

St Mary Magdalene Church, Littleton

Weekly Newsletter

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Our church is committed to making all activities as open and accessible to all

I wonder if you've ever reached a point of despair. A place where you didn't know where to turn, didn't know who to go to and what you should do next. It's a point that I have reached a few times in my life and the fact that I am writing this newsletter is the beginning of hope for us all. It's a reminder to me that in those moments, even though things seemed and felt hopeless, there was a way through.

Paul uses the word twice at the beginning of 2 Corinthians. He says that he got to a point of despairing even of life (1:8). Three chapters later he seems to be in a slightly better place and is just perplexed but hasn't yet reached despair (4:8).

Let's just take stock of Paul for a moment. A Jewish zealot, a murderer of Christians who encountered Jesus in a profound and miraculous way. You would think after his life transformation that getting to a point of despair wouldn't be Paul's reality, yet he got to a place of wanting life to be over.

So, what changed for Paul and what gets us through? One of the translations of the Greek word for despair means to bow low. In a place of despair that's what we need to do. To go to God and shout help. Be real with him,

he knows the way through even when we don't know it ourselves.

If you find yourself in a place of despair this week, I am praying for you, he will bring you through,

Have a blessed week.

Tim

THIS WEEK

Sunday Services 16 August **9.30 ONLY**

Cornerstone 17 August 10-12 in the OSB

Wednesday Fellowship 19 August 10am in Church
(Words & Worship)

Prayer Meeting 19 August at 8pm on Zoom

Sunday Services 23 August **9.30 ONLY**

This Sunday's Readings & Collect –

Psalms 133

Matthew 15:21-28

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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