

Welcome to our church family,
We're glad that you could come.
We're glad to share this day with you
As we worship God's risen Son!

One of my favourite characters in the Bible is a man called Barnabas. The reason: because he was an encourager, and I love encouragers!

Actually, Barnabas wasn't his real name; his real name was Joseph, but people didn't call him Joseph anymore. Instead they gave him the nickname Barnabas which means *Son of Encouragement*. Barnabas had a passion for people, and a particular gift for bringing out a person's God-given purpose. There's no better example of this than how Barnabas encourages Paul.

In Acts 9:26-27 we read that Paul, a new Christian, comes and introduces himself to the disciples in Jerusalem. Unfortunately, the disciples are afraid and doubt that Paul has really changed. And we might sympathise with them. After all, not so long ago Paul had been putting Christians in prison! But Barnabas, the great encourager, knows the reality of what God has done in Paul's life, and so he personally brings Paul to meet the disciples.

Further on in Acts 11:25, we read that Barnabas went to "look for Paul" and brought him to Antioch. The original Greek puts it a little stronger. It tells us that Barnabas "hunted" or "pursued" Paul. So passionate was Barnabas about bringing Paul to a place where he knew God could use him, that he hunted and pursued him, until he found him.

Barnabas was a man who invested time and effort and prayer into other people's lives and ministries. I wonder, is God calling you to be that kind of encourager? Romans 12 speaks about the specific spiritual gift of "encouragement". Someone who is prepared to go to great lengths, even personal sacrifice, to see God's purposes fulfilled in others. Now, more than ever, we need people like this in our churches!

God bless.

Peter.

Our Sunday Service:

Please join us (online!) for our Sunday Service. Go to Exwick Community Church's Youtube Channel, and find the Service for today. We'll gather at 11 am to 'share' as a family together. You can then sing along to the songs on the video, words below!

VERSE OF THE WEEK:

There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his.

Hebrews 4:9,10

Good morning,

I love the account in Mark chapter 5 about the woman who touched the hem of Jesus' garment.

To reach Jesus she must push and shove and elbow her way between people when tiny openings occur. She is weak; her strength is drained, and yet she will not give up. She must reach Jesus, and so she continues to wedge her body through the crowd until she comes up behind him.

She has decided in her heart, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed" (Mark 5:28). She doesn't want to confront him in public. She must do this without revealing anything. But she must touch him. She must.

Mark says that as she touched the hem of His clothes, immediately "she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease" (Mark 5:29).

Jesus feels it too. Though the crowds are jostling and bumping him constantly, their touch doesn't have any effect. But when the woman touches him, Jesus is suddenly aware of it: "I know that power has gone out from me" (8:46).

Jesus Christ the same yesterday today and forever. At times we feel like this woman, on our knees. Reach out and touch the hem of his garment. He is passing your way today.



God bless John & Dorcas.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

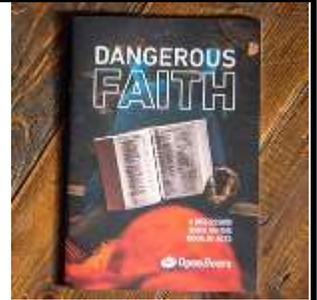
Hilary and Jimmy, John, Ena and Bunty, John and Jessie, Bill and Carol, Ann, Roger and Jonathan, praise for Leigh's recovery, the Colgates, wisdom as we consider how to do church with the easing of lockdown.

Bible Study online MONDAY

We'd love to have you join us on www.zoom.us

MONDAY 22 June at 7:30 p.m.

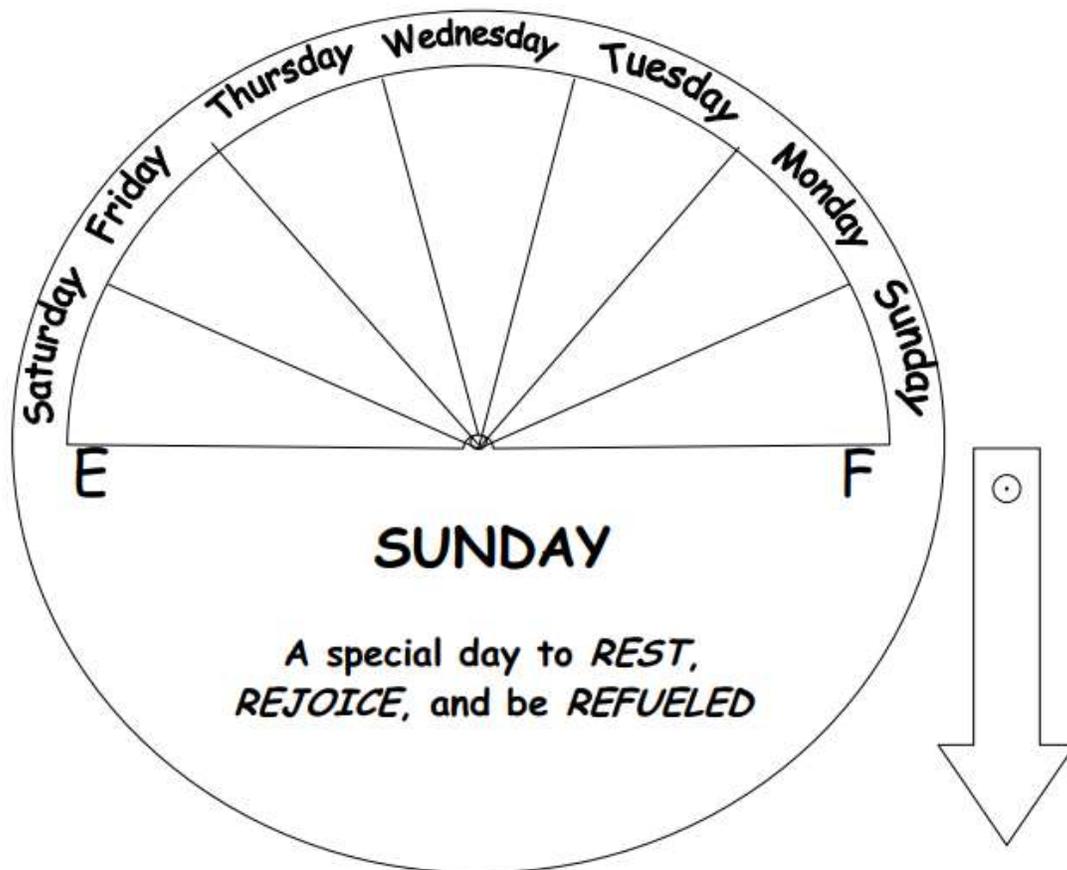
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Before the meeting, watch the video: 'Acts Part Four – It takes a smashing', from 'Dangerous Faith,' <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/resources/dangerous-faith/>, or read Acts chapter 8.

Fuel Gauge Craft: Write, in the pie-sliced areas under the days of the week, what you usually do each day. For example, under "Monday" you might write: work, school lessons, shopping, laundry, watch Eastenders. You may decorate your gauge; be creative! Then cut out the arrow. Use a hole punch to put a hole through the arrow where marked, and through the middle of the gauge. With the arrow on top of the gauge, line up the holes and attach the arrow with a brass fastener. What does your 'energy level' look like each day? Have you included a time of rest?



Sunday Worship Songs

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I AM AMAZED

By the power of your grace
I am amazed that You took my sin and shame
Restoring hope restoring dignity
Your grace covers me

I'm overwhelmed by Your love and goodness
I'm overwhelmed that you took my brokenness
Amazing love how can this be
Your grace covers me Your grace covers me

*Chorus: Saving grace washing over me
Saving grace that made a way for me
I was lost until You rescued me
Your grace covers me*

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DROP THY STILL DEWS OF QUIETNESS

Till all our strivings cease
Take from our souls the strain and stress
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace
The beauty of Thy peace

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm
Let sense be dumb let flesh retire
Speak through the earthquake wind and fire
O still small voice of calm
O still small voice of calm

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HIDE ME NOW UNDER YOUR WINGS

Cover me within Your mighty hand

*Chorus: When the oceans rise
And thunders roar
I will soar with You above the storm
Father You are King over the flood
I will be still and know you are God*

Find rest my soul in Christ alone
Know His power in quietness and trust

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GLORY THAT NO EYE HAS SEEN

The praise of all eternity you are
Brighter shining than the sun
Far beyond this race we run you are

You are more than any words can ever say
You are
For all time Jesus your Name Your praise
Shall be my song

*Chorus: You are holy holy
Holy are You Lord
You are holy holy holy are You Lord*

Heaven's everlasting song
The One who was and is to come you are
More than diamonds more than gold
You are fire to my soul you are

*Bridge: How can I be stood before
One as holy as You are
Hallelujah for the cross
Live inside of me and sanctify my heart*

Ending: You are you are
Beautiful beautiful you are you are

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