

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

7 October 2018

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We welcome you to
St. Stephen's Anglican
Church in Shirley
meeting at the Shirley
Intermediate School Hall
each Sunday
@ 10.30am

TODAY'S SERMON

Who are the Champions?

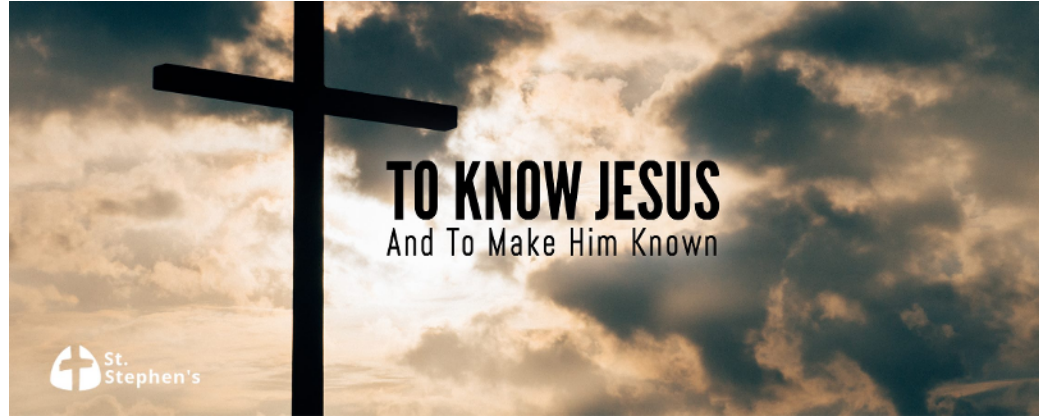
Luke 12:13-21

Wally Behan

FOCUS VERSE

Then he said to them,
"Watch out! Be on your
guard against all kinds
of greed; a man's life does
not consist in the abundance
of his possessions."

Luke 12:15



Weekly Word by Jay Behan...

Christianity Explored

Welcome to St. Stephen's this morning and if you are with us for the first time then we are really glad to have you with us!

I would like to invite you to consider taking part in a course we run twice a year here at St. Stephen's called Christianity Explored. It is a six-week course that runs on a Thursday evening from 7:30-9:15pm. It is an informal, relaxed course that examines what Christianity is all about. There is lots of space for questions, discussion and debate.

It is an excellent course that I can personally recommend and well worth taking the time to do. Let me recommend different people who I think would really benefit from taking the course...

1) Those who are investigating Christianity. If you are not sure where you stand in terms of Jesus and who he is and what he did (which is really the heart of the Christian faith) then this is the course for you. If you want to learn and ask questions this is the perfect place to do it.

2) People who would like to go back over the basics of Christianity. Every now and then in our Christian life being reminded of the heart of our Christian faith can be really important. It might be because life has got difficult or because we have drifted or simply because we want another reminder of what it is all about.

3) People who want to be better equipped at sharing the Christian faith with others. Many of us don't feel very good at being able to explain what we believe to others, we don't feel confident to know where to start or what the essentials are we need to say and what the optional bits are we can leave out. Because Christianity Explored is seeking to explain the essentials of Christianity it gives great ideas and tips on how to speak about Jesus to family and friends.

4) Anyone who would like to become more enthusiastic and involved in their faith.

The course will begin on Thursday 18th October and if you would like to come and be part of it then please fill in one of the forms available this morning. It will be great to have you with us!

HELPFUL INFO...

We're delighted to have you with us today, especially if you're visiting and we look forward to making you very welcome!

If you'd like any information about the CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES today or about any of our midweek ministries, please speak to one of our WELCOMERS (Orange nametags) and if you haven't already received a WELCOME PACK please ask for one.

If you're visiting, please don't feel obligated to give financially today.

We hope you can join us for morning tea at the back of the hall after the service.

PRAYER MINISTRY

You are very welcome to join us in a corporate time of prayer at 10am every Sunday before the service - exit from the rear of the hall, turn right then it's down the corridor in an office on the left.

If you would like prayer for anything after the service, look out for the people at the back of the hall wearing BLUE nametags - they would love to pray with you.

MIDWEEK SERVICE

On the 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesdays of the month we hold a Communion Service @ WindsorCare @ 10am. All welcome.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

We have a range of Bible Study groups meeting during the week (day and evening) for all ages. Please contact Logan & Sherilyn Walker if you are interested in joining a group - sherilyn.walker@gmail.com or phone the office.

YOUTH GROUPS

JYz (Junior Youth school years 7-9) meet on Friday evenings 7-9pm @ Berwick Street
Senior Youth (school years 10-13) meet on Sunday evenings 7-9pm @ Berwick Street

For more information please contact: Miriam Crowther 027 206 2824

GIVING ELECTRONICALLY

Please see details on flyer enclosed or phone the office 980 0929

PRAYER

TODAY'S Prayer Team: Juliet Page & Shane Hollis

SUNDAY: We give thanks for the school holidays and for the opportunity this brings for taking a break from busy schedules and pray it would be a relaxing and happy time.

