

**ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, SWANLAND**

**SMALL GROUPS NOTES**

*Sharing Christ through friendship*

Week beginning 11 April 2010.

John 11:7-27 is the set passage but please read John 11:1-44.

Revelation 1:12-18 I am the resurrection and the life

<b>Welcome/ icebreaker</b>	What is the most unexpected or surprising thing ever to happen to you? Share stories.
<b>Worship</b>	Choose some Easter/resurrection songs/hymns again this week. Suggestions:-I am the resurrection(a bit hard, but the words fit the theme), He has risen, God sent his son, they call him Jesus(or just the chorus..."because he lives I can face tomorrow")
<b>Word (refs.↓)</b>	
John 11:17	Bearing in mind the fact that Jews believed the soul hovered near the body for three days after death, why do you think Jesus waited until Lazarus had been dead for four days before he came to Bethany? How might other people in the story (disciples, Martha and Mary, the mourners) feel about this delay?
John 11:20-27	How do these verses fit with what we already know about Martha (see Luke 10:38-42). Do we ever get stuck with our first impressions of people? How would you now describe Martha, having studied this passage?
John 11:24	Martha seemed clear about what she believed happened after death. Are we? Can we be? Tom Wright says, " <i>All language about the future is simply a set of signposts pointing into a fog</i> "(Surprised by Hope) Do we agree?
John 11:25	How does Jesus' statement "I am the resurrection and the life" change things? If Jesus is the resurrection and the life, and if Jesus lives in us, how might that affect how we live our lives today?
John 11:26-27	Imagine we are in Martha's place and similar circumstances and Jesus asks us the question, "Do you believe?" How will we answer?
	Read Rev 1:12-18, spend some time reflecting on it, then, using the passage as a starting point, praise God the Father, worship the risen Lord Jesus and pray as the Holy Spirit leads.
<b>Witness</b>	How will what we have learned about the resurrection make a difference to our daily work this week? Share next week if it has.