessalonians 4: 13-14 NLT). 'Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever. Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory. They are buried in weakness, but they will



be raised in strength' (1 Corinthians 15:42-43 NLT). 'Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And ... I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also' (John 14: 1-3 NKJV). Paul writes, 'To depart and ... be with Christ. .. is better by far.' Lean on these words of Scripture today and find comfort.

Pray for people who are grieving today.

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