MONDAY: We remember the Ballinger family this week as James has gone back to the UK to be with his mum for his step-fathers funeral. Please pray that he would be an encouragement and a blessing especially to his mum. We pray too for Charley as she remains behind with their 3 children, that she will feel safe, secure and supported by friends.

TUESDAY: We give thanks for the wonderful time everyone had at the Holiday Club last week and pray that God would continue to work in the lives of the youngsters who came along.

WEDNESDAY: We pray for those in our church community who are struggling with life at the moment. We ask that they would know and feel God's presence and be able to hand over their burdens and troubles to Him and they would find the strength in Him to cope and carry on, trusting that God is with every step of the way.

THURSDAY: We give thanks that Miriam Tillman (pharmacist working at the Hospital of Hope, Togo, West Africa) has been able to have a good break in the USA and we pray that she may settle back into pharmaceutical work easily.

FRIDAY: We pray for Jolene as she ties up loose ends in preparation for deputation in NZ and pray that a suitable visa will be granted for her return to the Middle East.

SATURDAY: As we seek to follow God's command to love our neighbour as ourselves, we pray that our self-centredness won't be a block to that love and that it isn't restricted to what is convenient to us and our comfort zones. Pray that we would cultivate a godly heart as we serve and love others even when we don't feel like it.

RE M I N D E R...
TO PLEASE TO CANCEL YOUR GIVING TO OUR
ASB BANK ACCOUNT (51 SUFFIX)
THIS ACCOUNT HAS NOW BEEN CLOSED.



HOLIDAY CLUB

JAM DROPS Genesis 6-9
Noah and the Flood

God can't ignore sin, He has to punish it.
But God is kind and rescues people.





TODAY!!!
PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
BBQ FELLOWSHIP LUNCH
AFTER OUR SERVICE
GOLD COIN DONATION PLEASE

Key Dates...

THURSDAY 18 OCT
CHRISTIANITY
EXPLORED COURSE
BEGINS



SUNDAY 14 NOV
NEWCOMERS LUNCH

Mainly Music meet on
Tuesdays at 10am
during term time at
Rutland St Chapel.
For more info Contact
Vicki Music 383 6448

Mums n' Muffins
 meet for a time of
 fellowship & Bible
 Study every
 Thursday during
 term time
 9:45-11:30am
 at our Admin Centre
 (6 Emmett Street)
 Creche provided
 For Info Contact:
 Hannah Tasker
 383 8229

MORNING PRAYER

A little group meets on
 Friday mornings to pray
 for our parish and our
 nation

7:45-8:15am
at the Admin Centre

Please feel free to drop in
 for some or all of that
 time before your day
 begins.



The **AAW Fellowship Luncheon** will be held at
 noon on **Tuesday 16th October** at
 Valerie Percy's home, 2 Oakmont Green,
 Fairway Park. Please bring a plate of finger food
 to share and enjoy a time of fellowship

OUR NEXT MID-WEEK COMMUNION SERVICE
WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17th OCT
STARTING AT 10AM AT WINDSOR CARE

ALL WELCOME TO COME ALONG



Our next 6 week **Christianity Explored**
 Course begins on Thursday evening 18th
 October. Please pray about who you
 could invite along to this excellent course
 or whether you might even attend.



DUNBAR'S DIARY

*If you'd like to be on the Dunbar's mailing list for
 their updates please contact:*

neilldunbar@gmail.com - AND/OR join their family
 Facebook page "Dunbars Abroad"

MENS
EVENT!!
FLAG 500



Card's and Supper Night
Sat 13 Oct at 7pm

An old favourite with the return of the
 card's flag 500 night run by Vic Sykes.

Expect a fun time with a bit of a
 competitive edge!

A couple of men will also be talking a
 bit about themselves as we share a
 supper together.

Please bring a plate of food for supper.

To be held at 12 Berwick Street
 Please contact Andrew Watt
 (027 646 5028) for more details.



Shirley Community Trust are running a **Clothing Swap**
 on Thursday, 11th October at the Park Centre, 10am -
 1pm. If you would like to donate any good quality
 second hand clothing, shoes, accessories, etc. please
 drop it off at the MPNC on Wednesday between 10am -
 1pm. Contact **Sharyn** on **022 621 8269**.

SERMON NOTES...

Who are the Champions?

Luke 12:13-21

Wally Behan

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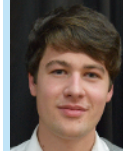


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NEXT WEEK'S SERMON

A miraculous escape - a miraculous death

Acts 12

Jay Behan

REPLAY SERMONS:

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WEEKLY NEWSHEET is also available via email and on our website.

Please send requests to:

