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Newsletter

Sunday 22nd January

Lame Man by a Pool Healed

John 5 v 1-15

Morning service 10.30am -

led by William, with David Jewell preaching

All are invited to attend at Bearfield.
Alternatively everyone is welcome to join on Zoom
(link available from secretary@bearfield.org)

Next week - Sunday 29th January

Jesus feeds the 5000

John 6 v 1 - 13

Morning service 10.30am -

led by Kathryn, with David Jewell preaching

○ WORSHIP THE LORD
IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS.

Weekly wonderings ...

Last Sunday, I was preaching on a Psalm to a church fellowship which was blessed with a mainly elderly congregation. I was speaking to them that their ultimate trust must be in God. Psalm 61 v 2 says, "When my heart is overwhelmed; lead me to the rock that is higher than I." This is David's prayer when the circumstances of life feel they will drown him. He chooses to turn to God, to cry out for supernatural resources and sing. All good medicine when we find ourselves in a similar position.

The fruit of the Spirit of God, joy and peace is always ours, but when life threatens to overwhelm, they can seem far away. But there are things that help and will steady you.

1. Choose to focus on what you know God has done for you - not on your misery or short comings. When news is given and the last thing you want to do is worship or be joyful, praise Him as an act of discipline and sacrifice. Your emotions may not yet have caught up with your words - but keep going, they will!
2. Be thankful. Speak out loud everything you can think of that you have at this moment in your life - you are alive - start there and as you deliberately use thanksgiving as a weapon, the fog will lift, and perspective will return.
3. David asks in Psalm 61 that God will "appoint love and faithfulness to protect him" which enabled David to sing again. Everything about God's wonderful love and care releases a renewed sense of His goodness and presence.
4. Pour out your heart - let go of disappointment: give over the weight you are carrying: the Holy Spirit is waiting to take the load and give you His wisdom, strength and restore your joy and everything else the enemy is seeking to steal.

So, run to the Rock and offer a sacrifice of praise, receive the resources of heaven, and be thankful. As you put these simple steps into practice you will experience God's blessings come down upon you!

God bless you, your Pastor, *David*

Bearfield Ladies Weekend Away

Last weekend (13-15 January 2023) a group of 11 ladies from Bearfield went to Lee Abbey to their Renew, Refresh, Resource weekend.

We spent the weekend thinking about worship and prayer, looking at Elijah in 1 Kings 19 v 1-13 and the anointing of Jesus in Luke 7 v 26-50.



The weekend consisted of cake on arrival, followed by dinner and a time of worship then hot chocolate and night prayers on the Friday. Saturday started with morning prayers before breakfast the two sessions (with refreshments in-between) before lunch. The afternoon was free so we headed off on a lovely (but cold) walk around the estate. Then more cake

before dinner, worship, hot chocolate and prayers. On Sunday the whole community came together for communion after breakfast and then there was a time for prayer ministry before lunch.

Everything in the program was optional, and there was a lovely couple Jane and Andrew Kellett, who were there as pastoral helpers and available to talk and pray with.

Here are a few comments about the weekend -

“The weekend away was great. There was always lots of food, the worship was excellent and the scenery was amazing. The company was also fabulous!” Joy

“I loved being a part of Bearfield again, I felt like I’ve never left, I loved



Lee  **Abbey**
Christian Community



getting to know you all better and the warmth you always show me. The weekend was special and altogether I felt closer to God and it also relit my love of sign language with a lovely opportunity for me to use my BSL with Alasdair (in group pictures)" *Shelley*

"It was a great weekend in a beautiful place. A fantastic opportunity to praise and worship the Lord and hear His voice through the teaching and prayer. It was lovely to spend some quality time with other Bearfield ladies. I would really recommend it!" *Helen*



"Very happy for the weekend in Lee Abbey with all the ladies. It gave me time to refresh my soul with god and restore my body after 2 years settlement with my new life here in the UK. Would like to go again!!!!" *Candy*



“This was my first time at Lee Abbey although I have heard a lot of good things about it and know people who have gone. Here are some of my highlights from the weekend away!

- Lee Abbey is set in the most beautiful place, right by the sea which I loved.

- A worship evening on the Saturday night which was a special time to meet with God.

