

**ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, SWANLAND**  
**SMALL GROUPS NOTES**

*Sharing Christ through friendship*

**Week beginning 22 May 2011. Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 7:55-60, John 14:1-14**

**God has raised Jesus to life ...showing the true way to life** –Jesus said, “I am the way the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.... Philip said, Lord, show us the Father...”

<b>Welcome/ icebreaker</b>	Have you ever gone the wrong way? How did you find the right way?
<b>Worship</b>	Choose some songs/hymns that speak of salvation through Jesus. Suggestions: In Christ alone, Thank you Jesus, My Jesus, my Saviour. There is a redeemer. <b>Pray</b> that the Holy Spirit will reveal God’s truth to you and for you today, as you read his word and meet him through it.
<b>Word</b> (refs.↓)	Sermon available to listen to on <a href="http://www.stbchurch.org.uk">www.stbchurch.org.uk</a> if you missed it. Click on “downloads”.
John 14:1	Why are the disciples troubled? Jesus understands because he himself had been troubled. (See Jn11:33, 12:27,13:21)What was the remedy? Can we apply this remedy in our own times of trouble?
Jn 14:6	How do you feel about this statement that Jesus is the only way to the Father? How would you answer someone who said this is arrogant and exclusive?
Jn 14 6-:8	How does Jesus show us the Father? What are the characteristics of the Father which Jesus reveals? How can we come to the Father?
Acts 7:55-60	What enables Stephen to face death so bravely and so graciously? Whose characteristics is he showing?
Jn 14:12-14	Do we believe this, or is this beyond our present threshold of faith? What might happen if we take that extra step of faith....What does asking in Jesus’ name mean?
<b>Prayer and witness</b>	The Father and Jesus are one. Jesus lives in believers by the Holy Spirit. Therefore the Father lives in us. How can we <b>show the Father</b> to the world this week? Pray that the Holy Spirit will lead us to witness to those we meet who have not yet found the Way, the Truth and the Life. Pray for each other. Who might we invite to come to Dance Finje, Coffee Chat, Friday Night Live or just round for a cup of tea this week?