

<b>Welcome</b>	What is the most striking example of persevering in prayer that you have heard of?
<b>Worship ideas</b>	<i>Worship suggestions: Own Choice</i>
<b>Word</b> (refs.↓)	<i>NB Check the church website <a href="http://www.stbchurch.org.uk">www.stbchurch.org.uk</a> (click on the 'downloads' tab) for Sunday's sermon. Some suggestions for discussion here – you might prefer to focus on just 2 or 3 questions</i>
<b><u>Read</u></b> Luke 18.1-8	<p>Jesus Tells us a parable and Luke explains why he told it. (v. 1) Have a look at different translations available among you. What two aspects of prayer are mentioned (one thing we should do and one that we should avoid)? How easy is it to put into practice what Jesus is teaching?</p> <p>The parable talks of a lady seeking justice or vindication (v 2). How can this particular example help us in our prayer life?</p> <p>Discuss how people might lose heart in some circumstances and so never pray or lose heart and stop praying about something. What might help us not to lose heart?</p> <p>How would the characteristics of God as seen in the following references help to encourage somebody to persist in prayer? Eph. 1:19 – 21; Phil 2: 10; 1 John 1:9; 1 John 4:8-10? What other references might you use to encourage somebody (or yourself!) to persevere in prayer?</p> <p>What are the matters we are most likely to bring to God in prayer? Why? Are they the same as the subjects of prayer seen in the prayers of Paul? See Col.4:2-4; 1:9-12 etc.</p> <p>In Colossians 4:12 Epaphras is described as struggling in prayer for the Colossian church. What did he desire for the Colossian church? What would encourage you to act as Epaphras did?</p>
<b>If time read</b> Eph. 3: 14-19; 6:18-20	How would the church be today if we prayed as Paul did and as he asks the recipients of his letters to pray and God did as we asked?
<b><u>Witness</u></b>	<p><b><u>Pray</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ For the work of St Barnabas in Swanland and elsewhere. Pray for your group that that words may be given to each of you to open “your mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,”</li> <li>❖ Pray for the medical work of Bebalem hospital and for the maturity of the church in Chad.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Plan</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖</li> </ul>