

The Lighthouse



Trinity 4

Scripture Reading: Mark chapter 5 verses 21–42

‘Reach out, I’ll be there.’

[Four Tops]

Dear Friends,

I do hope that you are feeling encouraged today. We have so much to be thankful for, and we have been richly blessed in these long and difficult days. These are hard times with many challenges, but God is our strength and stay.

In the scriptures, the word ‘salvation’ is the same root-word as ‘health’. Recall how often we read in scripture of God’s ‘saving health among all nations’. When Jesus goes to the home of Zacchaeus for tea, scripture records that ‘Salvation has come to this house’ – one English translation says that ‘Health has come to this house’. Health and salvation come to two people in today’s long reading: a nameless lady with an illness, and a young girl who dies. The lady is part of a crowd close to Jesus. In faith she deliberately touches the hem of Jesus’ cloak, and immediately her illness is cured. She feels different; something has changed in her as she touched Jesus’ cloak. At the same time, Jesus was feeling a change too. Despite the crowd all around him, Jesus knew that some power had left him. The lady readily admits what she had done. Rather than the expected rebuke, Jesus speaks encouragingly, ‘Your faith has healed you, go in peace.’

Besides the lady who was nameless, Jairus, one of the synagogue rulers had already pleaded with Jesus to heal his dying daughter. He never complained as Jesus took time to heal the lady as they travelled to his house. He simply waited for Jesus to give his full attention. Time was an issue, so much so that servants from Jairus’ house came to say that his daughter had died. Jesus took control, went into the house and called the child back to full health. Some thought it laughable that the child could be healthy again, but Jesus knows best. The twelve-year-old girl stood up and walked around. [Mark 5 v42.]

The great fact of the Christian life is that what looks impossible to us is possible with God. Are you facing an impossible situation? Do you have an ongoing crisis to handle? Have you hit a ‘wall’? We are invited by faith to reach out to Jesus. He has the power to overcome our impossible problems. St Paul says, ‘I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.’ As the song says, ‘Reach out, I’ll be there.’

Every blessing in Christ, Derek the Cleric.

Hands. Face. Space. Fresh Air



‘Raising of Jairus’ Daughter’ by Ernesto Fontana, 1837–1918

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Ideas for prayer

- + all those affected by coronavirus, here and around the world
- + our NHS workers, care workers and care home residents
- + key workers and those who provide essential services
- + our GPs, surgeries and staff tasked with caring for us and rolling out the vaccines
- + vaccination programmes, here and around the world
- + for co-operation among nations in dealing with the pandemic
- + our collective health and welfare
- + our nation and community life; our Government and its advisors
- + for wisdom and patience as we deal with changes to our ways of life
- + our teachers and school staff
- + our children and young people, their parents and caregivers
- + our young adults; our elderly neighbours and family members
- + our Armed Forces serving here and abroad
- + all who are worried about, or who have lost, jobs, livelihoods and businesses
- + all who are homeless
- + all who are suffering any injustice – racial, social, economic
- + anyone facing illness, hospitalisation or medical treatment
- + all who feel isolated and those who cannot be with their families
- + those who have died
- + all who make our worship services possible, all who attend online, in person or who visit the church via our Facebook pages
- + families bereaved at this time and those not able to use the church as they would wish to
- + for wisdom and safety easing restrictions
- + hope, encouragement and peace in all circumstances

Church Tower Abseil News!

Abseil is rebooked for Saturday, 2 October.

Services today

27th June

9:30 The Gathering Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion at Dersingham Village Centre

11:00 Morning Prayer with Baptisms – Traditional Worship at St Nicholas Dersingham

Please do book in for all services by contacting Pauline, 544561 or secretary@stnicholasdersingham.org.uk

Bible Readings for Sunday, 4th July

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

First reading – 2 Corinthians 12:2–10

Second reading – Mark 6:1–13

Wordsearch – A Dead Girl and a Sick Woman

Thanks to Carol for this week's puzzle. All the words can be found in Mark chapter 5 verses 21 to 43.

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POWER
TRUTH
SYNAGOGUE
HEALED
TREMBLING

JAIRUS
TOUCHED
WOMAN
ASTONISHED
CLOAK

FAITH
LAKE
BELIEVE
DAUGHTER
ASLEEP



We pray for all Christians in countries where they are persecuted for their faith.

