

Linkage News

Services Sunday 4 July 2021

Kirkurd & Newland Zoom Worship - 10am - Mary McElroy (see email for link)

St Andrew's Zoom Worship - 11.30am - Mary McElroy (see email for link)

Carlops Church Zoom Worship - 10am - Rev. Nancy Norman (see email for link)



St Andrew's Church Blended Service – 11th July 2021

A 'blended' service, over Zoom and also attended in St Andrew's Church, will be held on 11th July with contributions to the service coming from the combined church and Zoom congregation. The intention is to keep it simple and safe. Places are still limited by Government guidelines so if you are interested in attending church on 11 July you will need to book a place. No need to book if you will be attending over Zoom and the link will be circulated as normal next week. Please otherwise get in touch using the contact details below to book your place. Many thanks to those who have already been in touch.

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St Andrew's Church Newsletter

We have a problem with the photocopier this week which means that we have been unable to print the Newsletter. It is available on the church website ([here](#)) if you do not already receive an electronic copy.



St Andrew's Church Summer Maintenance

The church maintenance is continuing this week. We particularly need volunteers who are happy to work at height from our scaffolding platform.

If you can help please contact Colin Herd or Neil Calvert

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FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS

Sharing of News & Information

Anything you would like shared should be emailed to intimations@standrews-westlinton.org by *Thursday lunchtime* would be really helpful to allow time to collate and distribute it.

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On Reflection

Mark 5: 21-43

Jairus is a parent and is distraught because his daughter is very ill. You are a leading member of the community, an official at the local synagogue. He has tried many things, consulted with many people yet still no improvement and things are now getting critical. Then you do what is almost unthinkable. You decide to approach Jesus of Nazareth. A man hated by other religious leaders. Nonetheless he asks for his help. he goes to his house. He brings his daughter back to life. He does it in a loving way taking her by the hand and softly telling her to get up. He makes sure she is given something to eat.

The woman in the story has an illness. This is no ordinary illness that means she can't go to the Temple or synagogue. She does the unthinkable and touches him making him unclean. But then the man asks who touched me? You have no choice but to face the anger and admit it was you. You can only imagine what will happen next, what punishment you will have to suffer. Et, he blesses her and heals her permanently

The messages for us are:

Sometimes it takes courage to ask for the Lords help. We all pray regularly. We ask him to forgive our sins, we ask him for his blessing for those around us, we ask for his help for the lonely, ill and bereaved. But are there times when it's not that easy. Perhaps in times of doubt or of misfortune or when we need feel abandoned. It takes courage to ask for his help sometimes, but we should not lose courage or be afraid, God does not fail us, he does not abandon us when we do.

Sometime we may face ridicule when we do the Lords work. In both these stories Jesus faced ridicule. Firstly, even from the disciples who could not believe he was asking who touched him when he was surrounded by people and then by the mourners who laughter at him when he declared the girl was only sleeping. Our instinct is to shy away from ridicule. Perhaps a little ridicule is a small price to pay to do the enormous things God is asking us to do. Again, in prayer, we can ask for strength to face ridicule or disapproval. The Psalmist demonstrates the value of prayer asking for the Lords mercy, for the Lords strength when being treated with contempt and mocked.

Finally, we must have the faith to believe in Him. Jesus says to the woman – 'your faith has made you well' and to Jairus, He said 'Don't be afraid only believe'. They showed that coming to Jesus in faith provided extraordinary outcomes. We too should have faith in Him. He is our loving father. He will make sure we get what we need.

Steven Whalley