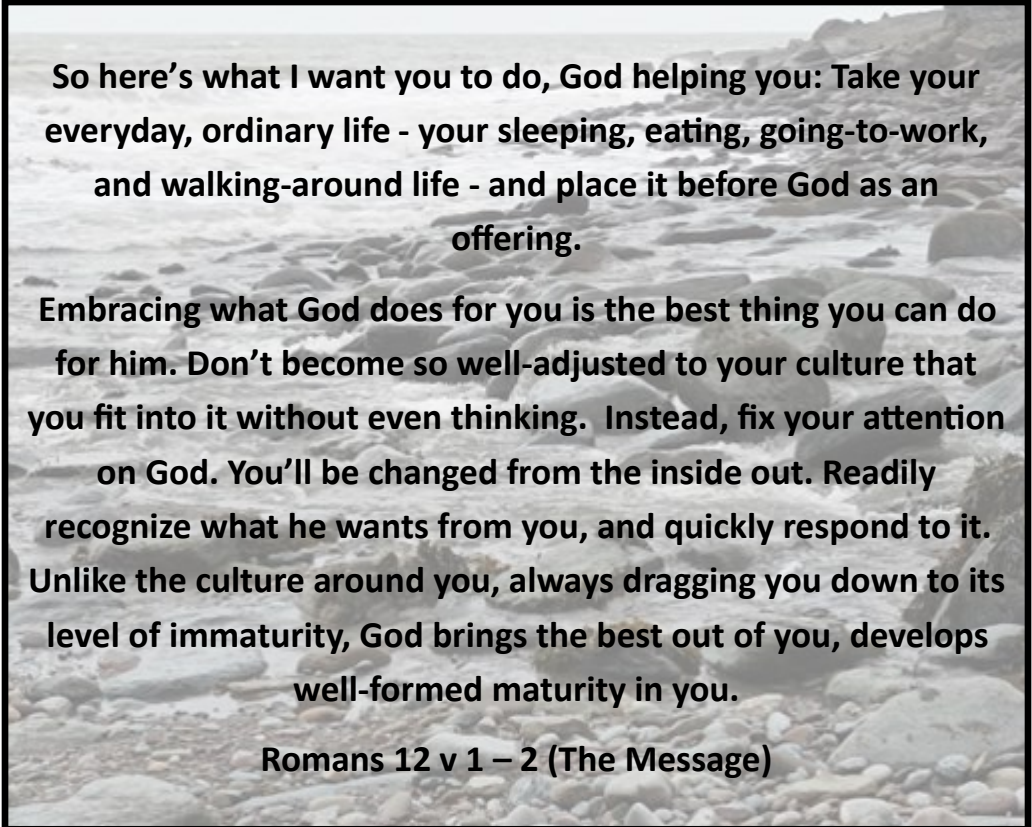
- The hot chocolates in the evenings were yum!” *Bex*

“Fabulous weekend - stunning location and walks, lovely company and conversations, wonderful worship and teaching, delicious food - a real treat all round and uplifting. So pleased I went!” *Jane*



“Loved the worship, loved the evening prayers, loved the scenery, loved chatting to old friends and making new ones” *Annie*





So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life - your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life - and place it before God as an offering.

Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

Romans 12 v 1 – 2 (The Message)

Above is a verse that was given at Lee Abbey on the Sunday morning and embraces the Whole Life Discipleship that we as a Church are aiming for.

God is for every day and not just Sundays. Turn to him and fix your eyes on him in all that you do, and he will guide and strengthen you.

Sarah-Ann

Pray for...



- Wisdom and guidance from the Lord for all within Bearfield
- Strength for those within Bearfield struggling with depression and anxiety
- Fi who has broken her arm
- Julie who is in a lot of pain
- Gordon as he continues to wait for investigation into heart problems and a knee operation
- Arthur who is struggling with PFAPA symptoms again
- Liz's mum Linda who has cancer
- The leadership team - may they be guided by the Holy Spirit
- David and Fi as their time at Bearfield nears an end, that God will guide them as to where he wants them to go and serve him

David's Last Sunday

David's last Sunday with Bearfield will be Sunday 19th February.

As you know, David shared some time ago that he would be ending his period of employment as Pastor at the end of March. 2023. Leaving on the 19th February provides him with a period of 'gardening leave', finishing his role with us but continuing to be paid until the 31st March. We've agreed this with David as a way of supporting his transition into new employment and also in lieu of a sabbatical, since having one did not seem appropriate once his leaving was confirmed.

On Sunday 19th February we will be having a shared lunch as part of our farewell to David and Fi, so please put this in your diaries as it would be lovely to have as many of us there as possible.

This Week

Monday 23rd January 2023

7pm - Older TGI

Tuesday 24th January

10.20am - Morning homegroup

7.20pm - LICC Learning Hub

Join the leadership as we learn more about being a Whole-life Discipleship Church.

Wednesday 25th January

1.30pm - Bearcubs Fun Time toddler Group

8pm - Evening homegroup

Thursday 26th January

7.30-8pm -  Prayerfield prayer meeting

Friday 27th January

7pm - TGI - *Party Games*

Dates for the diary



Sunday 12th February

10.30am - Dedication of Harry and Martha Good

Sunday 19th February

Church lunch after the morning service

Sign up for what you will bring on the sheet in the hall

