

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, SWANLAND

SMALL GROUPS NOTES

Sharing Christ through friendship

Week beginning 13 January 2013. Father, Son and Holy Spirit. “While Jesus was praying...

Please pray for God’s Holy Spirit to reveal his truth to you and for you today, as you read his word and encounter the living Jesus through it.

Please read Luke 3:15-17, 21,22, Acts 8:14-17, before choosing from the suggestions below.

Welcome/ icebreaker	<i>Seven days without prayer makes one week(week). Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare wheel?</i> Share a few thoughts.
Worship	Choose some songs/hymns about Father, Son and Spirit/prayer Suggestions: In the name of the Father, Be thou my vision, Your grace is enough, Father hear the prayer we offer. Don’t forget the red folders of newer songs available from the lounge.
Word (refs.↓)	Sermon available to listen to on www.stbchurch.org.uk if you missed it. Click on “downloads”. One option for this evening: Discuss Sunday’s Sermon in the context of the readings, especially the example of God’s guidance/voice through prayer.
Lk3: 15-17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How would you describe John the Baptist’s ministry? • Who was at the centre of it? • What does repentance involve? • What can we learn from this to apply to our own lives?
Lk 3:21,22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was while Jesus was praying that he heard his Father speak and the Spirit descended . • What did he learn? How did that help him in the difficult way ahead? • As God’s children, do we know ourselves to be loved?
Acts 8: 14-17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The apostles prayed and then acted. • What can we learn from this when we have choices and decisions to make? • What difference does the Holy Spirit make in our lives? • What difference should we make to the church if have received the Holy Spirit?
Prayer/Witness	Pray that God will give us a passion for the work he has for us to do as part of his body. Pray for opportunities to use the gifts in the church family in order to share in the Great Commission to make disciples. Be expectant!