

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, SWANLAND
SMALL GROUPS NOTES

Sharing Christ through friendship

Week beginning 30 September 2012. 17th Sunday after Trinity, James 5:13 - 20 and Mk 9:38-50

Prayer and faith (Back to Church Sunday)

Welcome/ icebreaker	What is your experience of answered prayer?
Worship	Sing songs, or read a psalm, of praise, in happiness (James 5:13) <i>Don't forget the red folders of newer songs available from the lounge.</i>
Word (refs.↓)	Sermon available to listen to on www.stbchurch.org.uk if you missed it. Click on "downloads".
James 5:13 - 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What, if any, is the difference between praying 'when in trouble' and praying 'for the sick'? • What is meant by 'confessing our sins to each other'? • Is there any connection between sin and sickness? • Why should 'the prayer of a righteous man' be effective?
James 5:17 - 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why do think Elijah's prayers were effective?
James 5:19 - 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It seems important that someone who wanders from the truth should be brought back. How could we do that and why?
John 14:13-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does 'Asking in my name' mean seeking God's will how we should pray not just what to pray for?
Mark 9:38 - 41	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do these verses teach us about people who are 'different' from us? • Do we give, or receive, 'cups of water'?
Prayer/Witness	<p>Pray that we might 'have salt in ourselves' and are at peace with one another.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Lord, please give us discernment and guidance about how we should pray. Amen</i></p> <p>Seek God's guidance as to anyone we might need to 'confess our sins' and seek their forgiveness</p> <p>Be prepared to suggest to someone that they ask for prayer for healing.</p>