BANGLADESH

Population 169.8 million. 903,000 Christians (0.5%)

Bangladeshi society is growing increasingly Islamic, with the government doing more to appease concerns from Muslim hardliners. Islamic extremists in the country pressure all groups of Christians. Evangelistic churches that work among the Muslim majority face the most persecution, but even historical churches like the Roman Catholic Church are increasingly faced with attacks and death threats. Converts from a Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist or a tribal background suffer the most severe restrictions, discrimination and attacks in Bangladesh. They often gather in

small house churches or secret groups due to fear of attack. Christians among the Muslim-majority Rohingya people, who fled to Bangladesh from Myanmar, also face harassment and strong pressure from their community. Last year, they were the target of a violent attack by extremist Muslim groups.

Prayer points

- Pray that Christian converts will be protected from attacks.
- Pray for Rohingya Christians in Bangladesh’s refugee camps facing persecution for their ethnicity and faith.
- Pray for Open Doors partners supporting Christians who face discrimination in the distribution of Covid aid.

If you’d like to know more about the situation for Christians in Bangladesh, do take a look at Open Doors’ website and watch list: [Serving Persecuted Christians Worldwide - Bangladesh - Open Doors UK & Ireland](#)

A prayer for Bangladesh from Open Doors

God, we pray for the Christians of Bangladesh, coming from so many tribes, tongues and nations. We know You are the God of all people, and that You knit us together as one Church. We ask that You would be the comfort of Your people in Bangladesh. Keep them safe, and help them to grow in faith, hope and love as they seek Your face. Amen.

Thanks to Rev Adrian for providing these prayers for the persecuted church.

Stopwatch:
how quickly can you solve these anagrams?

SELL CHANGE	IOTA UNITS	CHARE
HEEL AD		SO VALIANT

(All are words found in Derek’s letter. Answers, last page.)

We give thanks for:

- + God’s grace, love and forgiveness
- + our families, friendships and church
- + our scientists, medics and care workers
- + our teachers, key workers and all people providing essential services
- + vaccines and progress in treating Covid
- + the arts, music and creativity
- + acts of kindness, courage, selflessness
- + the comfort and reassurance of Jesus and the Holy Spirit

*In peace I will lie down and sleep,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell
in safety.
–Psalm 4:8*

Services in July

Sunday 4th

9:30 'The Gathering' – Contemporary Accessible Worship in Dersingham Village Centre

11am Traditional Worship – Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church Dersingham (livestreamed)

Sunday 11th

9:30 'The Gathering' – Contemporary Accessible Worship in Dersingham Village Centre

11am Traditional Worship – Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion at St Mary the Virgin Anmer (viewable online later in the day)

Sunday 18th

9:30 'The Gathering' – Contemporary Accessible Worship, Holy Communion in Dersingham Village Centre

11am Traditional Worship – Morning Prayer with Baptisms at St Nicholas Church Dersingham (livestreamed)

Sunday 25th

9:30 'The Gathering' – Contemporary Accessible Worship in Dersingham Village Centre

11am Traditional Worship – Holy Communion at St Michael and All Angels Ingoldisthorpe (livestreamed)



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He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering." –Mark 5:34

Services in August

Sunday 1st

9:30 'The Gathering' – Contemporary Accessible Worship in Dersingham Village Centre

11am Traditional Worship – Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church Dersingham (livestreamed)

Sunday 8th

9:30 'The Gathering' – Contemporary Accessible Worship in Dersingham Village Centre

11am Traditional Worship – Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion at St Mary the Virgin Anmer (viewable online later in the day)

Sunday 15th

9:30 'The Gathering' – Contemporary Accessible Worship, Holy Communion in Dersingham Village Centre

11am Traditional Worship – Morning Prayer with Baptisms at St Nicholas Church Dersingham (livestreamed)

Sunday 22nd

9:30 'The Gathering' – Contemporary Accessible Worship in Dersingham Village Centre

11am Traditional Worship – Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church Dersingham (livestreamed)

Sunday 29th

9:30 'The Gathering' – Contemporary Accessible Worship in Dersingham Village Centre

11am Traditional Worship – Morning Prayer (No Baptisms) at St Nicholas Church Dersingham (livestreamed)

Important Note

The livestreaming of services is reliant on internet connection, which can affect the quality of the broadcast. Where there is unreliable 4G internet connectivity at Anmer, services will be recorded and posted later on the YouTube channel: 'Dersingham Online Worship'.

Anagrams: challenges, situation, reach, healed, salvation
With help from: wordman.com/anagram-maker

